



Farnborough Matters

Summer Term 2017, Issue 69

26 May 2017

Dear Parents,

As we sit down to write this introduction to our newsletter we cannot believe that we are halfway through the final term of this school year. Where does the time go? Thoughts inevitably turn towards the end of the year and the progress our children have made. We look at them now with a sense of pride as they take steps towards the next stage of their education.

Years Two and Six have completed their SATs tests and we have been so impressed by their attitudes towards these tests and the resilience they have shown. Year One will be taking their phonics screening tests after half term and it is wonderful to see them all working so hard. Children in every class are striving to be the best they can be.

As always, it has been an extremely busy half-term. We have held our musical evening at Bishop Justus Secondary School where the children played and sang so enthusiastically. Our choir sang at a production of *Cats* performed at Langley Park Boys School where they did themselves proud. Some of the classes have invited the parents into their class assemblies where they have been able to show off some of their learning. Other classes will do this next half-term. We have continued with a range of sporting tournaments including football, athletics and golf. This is all as well as forest school, swimming and a range of school trips which help to bring the curriculum alive. You can read more about some of these experiences in the newsletter.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and we wish all our families a happy, relaxed and hopefully, sunny half-term break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6th June.

Mrs Ashley and Mrs Browne



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CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON

TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017

WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY
HAPPY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School News

Parking

Despite repeated reminders, parking still remains an issue and we urge parents to park sensibly and respectfully throughout the neighbouring area.

Please do not park next door in Westfield's car park or park over or obscure neighbours' drive-ways.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Staff will continue to monitor parked cars on a regular basis.

School Uniform

Summer has finally arrived! PLEASE ensure that all items of clothing, including summer hats, are named so that lost property can be returned to your child as quickly as possible. Children also require adequate sun protection which should be administered by parents before school and your child will be able to apply their sun cream whilst at school.

Please also ensure your child brings a PE kit to school every Monday which can be taken home to wash on a Friday.

Bexley & Kent test reminders

The closing date for the **Bexley Grammar Schools** registration is **9 July 2017**. The test dates are either **Tuesday 12 September** or **Wednesday 13 September 2017**. Full details can be found on their website.

www.bexley.gov.uk/selectiontests.

Online registration for the **Kent Test 2017** will be open until **3 July 2017** and for postal applications **14 July**. The test date is **9 September 2017**. Full details can be found on their website

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places.

Spring KS2 Musical Concert

KS2 spent a wonderful evening at Bishop Justus earlier this term performing at the Farnborough Spring Concert. Years 4 and 5 performed brilliantly with Mr Dolovich. Year 3 enjoyed drumming with Mr Hughes, even getting the audience involved with their performance! The flute ensemble played beautifully with Mrs Grayson and the soloists.

To end a successful evening, the choir sang a few of their favourite songs with their teacher, Miss Sweeney. All the children enjoyed the evening and had a wonderful time. A big thank you to everyone involved, helping to make the event possible.



School News

Reception

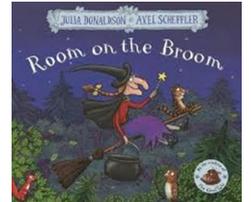


This half term both the Reception classes have enjoyed a trip to Frankie and Benny's. After working up an appetite by walking there the children were given hats and aprons to wear before choosing the toppings they wanted to put on their pizzas. Once the pizzas were cooked the children enjoyed eating them and apparently they were all 'delicious'! Over the next few days all the children recounted the trip to an adult verbally and then produced some wonderful writing in their Literacy books.



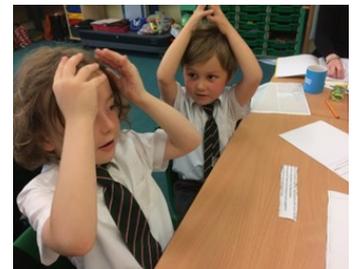
Year 1

RHYMING



Year One have enjoyed learning about rhyming patterns this term. They have listened to and joined in with rhyming in stories such as Room on the Broom and The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson.

We've had lots of fun saying tongue twisters such as 'sea shells see shells on the sea shore' and doing finger rhymes such as 'this is the church, this is the steeple' which lead to Year One creating their own.



