

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 5 : 15th November 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I hope you all had a great half term, it feels like a very long time ago 😊 I went over to Spain to see my mum and in search of the sun. Instead I was met with torrential rain and flooding, whilst England basked in temperatures far warmer than usual for the time of year! Thankfully whilst it was VERY wet at mum's we just missed out on the flooding, but it has been a horrible time for many people.

On Monday, the children remembered the fallen all together in an assembly at 10.45am. I had recently visited the art installation at Stowe Gardens which commemorated the 1,450 soldiers who lost their lives in the first day of the D-Day landings 80 years ago and I shared some photographs before we observed the two minutes silence at 11am.

On Tuesday we acknowledged that it was Anti-Bullying week by wearing our Odd Socks, which gave us the opportunity to encourage everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! This is particularly poignant as to 'Be You' is one of our values and very important to us all.

Today is Children In Need. Has anyone else been following Paddy McGuinness and his bike challenge for this worthy cause? He rode from Wrexham in Wales to Glasgow in Scotland on a 1970's children's chopper bike! How on earth he did this I do not know, but he has raised (at the last count) £7.5million in doing so. What an amazing feat! I am not sure we will be raising that amount today but **Good Luck** to everyone taking part in the Wheelathon 😊



Don't forget the Farthinghoe PTA/School Ties AGM on Monday after school, the Committee is up for re-election so please attend if you can.

Have a great weekend,

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- Cash donations for today's Children in Need wheel-a-thon can be sent into the office in a named envelope, alternatively a bank transfer can be made into the school bank account (ref CIN). Thank you for your support

How to contact us

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- 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 November instalment of £26.25 for the Year 3/4 trip to Everdon is due by the end of the month**

Pupil collection arrangements

Please can we kindly remind parents/carers that you **must** inform the school if your child will either be going home with another family or is being collected by someone that is not listed as your child's emergency contacts.

In recent days, staff have been put in difficult situations whereby parents have made collection arrangements but not informed the school. We have a safeguarding obligation to protect all children and we will not release children unless informed of a change in circumstances.

To notify the school of any changes to collection arrangements – you must either email head@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk (not Mrs Woolcott), call and speak to a staff member (do not leave a voicemail) or speak to a staff member directly.

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.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch has now been booked for Friday 20th December. All the children will come together in the Junior classroom to enjoy this festive feast and we are hoping for a visit from a very special guest! The Christmas menu has been uploaded to School Grid and orders can now be placed.

Dolce Christmas card competition

We have already received some fantastic entries for the Dolce card competition. Please remember designs must be A4 size and cannot contain glitter or cotton wool. If your child would like to take part, they have until next Tuesday to hand in their design.

West Northamptonshire ‘Stay Connected’ Newsletter

The November edition of WNC ‘Stay Connected’ newsletter is now available, by clicking [here](#). The newsletter includes details of lots of local workshops and other events taking place in our area. We do hope you find it useful.



Star of the Week Award

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the ‘Star of the Week’ award

- EYFS, Year 1 & 2 – Yi Ning
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Logan

Last week's recipients were Rafael (yr 2), Noah (yr 3) and Zac (yr 6)



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School Ties Events

AGM

Everyone is welcome to join us for the annual general meeting on Monday 18th November at 3:30pm in School. Find out how the funds you helped us raise have been spent and vote for a new committee.

Non-uniform Day

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 29th November in exchange for a filled jam jar. Fill them with new items such as sweets, stickers, craft items or small toys which you think a child would love to win at our Christmas Fair! Make them even more jolly by decorating your jar with stickers and ribbon! Please bring your filled jars into school on the morning of Friday 29th November.

Online Auction

Starting at 8pm on Saturday 30th November and runs until 8pm on Saturday 7th December with all proceeds going to Farthinghoe Primary School. There are some lovely items donated for this event and details can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2373058599547029/>

Christmas Craft Fair

Lots of stalls, refreshments and Santa will be in his Grotto on Sunday 1st December 12-4pm in the Village Hall.

Santa in Farthinghoe Village

Brackley Round Table and School Ties have arranged for Santa to pass through Farthinghoe village on Tuesday 10th December between 6-8:30pm to help raise funds for our school. If you can help with door-to-door collections, please get in touch, thank you.

School Christmas Fair

We are very excited to be holding a Christmas Fair this year on Friday 13th December, 3:30-5:30pm in the Village Hall and are looking for volunteers (parents, carers and Year 5&6) to help run a stall/game or set up/clear up. Please get in touch with Sam/Kirsty or email pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk.

Do you have any new/unused gifts to donate for a stall at the Christmas Fair? If so, please drop these off in the school office, thank you.

We hope you and your children enjoy and support these events to help raise lots of money for the school to spend on lovely things for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

School Ties Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/959242150842317/>

Email : pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Friday 6th December – Keystage 2 to sing Christmas Carols at Farthinghoe Church coffee morning

Tuesday 10th December, 6pm – 8.30pm – Brackley Round Table collection in aid of Farthinghoe Primary School

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 on 08/10/2024

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 – Christmas Lunch and visit from Father Christmas

Friday 20th December – End of Term

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