

Farley Hill Primary School

20th December 2024

Newsletter Number 715

Items for Action:

- Dates for the calendar

Items for Information:

- 2025 Term Calendar dates
- Sports Fixtures

Dear Parents and Carers

Here we are all ready for the holidays and our Christmas break. The whole school enjoyed watching the Year 1 Christmas show on Monday and the children in Holly and Silver Birch class acted and sang beautifully. We have also had our fun-filled and festive Christmas parties and discos – lots of dancing and singing by all.

On Wednesday Mrs Hudson and her team put on a wonderful Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by all the children. Thank you to the amazing Mrs Hudson and the lunchtime team. They do a fantastic job providing lunches here, and at Addington EYFS, not just at Christmas but all year.

Thanks also to the PTA who raised a substantial amount for the school at Winter Wonderland and who have supported us so generously this term across the school. In the new year they will be enabling us to bring a dinosaur into school! Find out more in January. The PTA team make an amazing contribution to the school and it involves much hard work and commitment behind the scenes. The more that support them the easier it will make organising events – if you can spare the time in the New Year please do come along and help them.

Our Christmas singalong was a lovely way to end our Autumn term, thank you for joining us this afternoon.

The incredible children and staff at Farley Hill are what make our school and community so very special - thank you all for being part of our Farley Hill family.

It only remains to wish you all a very happy holiday and if you celebrate Christmas, a Merry Christmas!

All of us at school send you our best wishes for the New Year.

Happy Christmas

Best wishes

Head Teacher



2025 Term Calendar Dates

SPRING TERM		
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
SUMMER TERM		
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

Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has been sick (vomited) or had an upset tummy (diarrhoea) they cannot return to school until 48 hours have passed since the last bout of illness.

NHS guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

This Weeks Awards

Unicorn Awards			Values Leaf Awards		
Acorn Class	R	Acorns	Roman	R	Acorns
Conkers Class	R	Conkers	Hugo	R	Conkers
Mivaan	1	Holly	Reeva	1	Holly
Oliver	1	Silver Birch	Joshua	1	Silver Birch
Sam	2	Aspen	Ella	2	Aspen
Evelyn	2	Maple	Jacob	2	Maple
Jonah	3	Sycamore	Anna	3	Sycamore
Izzy	4	Willow	Jasper	4	Willow
Georgia	5	Beech	Florence	5	Beech
Jack	6	Oak	Mia	6	Oak

Weekly Birthdays

We wish the following children, a very happy birthday over the holidays:

Tommie
 Jude
 Freddie
 Jesse
 Holly
 Tobias
 Amarliyah
 Maddison
 Henry
 Shanzay
 Koby-Dylan
 Sam
 Jack
 Charanvitha
 Ava
 Betsy
 Isabella



Weekly House Winner

Neptune



Weekly Attendance Oak Cup Class



Value of the Month

Fairness

Ambassadors

Lyla and Theo	R	Acorns
Ripley and Dominic	R	Conkers
Caitlyn and Charlie	1	Holly
Rosie and Alfie	1	Silver Birch
Lillie-Mai and Daniel	2	Aspen
Mia and Alexander	2	Maple
Sophia and Suhas	3	Sycamore
Lizzie and Jacob	4	Willow
Wraith and Jessica	5	Beech
Emily and Arjun	6	Oak

Lunch Bookings

Due to the volume of children whose lunches are not being booked and dietary requirements, from now on **anyone not booked** will automatically go down as a JACKET POTATO – this covers all allergens and vegetarians.

Thankyou for your continued support, Catering Team.

Nursery request

Dear Parents and Carers

Nursery's topic after Christmas is "People Who Help Us". We would be very grateful for any role play dress up donations your children may have outgrown (age 3+) for firefighters, doctors, paramedics and nurses, police officers, vets. Clean donations welcome at the Nursery gate or via the school office first week back.

Wishing you all a restful Christmas break.

Many thanks
Nursery Team



**Design a logo for the new
Sunflower Room to be made into
a banner/plaque for the room.**

**Please make sure your name, class and house are written
on the bottom/back. Entries must be submitted to Mrs
Bateman by Thursday 9th January.**

**House points will be awarded based on the number of
entries per house and announced in celebration assembly.**

Who will be the winning house?

**The final winning logo design will be displayed outside the
Sunflower Room.**

Parking – Polite reminder

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

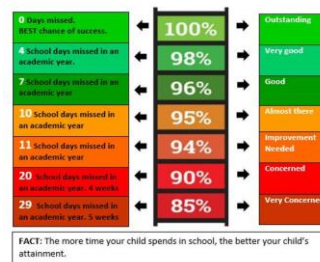
Several people have had an idea that may help the traffic flow through the school and on Baston Road. If all drivers could make a left hand turn onto Biggs Lane where it meets Baston Road (after exiting the school). This may help the flow of traffic leaving the school site not come to a standstill.

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

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.**



Playground at Pickup

Please note that the Pirate Ship and Adventure Playground should not be used outside of the school day. We would appreciate it if you could ensure that your younger children do not play on these whilst you are collecting your school children.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Bateman

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.

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.





We warmly invite you to join us over this festive season and learn more about the real reason we celebrate Christmas

Christingle and Carols

Sunday 15th December - 4.00 pm

Come and make your own Christingle and hear about the birth of Jesus Refreshments served afterwards

Family Carols

Sunday 22nd December - 4.00 pm

Join us as we sing carols and enjoy a fun family service

Christmas Day

Wednesday 25th December - 10.00 am

An all-age service celebrating the birth of Jesus

Arborfield Green Community Centre
Sheerlands Rd, Arborfield, Reading RG2 9ND

Church@TheGreen
Arborfield Green