

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 4 : 25th October 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Welcome to half term, eight long weeks are now behind us and it is time to rest and recuperate ready for the sprint towards Christmas.

It has certainly been a long and difficult term for both myself and the staff here at Farthinghoe and I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single one of them for all the love, support and resilience they have shown.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share with you some good news.

As some of you may be aware, we interviewed for the position of Year 5 / 6 teacher last week. The School Council were very proactive in this process and met with the applicant and asked some fantastic questions of them. I was both proud and impressed at the way that they conducted themselves. At the end of the process everyone who had met the applicant agreed that they would be perfect for the role and the position was duly offered.

From January 2025, Mr James Elliot will be our new Year 5 / 6 teacher. I have worked previously with Mr Elliot when he worked at Southfield and he is a respected member of the WMAT community as he wrote the Science Curriculum that all schools within the Academy use. We are sorry to be losing Miss Campbell, but also very grateful to her for putting her plans on hold to come back to us and work and support our Year 5 / 6 pupils. There will be a period of transition leading up to Christmas when Mr Elliot will be in school to both work with Miss Campbell and the children and to meet with you. In the meantime, please say hello if you see him on the playground.

Sadly, we have had no responses in our search for 'Liam' our crossing buddy 😊 Did you see that we made the Banbury Guardian?! I was also contacted by Capital Radio and asked to do a short Q&A with them. Our story has certainly 'got out there' but clearly the person/people who have him are not listening. We all keep expecting him to just 'turn up' but that hasn't happened yet. Please keep an eye out and an ear to the ground, he may turn up after or during half term.

The PTA are busy organising some great fund-raising events before Christmas and I urge you to take the time to participate and support the Committee. When we are so small, it can sometimes feel as though no one cares and I am sure that is not the case. Please see the notices in this newsletter or the notices in the Notice Board on the playground.

Have a great half term and enjoy the Halloween festivities.

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**

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School Photographs

Printed individual and sibling photographs have been sent home today. If you have ordered a digital download, then Mango in School have been emailed the photos to you via the website wetransfer. Please check your junk/spam if you have not yet received it. Please note, you **must** download photos before 17th November.

Indoor shoes

Thank you for the positive comments and survey votes, for our suggestion of introducing indoor shoes at School. The response has been a resounding “yes” and although we would like to introduce this immediately, it would simply not work without full uptake. Therefore, from January, **all** children will be expected to wear indoor plimsolls – this will become part of our uniform expectation.

Music Tuition

Our visiting music teacher, Mrs Mold currently has space to taken on an additional child for either piano or violin lessons. If you would like to know more, then please speak to Mrs Woolcott.

Donations of corks

Mrs Hodson and Mrs Thompson are already busy organising their craft activities for our Christmas Decorating Day - they are kindly asking for donations of corks to be dropped off at the school office.

Local author, Euan McCall, to visit Farthington

We are excited to have arranged a visit from a local author, Euan McCall, on Tuesday 12th November. Euan will be joining us for a whole school assembly to discuss his new book ‘The Swan Island Boy’, which is set in and around Brackley and Banbury. We are hoping that the children will have the opportunity to ask lots of questions and purchase a signed copy of the book – more details to follow.

N.B The book is aimed at children aged 9-12yrs.

Headteacher’s Award



Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the Headteacher’s Award for this term

- EYFS - Mila
- Year 1 & 2 - Joshua
- Year 3 & 4 - Fry
- Year 5 & 6 – Rafe



Star of the Week, last week – Flora (yr 1), Kenna (yr 5) & Andreea (yr 6)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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Tuesday 12th November, assembly – Author visit and book signing, Euan McCall ‘The Swan Island Boy’

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

Monday 18th November, 3.30pm – 4.15pm – School Ties Annual General Meeting, all invited to attend

Friday 29th November – Home clothes for a donation of a filled jar for School Ties Christmas Fair

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

Tuesday 10th December, 6pm – 8.30pm – Brackley Round Table collection in aid of Farthinghoe Primary School, volunteers required – more details to follow shortly

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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