

FARTHINGHOE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 15 : 3rd May 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

I hope you all enjoyed the lovely few days we had this week, I am really hoping that this is not the extent of our summer and the rain will stop eventually ☺

We have had a great morning in EYFS and KS1 today with a visit from Brackley Fire Brigade and one of their fire engines as well as an officer from Daventry fire service who talked to our little people about The Great Fire of London. We really learned a great deal and I am looking forward to all you parents stopping, dropping and rolling around your homes this bank holiday ☺

We have included two more of the online safety infographics from The National College, I hope you are finding them interesting and useful when talking to your children about how to keep themselves safe online.

I am happy to welcome Woody, Merryn and their family to the Farthinghoe community, I know you will make them welcome, however as we say 'Hello' to a new family it is with some sadness that we have to say 'Goodbye' to an existing family. We wish Annabelle, Henry and their Mum and Dad every happiness and success in their new adventure.

The first bank holiday in May is upon us, I hope that it is a good one for you all.

Take special care.

Have a great weekend
Ms Turner and the Farthinghoe Team

Notices

- **Mondays – Keystage 2 please remember swimming kits**
- **The last day for ordering uniform, with guaranteed delivery before the summer holidays, is Wednesday 5th June**

****Monday 6th May, Bank Holiday – school closed to pupils and staff****

Fireman Norm and the Brackley Fire Crew visit Farthinghoe Primary School!

As part of our 'Great Fire of London' learning in EYFS and keystone 1, we invited our Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Community Safety Officer, Norm James, into school to talk with the children about fire safety and how it had changed and evolved since the Great Fire. Little did we know, Norm bought a real life fire engine with him too!! The fantastic Fire Crew from Brackley Fire Station gave the children a full tour of their engine – explaining what all the equipment was used for. They each had the opportunity to step aboard and put on the very heavy Fire helmets, after which they had the chance to aim and squirt the water hose. As the crew left they sounded their siren – which was very very loud!

During Norm's talk to the children he discussed the importance of fire safety both in school and at home. He has asked all the children to make sure their parents check their fire/smoke alarms at home to ensure they are working properly. The children also practised and recited the Fireman Sam song 'Stop, Drop & Roll'. Norm gave all the children a house point for their excellent listening and learning. Norm even said that if they show

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their parents the 'Stop, Drop & Roll' dance – ask their parents to record them and email them into school, they will receive an extra house point! Please follow the link to the very catchy song -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFQTOeENIIE>

Summer Sun- It's coming!

The weather is forecast to be (potentially) warm in the coming weeks so please can you ensure that children have water bottles in school that they can refill and hats to wear. It really helps if children apply suncream at home before they come in. You can buy suncreams which last for 6+ hours if applied once. Children are allowed to bring in their own suncream: please ensure that it is named and they can apply it themselves. If the weather is changeable, please ensure that your child has a lightweight waterproof jacket in school as they do go outside to play in light rain.

The Masked Reader comes to Farthinghoe!

Farthinghoe's Reading Ambassadors would like to introduce our newest entertainment - The Masked Reader! We would like to invite parents and carers to record themselves reading a story of their choice, suitably disguised and masked, before revealing themselves at the end of the video (video length approx. 2-5mins). We will do the Masked Reader once a month during assembly, playing a submitted recording, pausing to allow the children to make their guesses and then revealing! We urge parents to keep their children in the dark if they do submit a video to maximise mystery. Happy reading!

Parking in the school vicinity

Please be reminded to park considerately and safely when dropping off and collecting your child/ren from school. The Village Hall provides ample parking spaces and the short walk up Cockley Road is safe. Please can we ask that you are mindful not to block driveways or park on dropped curbs. We work hard to have a good relationship with the villagers, and inconsiderate parking is not helpful.

