



# FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,



## Christmas Dates

Date	Event
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need "Spotacular" – dress in own clothes/spotty day!
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Market
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Life Bus
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Life Bus
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Life Bus
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Life Bus Reception and Year One Nativity – 1:45pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and Year One Nativity – 1:45pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Years Three and Four Christmas Performance – 1:45pm Years Five and Six Carol Service – 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Years Three and Four Christmas Performance – 1:45pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Years Two Christmas Performance – 1:45pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Years Two Christmas Performance – 1:45pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Elf Day Reception and KS1 Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception and KS1 Elf Day KS2 Class Christmas Parties
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term

### Elf School

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we are going to be transforming Farnborough Primary School into a school for elves. On this day, the children and staff will be able to come dressed as a Christmas Elf or something Christmas themed. We will be spending the day doing many Christmas activities, arts and crafts.

For Reception and years one and two, Elf School will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and for years three, four, five and six Elf School will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

We hope to have lots of Christmas fun on these two days!

### First Aid Course



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First Aid is such an important skill to have, especially as parents/carers of young children. There are occasions when First Aid within your own home or in a public place can make a difference to someone's life.

With this in mind, we are offering a two hour first aid course for parents/carers on Tuesday 6 February 2018 which will run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the cost of 20 pounds. This course will be run by the company FirstAid4Staff, who have led excellent staff and PTA courses this academic year.

## E-Safety Workshop

We will be holding an e-safety workshop at the school for parents and carers of children who are in Years 2 to 6, on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm. This is the second year we have run this workshop led by ECP Ltd and last year, it got very positive feedback from the adults who came along. They said it really opened their eyes to the world of online activities and gave helpful strategies for keeping our children safe.

## Maths Workshops

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Ashley will be running Maths workshops in the spring term. The first workshop will be held on Tuesday 30 January from 1.45 – 2.45pm for parents of children in Years 3 – 6. The second session will take place on Tuesday 13 February at 1.45 – 2.45pm for parents of children in years 1 and 2. The aim of these sessions is to look at problem solving and reasoning within maths.

## Library Books

We are very lucky in having a school library that has an excellent range of books for the children to borrow and read, largely sourced by the PTA. Unfortunately, some of our books are not being returned and therefore our library is dwindling in size. Please could we ask that all families have a book hunt at home to ensure our school library books are not caught up with others and hand any outstanding books back in so that all the children have as wide a choice as possible. If the situation continues, we may have to look at charging families for any books that have not been returned.

## Children's Workbooks

Next week we will be sending the children's books home from last year. This is so you can have these as memories of your child's time with us and so the children and you can see how much progress the children have made. At the end of this academic year, we will be sending the children's books home so you will be able to see the children's learning journey for 2017-2018.

## School Council



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At the beginning of term, we voted in our school council representatives. We have started meeting and discussing whole school issues. It's really important that the children have a voice at school and they feel that they are listened to, valued for the contribution they make and can have a positive impact on the whole school community. Therefore, all of their ideas will always be discussed and considered.

Below are some of the things that all of the children at Farnborough have had an impact in changing and some of the things that they are discussing over this week and next.



- The whole school has voted that Reception and KS1 should be part of the school house system. We will launch this in January 2018.
- The whole school has voted to change the names of the current houses. The children are voting on possible themes that they would like that reflect our school values.
- The whole school has voted that they would like to have class names. The children are voting on possible themes that they would like. E.g. trees, birds, authors etc.
- The PTA have asked if the children have any other ideas about what they would like for a whole school summer event at the end of the year. Currently they have the Summer Inflatables event. Some ideas so far are: Circus day, Fun fair and of course the Summer Inflatables Event.
- Children's agenda – this is where we have asked the children to think of anything that they feel would make the school even better with regards to learning, fun and community.
- They will also be discussing some ideas for charities that they want to raise money for this year. A local one and a global one would be nice.

We look forward to the lead up to Christmas with you all.

Many thanks as always for your continued and amazing support!

Miss James and the Farnborough Team



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