School News

Year 2

On Wednesday 26th April Year 2 had a fabulous day out at Eltham Environmental Centre. We started the day by making our own paper. It was a lot of fun and extremely messy! It was hard work tearing up the paper and making it into a pulp; each group then chose different colour paints for their paper. After a yummy lunch and a play in the exciting adventure playground, we then set off on a 'Love Your World Walk'. The highlights included feeding the two pigs called Wallace and Darwin, squelching our way through a stream, making a wish as we tiptoed through the Wishing Tunnel and learning a song about recycling. We all returned to school tired and happy at the end of a very busy day. A big thank you to our helpers that joined us for the day.

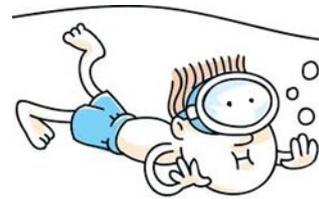


Year 3



Swimming

Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming lessons this term. We have all had lots of opportunities to practise different strokes and improve our swimming technique.



The class is excited to continue our lessons after half term, and improve our swimming even more. Thank you to all the parents who have helped/ are going to help walk the children to the swimming pool, it is very much appreciated.



School News

Year 4

Vikings Invade!

Year 4 had a terrible shock one morning this term. They came to school and found their classroom with police tape all over it and were unable to enter until Mr Atkinson had received word from the police that it was safe to enter.



Despite initial uncertainty as to who had done this heinous crime, a video from a certain 'Sven the Viking' let the class know who had made such a mess and also that their trays had been taken as plunder. Fortunately, the Vikings were disturbed during their raid and had to store the trays nearby. In return for the trays' location, the children of Year 4 promised Sven their best behaviour for the rest of term.

Year 5

HALL PLACE

This half term has been fun and exciting. We began our half term with a trip to Hall Place. We learned about the man who built Hall Place and



how he wanted to escape from London to the countryside. We learned that Tudor houses have special features; such as: large windows if you were rich and small windows if you were poor. We found out about how Tudors dressed and the differences between the rich and the poor. We even got to dress up, which was really fun! Those of us that were rich even got to wear jewellery. As a class we learned a dance and performed it together. We also learned about a Tudor kitchen and how every person had a role in the house and this determined where they sat at the table and what they ate. The owner of the house would eat foods like meat, vegetables and drink beer. The spit boy, among other poor people, would have a mouldy bit of bread to share. Overall we really loved the day and it was a great way to end our Tudor topic.



School News

Year 6

Rivers

On Friday 20th April, Year 6 went on a trip to Horton Kirby to learn more about rivers. Once we arrived, Di and Tracy - the teachers - took us to a classroom where Di showed us a diagram of the River Darent (the river Year 6 were visiting) to investigate what we knew about rivers. We revised more about the water cycle and we also discovered that chalk was a permeable rock and flint was non-permeable. Afterwards we had our lunch and played outside. Then we were called to put our wellies on as we were going to take the coach to the River Darent. We arrived at a field only a walk away from the river. While walking to the river, Di showed us the flood plains - where water is supposed to safely flood. At the river there were four activities that we all participated in: checking the river's depth; checking the speed of the river; finding the average size of the rocks and answering questions about the river. After every group had completed the activities we went back on the coach to return to Horton Kirby. Once we arrived we learnt more about erosion and deposition, as well as how the flood plains are necessary for the local environment, especially when rivers flood. This was an amazing experience for year 6 and we all really enjoyed it, even though no one fell in!

Zethan G



Sport

Year 5 took part in a Tri Golf competition at Chelsfield Lakes Golf Course on Thursday 18th May.



Year 6 took part in the Quadkids Athletics event at Norman Park on Wednesday 17th May. They had to do a 75m sprint, 600m run, howler throw and the standing long jump.

All the children gave their all and represented Farnborough beautifully.



PTA NEWS



New contact details

Please note that our email address is now: farnboroughpta@gmail.com

You can find Farnborough Primary School PTA on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1475239946047075/> (Previously "Parent Page").

Upcoming Events

We have a busy week straight after half term. We will be collecting your **Phil the Bag** textile donations all week. We can collect clothing, hats, shoes, belts, handbags, sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains and towels. This will be the last collection until November, so please do clear out your cupboards!

After our hugely popular **Gift Room** in March, we are holding another on Thurs 8 June ahead of Father's Day. Children will be able to choose a gift for dads, step-dads, grandads or another special person in their life. Please can children pass £1 to their class teacher on the day.

On Fri 9 June we will be holding our **Sponsored Zumbathon**. We know that the children (and staff) enjoy this event which is held during the school day. The sponsorship forms have been sent out on Mailings- so we hope children can find some sponsors during the school holiday! There will be a gift voucher for the child who raises the most in each class. Sponsor forms and monies should be returned to the PTA post box by Fri 23 June please.