Online safety

We do hope you found Ms Turner's email last week, regarding online safety, helpful. Please find attached to this newsletter, 2 further National College posters, one providing advice and guidance on the various online shopping platforms and the other is a very interesting overview of both adult and children online usage. We will continue to share these posters with you weekly.

BT Telephone Handsets, available

We have recently changed our telephone provider and as a result our original BT handsets have become obsolete. We have a set of BT4600 Advance Nuisance Call Blocker, Trio (main handset and base, plus 2 additional handsets). If anyone can make use of these, please pop into the School Office where they are available to collect. We are just asking for a very small donation into the school funds.

School Grid apology – we have been asked to share the below message with you

We want to extend our sincerest apologies for any inconvenience you may have experienced due to recent issues with SchoolGrid. Your trust is paramount to us, and we deeply regret any disruption this may have caused.

Rest assured, we've been diligently working to address these concerns and our technical team have implemented fixes to ensure smoother operations moving forward. While we recognise that no technology is flawless, we are committed to continuously improving and providing you with the best possible experience. Thank you for your patience and understanding, providing you with excellent service remains our top priority, and we're confident that our efforts will result in a more seamless and enjoyable user experience. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our support team:

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*We're here to assist you every step of the way.
Warm regards, Holly Roberts, Chief Operating Officer, SchoolGrid*

School Ties

Save The Date: Summer Fair, Sunday 14th July (time to be confirmed)

We are very excited to be holding a Summer Fair on Sunday 14th July and hope to raise lots of money for the school to spend on lovely things for the children. We are asking for your help to make this happen and would really appreciate any support you are able to give.

Tombola Donation

We need donations for the Tombola. Anything new and unused items would be appreciated, e.g. bottles, toys and gifts. Please bring donations to the school office.

Volunteers

If you are able to volunteer on the day to help run a stall/game, or you have any skills in face painting/tattoos/crafts, or can help to set up/clear up, we want to hear from you. We would be very grateful for any amount of time you can spare, even if you can only help for an hour or so. Please get in touch by email (pta@farthinghoeprimaryschool.co.uk) or speak to Sam, our PTA Chair. Thank you.

This week's 'Star of the Week' Awards have been presented to



**Keystage 1 – Henry
Keystage 2 – Annabelle**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd May – Brackley Fire Brigade visit to school for EYFS and Keystage 1 'Great Fire of London' learning

Monday 6th May – **Bank Holiday** – School closed

Thursday 6th June, 9am – 3pm – Keystage 2 Viking workshop at Egerton Hall

Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May – Keystage 2 SATS

Monday 13th May – Miss Cramb, Chenderit to meet with year 6 pupils

Monday 13th May, PM – Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (4)

Monday 20th May, PM - Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (5)

Wednesday 22nd May – Forest School session at Evenley Wood Garden, EYFS – Yr 2

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Friday 24th May – End of Term

Monday 3rd June – Back to School

Monday 3rd June, PM - Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (6)

Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th June, all day – Bikeability, cycling proficiency for year 6

Monday 10th June, PM - Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (7)

Friday 14th June – School photographs – class photos and year 6 leavers

Monday 17th June, PM - Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (8)

Wednesday 19th June - Forest School session at Evenley Wood Garden, EYFS – Yr 2

Wednesday 19th June, PM – Woodford Halse Cross Country Event, Years 3 - 6

Monday 24th June, PM - Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (9)

Thursday 27th June, PM – Sports' Day and Colour Run to celebrate the end of PRIDE month

Monday 1st July, PM - Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (10)

Monday 8th July, PM - Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (11)

Wednesday 10th July – End of Year Performance, dress rehearsal

Friday 12th July – Year 6 'Headteacher for the Day'

Sunday 14th July (time TBC) – School Ties Summer Fair at the Village Hall

Monday 15th July, PM - Swimming at Brackley Leisure Centre for KS2 (12)

Wednesday 17th July, PM – End of Year Performance and Leavers' Service at the Village Hall

Friday 19th July – Planned whole school trip, further details to follow in due course

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