

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 6 : 23rd November 2020



Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

I was delighted to see the children in their best party outfits on Friday 13th November. The day was full of so much joy and it provided a well-deserved opportunity to celebrate Birthdays which had taken place during the lockdown. Thank you ever so much for your very generous donations to the Children in Need cause - we raised a staggering £145.12 - this is more than we have ever raised in the past.

Village fundraising

Whilst on the subject of staggering fundraising - a huge well done and thank you to Daisy B for raising £90.65 by selling pony manure to the community for their gardens. Daisy has very kindly donated this huge amount to the school and we will be spending it on Christmas treats for the children.

Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk

The School Ties have arranged for a live stream pantomime of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to be performed for the children, in their bubbles, on Tuesday 8th December. We are all very much looking forward to it and would like to thank the School Ties for organising it.

PE

A gentle reminder that children in **EYFS through to 6**, will need to come into school on Mondays and Wednesdays - in their PE kit. They will stay in their kit for the duration of the day.

Follow us on Facebook

We are very excited to announce the launch of our 'Farthinghoe Community Primary School' Facebook page. The page provides a fantastic opportunity for us to promote our little school in the local community - and will **not** supersede or replace any form of parent communications. The social media page will allow us to give an insight into our school and we encourage you to like/follow us and share our posts with your friends, family and community pages.

As we are unable to host our usual Open events, we are looking at alternative ways to promote the school. Mrs Thompson will be managing the page and will adhere to photograph permissions as per this year's 'Home School Agreement'. If you would prefer your child **not** to appear on Facebook, please let her know ASAP. Our page can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/FarthinghoeCPS>

Nativity Performance, keystage 1

We are awaiting, as are we all, an update from the Government regarding Christmas celebrations and the potential lifting of some restrictions. Therefore, we would like to reassure you that as soon as the guidelines are announced, we will communicate with you, our plans for the Nativity. If all is as predicted and we are able to hold worship for 30 people then the original plans for a live performance outside (on the afternoon of Monday 7th December) will go ahead and any requirements for costumes, will be articulated as soon as possible.

Reading Journey

Our Reading Journey of quality books for specific year groups was launched 6 days before we went into lockdown. This project took a great deal of planning and we are very grateful to the School Ties for purchasing the books. We are keen to ensure the journey continues and Mrs Fauver has very kindly offered to come into school every Monday to talk to the children about their reading and discover where they are on their journey.

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Mrs Fauver will discuss the titles with the children, record their achievements and make recommendations for their next book.

Christmas Cards & Gifts

We are keen to ensure that we maintain certain festive traditions in school, despite the current restrictions. Therefore if your child wishes to send Christmas cards or share gifts, they will need to be bought into school on Friday 11th December (Christmas Jumper Day) and they will be stored in the school office ready for distribution on Friday 18th December.

Coats and Clothing

Keeping warm! Now that the temperature has started to drop, please could you ensure that your child wears sufficient warm clothing as we are keeping the classrooms well ventilated with windows and external doors open wherever possible. They may bring a fleece and maybe wear a vest or t-shirt under their school uniform.

Flu Vaccination

Please ensure consent for your child to have the nasal flu vaccination, is completed online before Friday 4th December. If you require Mrs Thompson to resend the initial email, please email her at bursar@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Farthinghoe School Advent Calendar

Usually we would invite parents to come into school to help us celebrate Christmas, whether this be decorating or the annual carol service. As this year is slightly different, we have thought of an alternative way to share what we are doing in school.....

Our year 6 Prefects, with the support of Mrs Thompson, will be creating a 'Farthinghoe School Advent Calendar' - opening a 'window' to our school during the run up to Christmas! The photos, which will be posted on our school website and Facebook page daily, will capture our school during the festive period - school days only!

In order to be 'photo ready' the year 6s have asked that from the 1st December, each child brings in a Santa hat or Reindeer headband, or other festive headwear, in their book bags.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 30th November - Year 1 & 2 Reading Journey with Mrs Fauver

Thursday 3rd December - Christmas Decorating Day

Friday 4th December - Reveal of our 'Advent Calendar Window/Gate' for Farthinghoe Village

Monday 7th December - potential date for Keystage 1 Nativity - details to be confirmed

Monday 7th December - Year 3 & 4 Reading Journey with Mrs Fauver

Tuesday 8th December, 11.30am - 'Jack and the Beanstalk' Live-Stream Pantomime

Friday 11th December - Bring in Christmas Cards & Gifts

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children'

Friday 11th December - Flu vaccination for all children in Reception through to Year 6

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Monday 14th December - Year 5 & 6 Reading Journey with Mrs Fauver

Tuesday 15th December, AM - Keystage 1 Woodland Christmas Party (as part of their Forest School session)

Tuesday 15th December, PM - Keystage 2 Harry Potter themed Christmas Party at Limes Farm (as part of their Forest School session). Costumes will not be necessary

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Lunch, to be ordered via SchoolGrid

Friday 18th December - 'Farthinghoe's Got Christmas Talent Show' - keystone 2 performing and will be shared with keystone 1

Friday 18th December - END OF TERM

With warmest wishes and kind regards, Mrs Wendy Whitehouse

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