

Farley Hill Primary School

20th September 2024

Newsletter Number 703

Items for Action:

- Dates for the calendar

Items for Information:

Dear Parents and Carers

We started the week with the Louie Taylor Roadshow which all the in the school children attended. The roadshow explains road safety to the children at the appropriate level for their age group. The children learned a lot and had fun too. Then, we finished the week with a dramatic thunderstorm which really made lunchtime on Friday exciting for all! It is lovely to see the children very much settled into their routines in school – and lots of learning is taking place in all the classrooms. This morning I spent time with Sycamore class and we were deciding how to wash a woolly mammoth! They were able to tell me all about imperative verbs and prepositions. I have also seen and heard lots of glockenspiels being played during our music lessons – the concentration on the children's faces when playing the notes is amazing to see.

Can I ask that we continue to be considerate in the car park. The disabled bays are for use by disabled blue badge users, and as we cannot determine at what time a badge holder may arrive at school we do ask that they are kept free for their use. In addition, there are a number of older children in KS2 walking home by themselves. We ask that you reinforce with them that Baston Road is an extremely busy road and must only be crossed using the crossing further down from the school. We, like you, want to ensure the children are safe at all times. Also, can I ask that parents consider whether the children should be walking home themselves when it is darker later in the term and when the weather is bad – thank you.

It looks to be another busy week at school next week, as always. I hope you have a relaxing weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes

Head Teacher



VIP Invitation

All Farley Hill Parents and Guardians

are warmly invited to:

The AGM of the PTA

The PTA provides resources for our children's learning, to make their primary school experience as much fun and as enriching as possible.

on: Wednesday 9th October 2024
at: 6-7.30pm in the School Hall

2024 – 2025 Term Calendar Dates

Wednesday	25/09/24	Yr 5 Greek Day
Friday	27/09/24	Macmillian Coffee Morning
Monday	30/09/24	Yr 6 STEAM Museum
Monday	07/10/24	Yr 6 Condovery Parent Meeting 5.30pm
Monday	07/10/24	Harvest Assembly PM (Children only)
Friday	11/10/24	Yr 5 Beech Class Assembly
Mon-Fri	14-18/10/24	Yr 6 Condovery Residential
Tuesday	15/10/24	Yr 4 Woolley Firs
Thursday	24/10/24	Yr 6 Oak Class Assembly
Friday	25/10/24	Inset Day
Monday - Friday	28/10 – 01/11/24	Half Term
Tuesday	12/11/24	School Photos
Monday	18/11/24	Yr 3 River and Rowing Museum
Wednesday	27/11/24	Yr 4 Viking Day
Friday	29/11/24	Yr 3 Sycamore Class Assembly
Friday	20/12/24	Last day of Autumn Term 1PM close
Monday	06/01/25	Inset Day
Tuesday	07/01/25	First day of Spring Term
Monday - Friday	17/02 – 21/02/25	Half Term
Monday	24/02/25	Inset Day
Friday	04/04/25	Last day of Spring Term 1PM close
Tuesday	22/04/25	First day of Summer Term
Monday	05/05/25	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Friday	23/05/25	Inset Day
Monday - Friday	26/05 – 30/05/24	Half Term
Wednesday	23/07/25	Last day of Summer Term 1PM close

This Weeks Awards

Unicorn Awards			Values Leaf Awards		
Jesse	1	Holly	Dyson	1	Holly
Evie	1	Silver Birch	Henry	1	Silver Birch
Aminah	2	Aspen	Ember	2	Aspen
Harry	2	Maple	Reene	2	Maple
Freddie	3	Sycamore	Jack	3	Sycamore
Emily	4	Willow	Darcy	4	Willow
Cherry	5	Beech	Ellio	5	Beech
Adam	6	Oak	Lily	6	Oak

Disabled Parking Bays

A polite reminder that disabled parking bays are for parents, grandparents and visitors who require these specific bays. Please do not park in these bays unless you are a blue badge holder. The disabled bays have designated space around the parking bay to allow for easier access. Please also consider that there are a wide range of impairments or conditions not necessarily visible to others, please be considerate and respect others.



Weekly Birthdays

We wish the following children, a very happy birthday for this week:

**Laylah
Harriet
Rosie
Ripley
Veronika
Bethany
Solaiman
Anayah**



Leave of Absence Forms

If your child requires time off school for any medical appointment, please ensure that you complete a Leave of Absence form which can be obtained from our website or paper copy from the Office Reception.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Here is a set of short webinars by Police South East to support families in keeping children safe online.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

Attendance

In the Government's document 'Working together to Improve Attendance' it states: 'All schools have a continuing responsibility to proactively manage and improve attendance across their school community. Attendance is the essential foundation to positive outcomes for all pupils. This is why we continue to set expectations about attendance levels for our children. **However, we work with all families, and especially those with children who have SEN or medical needs, to support them with any attendance concerns regarding their children. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if support would be helpful.**



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

Parking – Polite reminder

Please refrain from parking in the residents and visitor car parks on the residential roads near the school.

Several people have had an idea that may help the traffic flow through the school and on Baston Road. If all drivers could make a left hand turn onto Biggs Lane where it meets Baston Road (after exiting the school). This may help the flow of traffic leaving the school site not come to a standstill.

By driving down to the roundabout and coming back up Biggs Lane it may actually save time for everybody.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Bateman

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Head's talk at 6pm & 8pm
Tours and fun interactive department activities

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