

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 7 : 13th December 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Another two weeks have flown by, I cannot believe that we are on the homeward stretch to Christmas and the end of term!

Thank you to all those who were able to come in for Christmas Decorating afternoon on Monday last week and thank you to all the staff for their great ideas and creativity. The children had a lovely time making all things Christmassy and the school glittered beautifully for the rest of the week 😊

On Tuesday, Reverend George visited us to talk to all the children about Advent and what this means to Christians. He will be visiting again in the coming week to talk to Key Stage 2 children about Christianity, which will then complete their RE studies for this term. It is so lovely to work with, and welcome, members of our local community to the school.

And talking about our local community, our lovely Key Stage 2 children went over to the Church on Friday to sing to the participants of the Church coffee morning. They sang a selection of the Christmas carols that we will be singing around the tree and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

This week has passed in a blur!! We have had rehearsals for the nativity with the whole school, members of our PTA kindly took part in the Brackley Round Table Santa float around Farthinghoe village (and collected a staggering £262), we took part in the Helen and Douglas House Santa Fun Run and today is Christmas Jumper Day when we have collected chocolate and all things sweet for the Brackley Food Bank. Later is our School Christmas Fair, I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to everyone who has organised, reminded, donated and taken part in all these activities, as I have said before, we could not do any of these without you.

Next week is, dare I say it, even busier. I do hope you will be able to join us for some of the festivities planned and I look forward to seeing you all across the week.

Take special care, Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- **Children will not be allowed to play outside if they do not have a coat**
- **The December instalment of £26.25 for the Year 3/4 trip to Everton is due by 31/12.**

Santa Fun Run for Helen & Douglas House

What a wonderful afternoon we all had on Wednesday taking part in our Santa Fun Run for this worthy cause. The children's enthusiasm was infectious and it was brilliant to see them wearing their hats and adorned with their medals. Thank you for your support with this event, we raised £165.00 for the charity.

West Northamptonshire 'Stay Connected' Newsletter

This month's newsletter is now available by using the following link -

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/XjtmGhfsKgBFTcOa?ref=email>

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

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.

School Nurse contact details, during the Christmas holidays

Did you know that every school has an NHS School Nurse team? We are a team of Qualified School Nurses, Community Staff Nurses, Healthy Child Practitioners and School Nurse Assistants. We work all year-round Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays). We are happy to provide information, advice, and guidance on a range of health needs from reception to Year 13.

We can be contacted:

- By phone 0800 170 7055 option 4
- Live Chat: <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19>
- www.nhft.nhs.uk/childrenshub
- Chat Health (our text-based School Nurse messaging service) for parents and young people aged 11 and over. Monday to Friday 8.30 -4.30 pm - 07507 329600
- On "X" (was Twitter) SchoolNursesNHFT

You can also contact us for any school aged immunisation queries.

- By phone: 0800 170 7055 option 5
- Website: [Children's resources, tips and advice hub | NHFT](#)

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas Lunch has will next place next 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 – Flora
- Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Romeo



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18th December, 2.30pm, – Nativity performance, whole school at the Village Hall

Thursday 19th December, 2.30pm – 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

Monday 13th January, 3.15pm – Information meeting for parent's/carer's of children attending Everdon residential trip

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 Everdon

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