

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 3 : 11th October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Welcome to winter!

Today I read that it was only the second time in the history of weather forecast recording, that it has been as cold as it was this morning on the 11th October. Goodness! Scraping the ice off my windscreen in October did feel a little early to me 😊

This week I had the pleasure of meeting with the new vicar for the Parish of Farthinghoe and surrounding villages, Reverend George. He came to meet with me, but was also interested in our small school and the history surrounding it. He has replaced Reverend Sue and is eager to meet with you all and take part in some of the school's activities. We are not a Church school but we are always happy to welcome members of our local community and I am sure you will also make him welcome if you should meet him.

Thank you for your generous donations for the Brackley Food Bank. We were lucky to welcome Ian and a colleague from the Food Bank for an assembly this week. The children are always so interested to hear what he tells us and eager to participate in his questions and games. We spoke to Ian about how we could also support the Food Bank across the year and not just at harvest time, so please keep a look out for times when we will be collecting again for this really important cause.

This week I met with our School Councillors for the first time. They will be helping with the appointment of the new Year 5/6 teacher next week, meeting with them and asking questions. They are very excited to be taking on such a responsibility. I have been asked many questions by School Councils over the years during the interview process. I think my favourite will always be, "Who is your favourite superhero?" Luckily, I love my Marvel films and superheroes so I was able to answer, but I have to admit, it 'threw' me to start with!

We will also be celebrating and raising money for Children in Need next month and I know the School Councillors were meeting with their classes to discuss possible fundraising events. Once decided we will announce these activities in the newsletter, watch this space.

Have a great weekend.

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- We have confirmed the dates for many of our events, up until Christmas. Please take a look at the diary at the bottom of this newsletter and add them to your calendar
- The October instalment of £26.25 for the Year 3/4 trip to Everdon is due by the end of the month
- School photograph proof cards were sent home last week. Please note, the closing date for placing an order is Thursday 17th October

School Uniform

School uniform is a significant part of life at school, as it plays an important role in promoting a sense of pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body.

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We would like to take this opportunity to ask our parents to take a look at our school uniform policy, and ensure their child is dressed each day, in line with the expectations

<https://www.farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk/school-uniform.html>

In recent years we have removed the two gender requirements in our uniform policy, and it is no longer an expectation that uniform must be ordered from our recommended supplier. School Ties have a large range of second hand items which can be ordered via Sam Wise.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club provision runs every morning from 8am. Children are offered a healthy breakfast of cereals, fruits, yogurts and toast. Bookings can be made via our online booking system (please only make 1 booking per family) <https://booking.appointy.com/en-US/farthinghoeprimary/bookings/calendar>

The daily cost is £4.50 per child and invoices are sent out at the end of each month, with payment due within 14 days.

Standing in the Gap

Along with this newsletter, you will have received a number of attachments from 'Standing in the Gap'. Outside of helping children manage educational change. They are an early intervention mental health charity supporting preschool and primary aged children to manage big emotions of fear, anxiety, anger and grief.

They do run Monthly Online workshops for any parent and child to attend looking at Managing Anxiety and also Managing Anger. These workshops are evidence based and enjoyable to attend. Families listen to the information but aren't expected to share personal circumstances with others. We do hope you find this information useful.



Star of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded 'Star of the Week'

- EYFS, Year 1 & 2 - Sophie
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Arlo

last week – Rafael (yr 2) & Piper (yr 6)



Parking within the school vicinity

Please can we remind our parents and families to be considerate when parking at school drop off and pick up times?

You may have noticed the new addition to our Farthinghoe family, Liam – our road safety mascot.

We have been astonished by the amount of drivers that have continued to park directly in front of Liam! The dropped kerb opposite school is a safe point for our families and villagers to cross the very busy Cockley Road. There is ample parking at the Village Hall, so please consider allowing a little extra time to walk up the road to school.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th October - Parent-Teacher meetings, please book via the school office

Friday 25th October, 3.15pm – School Ties Halloween Sweet Stall

Friday 25th October – End of Term

Thursday 31st October – Deadline for Secondary School applications, current year 6

Monday 4th November – Back to School

Wednesday 6th November – JBDC wellness workshop for all children during PE lessons

Friday 15th November, 9am – 11am – Open Morning for prospective parents of pupils joining in September 2025

Monday 2nd December, PM – Christmas Decorating afternoon, all parents and families invited to join us

Wednesday 11th December – Santa Fun Run in support of Helen & Douglas Hospice, further details and fundraising information to follow in due course

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day, in aid of Brackley Food Bank

Friday 13th December – School Nurse visit, flu vaccinations for all pupils – email regarding consent was sent out earlier this week

Wednesday 18th December, PM – Nativity performance, whole school at the Village Hall

Thursday 19th December, PM – Carols around the Christmas Tree, families to join us

Friday 20th December – End of Term

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