Our next Scoot & Skate will be held after school on Thurs 15 June. The **School Disco** (Thurs 22 June) booking form will go out after the half term break. We will also be looking for volunteers to help us on the night.

On Tues 11 July, the children will all enjoy a **Circus Performance** from Circus Sensible. Each class will then have opportunity to participate in a circus skills workshop, including juggling, plate spinning, diabolo, stilt walking and Chinese ribbons and poi. Children are asked to come to school in comfortable clothing suitable for getting involved in the workshop and to bring £1 to cover the costs of this exciting event.

Inflatables Event

Class Co-ordinators are now busy putting together volunteer rotas for this fantastic, summer PTA event. Please do help us deliver this by volunteering: mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc all welcome.

The Summer Raffle is being sponsored by **Anthony Martin Estate Agents** (<http://www.anthonymartin.co.uk/Services/Locksbottom>) who have also contributed the *£100 first prize*. Tickets will be sent home in school bags, and the draw will take place at the event. We were very conscious of all the events happening this half term, so we have decided not to request the usual hamper raffle donations.

To ensure all children are able to comfortably bounce at this event, this will also be a non-uniform day. Please remember that all children will need to be wearing socks to go on to the inflatables. No socks=no bounce!!

Dates for your diary

Tues 7- Fri 10 June:	Phil the Bag
Thurs 8 June:	Secret Gift Room
Thurs 8 June:	PTA Committee Meeting 7pm
Fri 9 June:	Sponsored Zumbathon
Thurs 15 June:	Scoot & Skate
Thurs 22 June:	School Disco (R-Y2 4:30-5:45pm; Y3-Y6 6-7:15pm)
Fri 23 June:	Sponsorship forms and monies to be returned
Friday 7 July:	Inflatables Event 3:30-6pm (non-uniform day)
Tues 11 July:	Circus Performance and Circus Skills Workshops (non-uniform day)

FARNBOROUGH KIDS CLUB NEWS

WOW where did that half term go! I feel we have been to some kind of weird but fun 'boot camp!' which boldly started with us all enrolling in 'Knight School!' where we designed and made our own swords and catapults using just cardboard and Lolli sticks, they were surprisingly effective! Next year I can see us creating bigger and better catapults as our mini target shooting sessions were a great hit!! However, the main focus of our Knights Tournament was our Pillow Jousting contests. Which called for some skilful balancing and strategic blows! Fortunately we did not have to slay many real dragons, as the ones we made were all very friendly!

We had to hold our nerve as we met dragons of a prehistoric kind in the following week. Which saw us undertaking dinosaur hunts, unearthing bones to make dinosaur skeletons and creating our own clay fossils. From being paleontologists to volcanologists as we once again woke up our dormant volcano! We all had a turn at mixing baking powder with vinegar to create various eruptions. I'm pleased to report we all lived to play another day and the only casualties were our 'senses' as we all went home stinking of vinegar with orange hands!



Regular readers will recall that we had a casualty of a different kind this time last year, when we had to say a fond farewell to our old faithful Maypole! (home -made from an old carpet inner tube and florist ribbons!!) All year I have been sourcing a new one and fortunately we took delivery of a rather impressive Maypole over the bank holiday weekend. Just in time for our now legendary Maypole Dancing Sessions. The new pole has made our dances look even more impressive, however more ribbons meant more tangles! Despite the tangles, we persevered and worked together to weave some great patterns.



In the last few weeks we have been promoting health and fitness. We set up our own Health centre where we had the chance to give ourselves a body check. We learnt how to listen to our hearts and how to apply a sling and bandages. We made our own skeletons and first aid box and discussed the importance of exercise. We now regularly set our 'game challenges' where we take our weeks theme and try to devise our own group games. We have enjoyed playing our own games 'Germs' and 'Dr Death'!



We are hoping that the weather will improve so we can make use of our outdoor space and equipment. Over the next few weeks we will be offering driving courses and tests for those who need to get their Go kart licences. We will be developing our 'den building areas' with our new pop up tents and camouflage materials. Our themed weeks will reflect this, starting this week with our Minibeast and Gardens week. Where we will be going on bug hunts and creating new bug homes.



