



# FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we are already heading into the October half term; the past few weeks seem to have gone so quickly. I have had a wonderful first half term here at Farnborough and am so looking forward to my favourite term of all; Autumn Term Two, where will be preparing for all of our fun Christmas festivities. At the end of next week we will be publishing our usual 'Farnborough Matters' newsletter where you will have the opportunity to hear more about and celebrate the children's learning and extra-curricular events.

## Clubs

At Farnborough Primary School we would like to offer a range of clubs to our children so that they can experience lots of different activities and learn lots of new and fun skills. Once the weather starts to become warmer after February half term, we will be able to offer a greater range of after school clubs. If you know of any providers or have a particular talent or business in a specific area, we would love to hear from you. We are particularly looking for:

- Knitting
- Languages
- Cookery
- Dance
- Cheerleading
- Gymnastics
- Circus Skills
- Gift Making
- Card Making
- Drama
- Yoga
- Gardening
- Carpentry
- Anything else that is fun and creative.

## Forest School

At Farnborough we are so lucky in that we are able to offer Forest School to our children. Not only do we have two Forest School instructors on our staff: Mrs Bushell and Mrs Roberts, but we also have two Forest School sites on our grounds.

Research shows that children and young people are stimulated by the outdoors and typically experience, over time, an increase in their self-belief, confidence, learning capacity, enthusiasm, communication and problem-solving skills and emotional well-being. Because of this, we are rolling out Forest School across more year groups. To make this fair we have timetabled key stage two classes that were not able to have Forest School last year.

Mrs Bushell and Mrs Roberts are also creating an Outdoor Learning Curriculum Map, so you will be able to see the progression in outdoor skills the children are learning as they progress through the school. We are hoping that by next year every year group will be able to participate in Forest School at least once a year.



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Year Group	Term doing Forest School	Forest School Instructor
Reception	All Year	Mrs Bushell
Year One	1F – January to February half term 1P- February Half Term to Easter	Mrs Bushell
Year Two	2F – January to February half term 2P- February Half Term to Easter	Mrs Roberts
Year Three	Summer One:	Mrs Roberts
Year Four		
Year Five		
Year Six	Summer Two: June to July	Mrs Roberts

In Reception, we ask that parents buy red waterproof overalls as the children participate in Forest School for the whole academic year. For the other year groups, we will be asking children to wear suitable own clothes and bring in wellies. We will give you more detail nearer to the dates of your child's Forest School term.

## Watches

I would like to clarify the school's policy on watches with you. Although it is not explicit in our school uniform list, children are allowed to wear watches to school. They are fantastic in helping children to learn how to tell the time, so we are more than happy for children to wear them to school. For health and safety reasons, children will be asked to remove their watches during PE.

## Christmas School Production and Carol Service Video

We are happy to announce that this year Wizard, the videoing company that we use for the school Christmas productions will also be videoing the year five and six Carol Service. A number of parents asked if this would be possible and with Father Matthew's kind agreement, we have managed to arrange this. If, however, you do not wish for your child to be videoed, please could you send a letter in to school.

## Trousers

As the weather looks set to start becoming colder over the next few weeks, this is just a reminder that children will be able to wear trousers after the October half term until the February half term. This is not compulsory and children may still wear shorts if parents and children so wish.

## Reception – Drop Everything and Read

Thank you so much to parents/carers, grandparents, uncles and aunties that came to read with our reception children last week. It was lovely to see so many of you come.

Mrs Holmes said, "the first drop everything and read session in Reception was held on Thursday 5 October. The children loved having parents and grandparents visiting them at school. This will be a regular weekly session; we look forward to many more Reception family members visiting."



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## School Council Members

Earlier this term each class voted for our School Council Representatives. Our school council is a group of children who have been elected by their peers to represent the views of all our children and help the grown-ups to improve our school. As a group, the children will be meeting with me every week and holding class assemblies on issues that are important to the children. We will then discuss matters arising in our meetings and ways forward. In our first meeting, we started to talk about possible themes and names for our classes, new house names for our four school teams and started the discussion as to whether reception and key stage one should also be able to earn house points.

