



Dear Parents/Carers

Hurrah! The sun has finally been shining on us over this half term which has matched the mood of the children. Their sunny and hardworking dispositions continue to be commented on from the visitors we receive at the school, as well as the calm and purposeful learning atmosphere present in all classrooms.

The term started with a musical extravaganza: our second spring concert was held at Bishop Justus hall and was a resounding success. Read Joel's detailed article further on in this newsletter which explains more about the evening. Thank you to all the children who took part, the families for being such a great audience and the music teachers who made the event possible.

Thank you so much to the PTA and the families who came along for the school's 'beautification day'. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't kind enough to let us paint and varnish but a large amount of weeding and planting was completed which has helped to tidy up the grounds enormously.

We would like to say a huge well done to the Year 6 children who took their SATs tests last week. They have been working incredibly hard and we are very proud of the determination and effort they have shown towards their learning. We think their favourite part of the week was probably all the breakfast food on offer in the mornings!

We would also like to say another big well done to the Year 2 children who have been completing the Key Stage 1 tests over the last two weeks.

The whole school enjoyed a 'karate-thon' last week. The event was led by Georgina Cheesman who is a parent and trainer. We learnt some of the main moves of karate and enjoyed watching a display from the children in our school who learn this martial art.

We helped to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry to Ms Meghan Markle by holding a tea party on the field. Each class designed and made a throne which stood proudly on display. They all looked amazing but the judges had to make a very difficult decision and chose Reception and Year 3's thrones as the winners. The children had a fun day dressing up as kings and queens from the past, present and even the future!

We would like to welcome Mrs Ellson who is working alongside Mrs Lane in the school office. We hope she enjoys her time here at Farnborough.

There is lots to look forward to next half term including: sports days, musicals, day trips, residential trips, the PTA summer event and much more. We would like to wish all our children and families a very happy and restful half term. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5 June where we hope the children will be re-energised to cope with all the pending and exciting activities.

Miss James

Mrs Browne

Head Teacher

Head of School



National Support School
designated by

National College for
Teaching & Leadership

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
Tuesday 5th June 2018

School News

School Spring Concert

"The spring concert was a chance to show the parents of the students of Farnborough how talented their children really are," says Joel. "And I think we were all successfully dazzled by the performances that were held that night." All the instruments that were played were being played by amazing, talented children thanks to class teachers, music instructors and parents. The KS2 classes who were playing that night, played a selection of school instruments, including: Djembe, Recorder, Piano, Flute, and our Choir. Our lovely school choir also sang at the concert, too. The choir sang: "Skales and arrpegoes, Magic in the stars, Raise the curtains, Can you hear me?" and finally, "Power in me."

It was a very successful event and I think all parents should be very proud. Surely everyone should agree?

A joyful night that we all took part in, and a school event that will always be remembered by performers and audience.



By Joel London



School News

Reception

This half term the children have been very busy enhancing the garden and nature area adjacent to their outside learning space. They have planted beans and giant sunflowers from seeds, and these are now ready to be planted into larger pots, and the beds in the Infant playground. They have also planted a wide range of herbs together with strawberries, tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, beetroot, courgettes, pumpkins and a selection of flowers including sweet peas and nasturtiums. In addition they have created a Mini-beast area with logs, slabs and pots for snails, and created their very own " Bug Hotel " in anticipation of our topic work on mini-beasts after half term. Thanks to contributions from parents, a few requests for discarded building materials from skips in the local area (everyone was very obliging!) and some foraging in the woods we managed to collect a wide selection of natural and man-made materials. The children then worked together to assemble these into their very own Bug Hotel. As a result of their hard work we hope to attract a wide variety of bugs for them to observe over the coming weeks. We have also moved the tadpoles from the classroom into the larger water tray outside and the class have watched their development intently over the last six weeks - we now have several froglets!



Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying learning about castles this half term, we have also enjoyed the beautiful weather we have been having. One part of our topic this term has been to compare castles to our homes and our school. We did a field study of our school and had a look at all of its different parts and how they are used. We can't wait to visit Leeds Castle after the half term break!



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Year 2

Year 2 recently enjoyed a fabulous day out at Gatton Park in Reigate. We accepted our mission to carry out the Magical Maths Trail Kidnap Rescue. We split into groups and followed the mathematical clues to rescue the woodland animals that had been kidnapped! We also had fun taking part in measuring a variety of objects including tree trunks and steps! 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

This half term has been packed full of fun and excitement. We started our swimming lessons, which were so much fun. We were a little bit nervous before we went but we love it now and we are all making so much progress.

We also loved forest school, here we whittled sticks and built dens and bug homes. We are sad that our forest school adventure will soon be over.

We also went on our school trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa, where we learnt all about the Romans. We learnt about how the doctors used to treat the patients in the Roman times. We are really glad that medicine has changed.

We loved our dressing up day to celebrate the royal wedding. We all think we looked very smart and posh. We wish the happy couple best wishes.

We are excited about next half term :)



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Year 4

Electricity

This term, we have all enjoyed learning about electricity. We all made a circuit, including a battery, light bulb, and 2 wires. We made the circuit with our partners. Leni and I really enjoyed the task.

By Holly Till



Swimming

This term, Year Four have had swimming lessons. We have learned lots of different strokes: front crawl, back stroke, breast stroke and butterfly. We have had a wonderful time at Darrick Wood swimming pool. We hope you will enjoy it when you go to.

By Kushal Shekar

Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have experienced a plethora of varied and exciting activities.