Hopefully next term will be all about the great outdoors where we will become explorers and adventurers! We have many more fun events planned, some highlights include our Oceans week (6th June) Pirates week (26th June) and Circus week (10th July). Our end of term Beach Party /BBQ will be on Tuesday 18th July & (Outdoor) Film Night Friday 19th July. If the weather is with us we hope to offer more 'ad hoc' water game sessions.

We are already taking bookings for Autumn Term 2017 with only a few spaces available at some sessions. If you would like to register, please contact - Penny Turpin on 01689 852 637 or 07963 345480. Here's hoping you have a relaxing half term and we look forward to welcoming you to our club family very soon.

School News

Reminders

May we please remind you how important it is that children arrive on time for school. The school day begins at 8.45am. The doors open at 8.40am. Children arriving after morning registration will need to sign in via the school office and will receive a late mark. It is important for children to arrive on time so that the day can begin smoothly and they can participate in the learning planned as part of early morning work.

Parents are reminded not to drop their children off early to school, leaving them outside the school gate before it opens. If you need help with childcare before school, Mrs Turpin runs our before school club. Once you have registered with Mrs Turpin parents can use the Breakfast Club as and when they need to. Please see Mrs Turpin's article for contact details.

Parents are reminded that if their child has sickness and/or diarrhoea during the night the school policy is that the child should be kept at home for 24 hours following the last time they were poorly. We would ask parents to be thoughtful and adhere to this as it will help to ensure that sickness bugs are kept at bay.

We do, however, understand that children may be unwell for other reasons. Parents are asked to assess this situation and discuss with the school prior to returning.

Attendance

100% Attendance for the first half of the Summer Term 2017.

We would like to congratulate the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the first half of the SummerTerm, up to and including Wednesday 24 May 2017, for the academic year 2016/17.

Madison, Samuel, Amy, Sofia, Freya, Lewis, Saffy, Lily, Zackary, Euan, Lucas, Ryan, Lucy, Riya, Lacey, James, Charlotte, Darcy, Eva, Brody, Yasmin, Abigail, Jake, Theodora, Evie, Faith, Albert-Beau, Max, Layla, Lucas, Isaac, Julia, Loy, Tilly, Alana, Hollie, Daisy, Daisy-Anais, Varsha, Megan, Sam, Ayaan, Niamh, Benjamin, Anselm, Charlotte, Anna-Sophia, Ellie, Daniel, Rocco, Ethan, Oliver, Isla, Kit, Lyra, Freddie, Lauren, Fenton, Varun, Evie, Polina, Ashiana, Lawrence, Evie, Archie, Zane, Henry, Ellis, Harrison, Elishka, Katia, Noah, Spencer, Dannii, Somayina, Iona, Vincent, Penelope, Megan, Annelise, Xavier, Isabelle, Leah, Helenea, Max, Joshua, Deeraj, Lilly, Ava, Leni, Sophie, Jacob, Oscar, Katie, Aarav, Samuel, Michael, Abriana, Harry, Olivia, Holly, Michael, Sadie, Scarlett, Sophie, Simone, Alexander, Lucas, William, Libby, Rebecca, Joshua, Eden, Conner, Caitlin, Anisah, Johnathan, Sonny, Isla, Felicity, Joseph, Hailey, Jonathan, Frank, Heidi, Niah, Amelie, Lauren, Georgina, Mayowa, Max, Jack, Haridhra, Tallulah, Lauren, Asia, Zach, Zack, Alyssa, Benjamin, Lucy, Shreya, Fahad, Ava, Adam, Redmond, Amelia, Tegan, Otis, Hana, Georgie, Mackenzie, Luke, Ralph, Kaitlyn, Thomas, Louis,, Elodie, Jack, Lilli, Amy, Zethan, Diana, Tallulah, Nathaniel, Lottie-Lou, Max, Alexander, Samuel, Maxim, Joseph, Brandon & Joseph.

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A special congratulations to those children who have obtained 100% attendance for this academic term to date.

Samuel, Zackary, Riya, Charlotte, Brody, Evie, Lucas, Isaac, Varsha, Anselm, Lauren, Varun, Evie, Dannii, Sophie, Jacob, Michael, Abriana, Harry, Holly, Simone, Lucas, Johnathan, Niamh, Amelie, Georgina, Mayowa, Lucy, Redmond, Kaitlyn, Amy, Samuel, Joseph.

