

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 6 : 29th November 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I seem to always be talking about the weather these days but what extremes of weather have we had over the last few weeks? Snow, ice, freezing fog, torrential rain, flooding and then warmer temperatures than we would expect for this time of year! I know we have said it before but can you please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day, otherwise we will be unable to allow them out to play, especially in the extremely cold weather we have had recently.

Thank you so much for your support last week with Children in Need and Odd Socks Day, we are such a small school but your generosity never ceases to impress me, thank you.

What an emotional day we had yesterday saying 'Goodbye' (although temporarily) to Mrs Fisher. I know she was very grateful to you all for your best wishes, good luck messages and gifts for her and her baby. I would also like to thank you all for your kindness. I sincerely hope she gets some time to rest and put her feet up before her daughter arrives, we will keep you updated.

Mr. Elliot has been coming in and working with me, Miss Campbell and the KS2 classes, he is already becoming a regular feature around school. He will also be with us for the Christmas decoration afternoon on Monday which I hope you will be able to attend and help out.

Yesterday, we also welcomed Reverend George to the school, he spent the afternoon reading with the children in KS1 and will be back in on Tuesday to take an assembly on Advent, it's not all about the chocolate in the calendar you know 😊

Next Friday, myself and Miss Campbell will be taking the KS2 children over to the church to sing at the monthly coffee morning. Mrs. Sanders, our music teacher, had suggested that the children would really benefit from practicing their performance skills and it seemed such a shame that they sing in school but rarely anywhere else. So, I reached out to our local community who kindly invited us to sing at some of their community events. I know they will enjoy listening to us and the children will enjoy performing.

It is the School Ties Craft Fair event on Sunday, 1st December. There are going to be many, many stalls there and I hope you will be able to visit and support this event.

Have a great weekend, take care.

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- **Please join us from 2pm on Monday afternoon for Christmas Decorating**
- **The November instalment of £26.25 for the Year 3/4 trip to Everdon is due by the end of this week**

Christmas charity fundraising events

Details were shared earlier this week about our upcoming festive fundraising events. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support. We are a small school but our fundraising is really important to us and supporting our local community is something we really value.

How to contact us

Telephone: 01295 710406

Email: head@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk or bursar@farthinghoe.northants-ecl.gov.uk

Website: www.farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk

Children in Need fundraising

A huge "well done" to all the children for taking part in our fundraising wheel-a-thon. We raised a fantastic £192.00 for this worthy cause.



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 Woolacott), call and speak to a staff member (do not leave a voicemail) or speak to a staff member directly.

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.



Star of the Week Award

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

- EYFS, Year 1 & 2 – Tate
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Monty



School Ties Events

Online Auction – catalogue attached

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/>

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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 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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Tuesday 7th January – Back to School, term begins

Wednesday 15th January – Closing date for primary school Reception applications

Friday 24th January – Coram SCARF, life education PSHE assemblies

Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st January – Year 3 and 4 residential trip to Everton

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