We will keep you posted of the outcomes from our meetings and let you know the positive impact our School Council is having on our school community.

## Congratulations to our School Council Members of 2017-2018

Reception	Congratulations to Jessie and Zachary
1F	Congratulations to George and Isabelle
1P	Congratulations to Darcy and Beau
2F	Congratulations to Sam and Daisy-Anais
2P	Congratulations to Oliver and Ella
Year Three	Congratulations to Leah and Max
Year Four	Congratulations to Carys and Deeraj
Year Five	Congratulations to Libby and Lev
Year Six	Congratulations to Connor and Ava

## House Captains

The House Captains and Vice Captains at Farnborough Primary School play a very active role in creating a positive ethos in the school.

The House Captains and Vice Captains are chosen from year six. Children that wanted to become either Captain or Vice Captain had to deliver a prepared speech outlining why they would be effective in the role. The children and staff voted on whom they thought would represent our school and its ethos in a positive and effective manner.

## Our House Captains and Vice Captains are:

Name of House	House Captain	Vice-Captain
Gordon	Zach	Alyssa
Livingstone	Ellie	Jack
Dickens	Haridhra	Gracy
Shaftesbury	Lucy	Lauren



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## VIPs

The children in Year 6 work towards earning their VIP (Very independent person) badge.

The qualities we look for are in the acronym success:

**S** – Stamina

**U** – Unity

**C** – consideration

**C** – commitment

**E** – empathy

**S** – self control

**S** - spirit

We look for these traits within the children's attitude towards school work, homework and general organisation. We aim for them to challenge themselves within their learning, to reflect on and improve their work and to be polite and respectful to their peers and members of staff.

Well done to the following children who have earned their VIP badge so far:

Alfie T

Gracy

Hana

Lucy

Ruby and

Georgie

## Target Sheets

Next week you will be receiving your child's target sheet. On each sheet there is a list of most of the objectives that your child needs to achieve by the end of the year in order to be considered 'Working At' in Reading, Writing and Maths. These objectives are taken from the National Curriculum that we work from when planning for our units of work and lessons.

On the target sheet, your child's teacher will have highlighted two/three areas that your child needs to focus on. This does not mean that your child has met all the other objectives, but these are the specific areas which your child needs to focus on for now. When looking at whether your child has achieved these targets in reading, writing and maths we will also be considering if they are able to use and apply these skills in a range of contexts including reasoning.

There will be children that may not be working at the same level as most of their peers; they too will receive a target sheet, but they may have objectives from another year group. This is because the teacher feels that before that child can move onto aspects of the curriculum for their year group, they need to consolidate skills from another year group.

There are also children that may have achieved many of the objectives on the target sheet, however, their target might be to 'Master' the objectives or 'Work at Greater Depth' within these targets. This means that the children will be expected to use and apply skills and knowledge in arrange of contexts, including other areas of the curriculum.

At Parents' Evening, teachers will fully explain why the targets have been chosen for your child and whether they are from their year group or a different year group.



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At this point in the year, we will not be providing your child with an attainment statement as we are still at the very start of the academic year. However, we will give you your child's mid-year attainment in their next reviewed target sheet in February. We will be providing you with an effort grade for your child in reading, writing and maths. This will be based on what your child has showed their new teacher so far.

The grades have changed to **1 – Outstanding, 2 - Consistently Good, 3 - Good most of the time and 4 - Needs to improve.**

## Mrs Foot

Lastly, it is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Foot at October half term. Mrs Foot has worked at Farnborough for ten years and has been an invaluable member of the Inclusion team as well as supporting many children through her role as a teaching assistant. We would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment throughout the years as well as her positivity and sense of humour. She will be missed by many.

We will be welcoming Miss Chatters after half term, who will be working in year one.

We look forward to meeting with you at Parents Evening next week. Don't forget that myself and Mrs Browne will be based in the computer room to show you how to use MyMaths, which we will be launching after half term as a homework tool.

Many thanks for your continuing support,

Miss James and the Farnborough Team.



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