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Juice Payments for the Second Half of Summer Term 2017



Tuesday 6 June 2017 will be the first day the children will be having their drinks of fruit juice for the second half of the Summer Term 2017:



Juice: £12.16

THERE IS A STRICT DEADLINE FOR ALL MONIES TO BE RECEIVED BY 9AM ON TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2017 AS PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANY PAYMENT MADE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED FOR THE ATTENTION OF MRS PUGH WITH THE CHILD'S NAME, CLASS AND CHOICE OF JUICE (APPLE OR ORANGE).

Monies can be paid via our new online parent system 'AGORA'. If you have any queries regarding 'AGORA' please contact Mrs Pugh, who will be happy to assist.

Cheques are to be made payable to 'FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL'.

Dinner Monies for Junior Children for the Second Half of Summer Term 2017

The dinner monies due for the second half of the Summer Term 2017 are as follows:

Juniors

£2.20 per day

£11.00 per week

£70.40 for the half term

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are reminded that their child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals. You do not have to register or fill in any forms, all your child needs to do is say 'school lunch' at morning registration.

Payments for junior children can be made via our online payment system 'AGORA' or by cash / cheque (cheques made payable to 'FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL') in a sealed envelope, with your child's name and class on the front, to the school office. By using 'AGORA' you will be able to see your child's dinner money balance.

Children may change from school lunch to pack lunch or vice versa by letting the class teacher know when the dinner register is called each morning.

Parents are reminded that if they would like their child to have milk they are required to register with Cool Milk and payment is to be made directly to them via their website. If you need further details please collect a leaflet from the School Office.

School News

Application for Free School Meals 2016/17

If your situation has changed and you believe you may be eligible to claim free school meals for your child/ren we would encourage parents to visit www.bromley.gov.uk and type 'free school meals' into the search engine and follow the links to apply online.

By using the online system Bromley Pupil Benefits are able to check the entitlement automatically using the Eligibility Check Service (provided by the Department of Education) and the application is dealt with efficiently.

Although all infant children (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are entitled to a universal free school meal, it is still important for parents who are in receipt of one or more of the qualifying benefits listed below to complete a Free School Meal/Pupil Premium Payment Application on line at www.bromley.gov.uk.

- Equal Based JSA / ESA
- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (IRESA)
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Any parent who would like to complete the online application but does not have the means to do so, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pugh, who will be very happy to assist.

An information sheet giving full details is available to download from the www.bromley.gov.uk website.

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Dates for the diary...

Mon 5 June INSET DAY

Mon 6 —	
Fri 10 June	Phil the Bag
Thurs 8 June	Year 5 Class Assembly 9 am
Thurs 8 June	PTA Father's Day Gift event (donation)
Thurs 8 June	PTA Committee Meeting
Fri 9 June	PTA sponsored Zumbathon 1.30pm-2.30pm
Sat 10 June	Yrs 2 & 3 perform at St Giles Summer Fete
Mon 12 June - Fri 16 June	Year 6 trip to Isle of Wight
Tues 13 June	Reception trip to Godstone Farm
Thurs 15 June	Scoot & Skate 3.10pm—4.30pm
Thurs 22 June	Sports Day KS2 9am—12pm
Thurs 22 June	School Disco R-Y2 4.30pm-5.45pm Yr3-Yr6 6pm—7.15pm
Fri 23 June	Sports Day KS1 9am—12pm
Thurs 29 June	Year 4 Class Assembly 9 am
Mon 3 July - Weds 5 July	Year 5 trip to Sayers Croft
Tues 4 July	Year 3 Class Assembly 9 am
Fri 7 July	Inflatables Event 3.30pm-6pm (own clothes)
Tues 11 July	Circus Performance & Skills Workshop (own clothes)
Weds 19 July	End of Term

SCHOOL TERM DATES

Summer Term 2017

Half Term Mon 29 May to Fri 2 June

INSET DAY Mon 5 June

Tuesday 6 June—Wednesday 19 July

Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5 September to Friday 20 October

Half Term Mon 23 Oct to Fri 27 Oct

INSET DAY Mon 30 Oct

Tuesday 1 November—Wednesday 20 December

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3 January—Friday 9 February

Half Term Mon 12 Feb—Fri 16 Feb

Monday 19 February—Thursday 29 March

Easter break Fri 30 March—Fri 13 April

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April—Friday 25 May

Half Term Mon 28 May—Fri 1 June

INSET DAY Mon 5 June

Tuesday 6 June—Thursday 19 July

THE DATES IN RED INDICATE WHEN THE
SCHOOL IS CLOSED

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

We would like to remind you that the school office hours are from **8.30am until 4pm**.

The answerphone system will accept messages outside of these times.