On Friday 18th May, Farnborough Primary School held a selection of activities to celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. In the morning, Year 5 split into groups to become wedding planners where we had to design a wedding invitation, wedding carriage as well as a wedding cake. During the afternoon, the whole school was gathered outside in the glorious sunshine to enjoy a picnic of sausage rolls, cupcakes and juice whilst Mrs Browne and Mrs Jones announced the winners of the best throne, which each class had been busy designing and making. Unfortunately, Year 5 didn't win although our throne was truly magnificent!

Year 5 have also had the opportunity to try orienteering. After organising ourselves into groups of 3 or 4, we drew a topological map of our school, adding on the places where eleven letters were hidden. On the back of each letter was a clue, which, when deciphered, gave one letter of an 11-letter word. When we had solved each clue, we had to unscramble the jumbled word, which actually spelled FARNBOROUGH. Ours was the first group to complete the puzzle and we won a prize!

Lev Mann



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Year 6

After spending an encouraging week of SATS all of Year 6 are relieved its over! The support of the wonderful teachers guided us through the pressure, that wasn't really there. We would like to thank all the teachers who have helped us get to the stage we are now and that includes everyone who has taught us during our time at Farnborough.

As the SATS are over it is now time for the Year 5 and Year 6 musical. This year our production is ... Cinderella and Rockerfella! We have already started learning the songs with Jessica Rabin from BYMT. Our acting is coming along as well.

We are looking forward to showing you our performance at the end of June.

By Millie, Lucy & Georgie

Sport

10 children from Year 6 went to Norman Park on Wednesday 23rd May to represent Farnborough in the Quad Kids event. 30 schools were there and each child had to complete 4 events: 75m sprint, 600m, the howler throw and the standing long jump.



PTA NEWS

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Smarties fundraising, cake sale and the Shopping and Pamper evening. These events raised £850, £47 and £393 respectively. Well done to Y3 who raised the most in the Smarties challenge. We look forward to hearing how they spent their class prize money.

Thanks also goes to everyone who volunteered at the beautification day. Lots was achieved, despite the wet weather, with more planned for future. Thanks to High Elms and Coolings who also supported us.



Sponsored Martial Arts Event

The children enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with Georgina Cheesman. Please do return sponsorship forms and monies together to the PTA post box by Friday 8 June. The class which raises the most will be able to choose a prize for their classroom.



Waitrose

Please continue to add your green tokens to our charity box in the Green St Green branch of Waitrose until the end of May.

Secret Gift Room

This will take place on Mon 11 June. Whilst the gift room takes place ahead of Father's Day, the children can choose a gift for any special person in their life. We have some fantastic treats lined up for the children to select! Please bring in £2 to give to class teachers.

Summer Circus Extravaganza

We are currently working hard on putting together this year's summer event. We will be offering two fantastic circus performances after school on Friday 6 July. Tickets will go on sale in June at just £6 per person. Come along and also have fun in the free circus workshop, enjoy stalls, crafts, refreshments, games, ice cream van, raffle and the bar. This year there will be food to purchase such as free-range chicken, halloumi, salad, sausages and more to keep tummies filled!



PTA Committee Meetings

To help make PTA meetings more accessible to more parents, we are now alternating meetings between a 7pm and an 8pm start. We are a very friendly group and always looking for more parents/carers to get involved. It's a great way to meet other parents, to benefit all of our school community and share or develop your skills. Do come along to the next meeting at The Woodman!

Many thanks

Nicola Truong

PTA Secretary (email: farnboroughpta@gmail.com)

Dates for your diary

Tues 5 - Fri 8 June	Phil the Bag textile collection
Fri 8 June	Final day for martial arts sponsorship monies to be handed in
Wed 6 June	PTA Committee Meeting, 8pm in The Woodman
Mon 11 June	Secret Gift Room (ahead of Father's Day) £2
Wed 13 June	Scoot and Skate 3:15pm - 4:30pm £1 entrance
Wed 20 June	School Disco (R, Y1, Y2: 4:30-5:45pm; Y3-Y6: 6:00-7:15pm) £5 ticket
Fri 6 July	Summer Circus Extravaganza 3-7pm, with performances at 4 and 6pm Entrance £6 per ticket (under 2yrs free).



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Dates for the diary...

Mon 28 May -Fri 1 June

Mon 4 June

Half Term

INSET DAY

Tues 5 June

Tues 5 June

Tues 5 Jun - Fri 8 Jun

Weds 6 June

Mon 11 June

Tues 12 June

Weds 13 June

Thurs 14 June

Tues 19 June

Fri 15 June

Weds 20 June

Children return to school

Year 1 trip to Leeds Castle

Phil The Bag donation week

PTA meeting 8pm at The Woodman

Secret Gift Room (ahead of Father's Day)

Reception trip to Godstone Farm

PTA Scoot & Skate 3.15pm—4.30pm

Junior Sports Day 9am - 11.30am

New Reception pupils Meeting 9am-10.00am

Infant Sports Day 1pm - 3pm

PTA Disco

Infants Disco, 4.30pm - 5.45pm

Junior Disco, 6pm - 7.15pm

New Reception parent and child meeting

Year 5 and 6 end of year performance- Cinderella Rockerfella-Evening performance 6pm- more details to follow

Year 5 and 6 end of year performance- Cinderella Rockerfella- Afternoon performance- more details to follow

Tues 26 June

Weds 27 June

Thurs 28 June

Fri 29 June

Mon 2 July - Weds 4 July

Mon 2 July

Tues 3 July

Fri 6 July

Mon 9 July -Fri 13 July

Mon 16 July

Mon 16 July

Thurs 19 July

Thurs 19 July

Year 5 to Sayers Croft

Year 2 trip to Eltham Environmental Centre

New Reception stay and play session 1.30-2.30pm

The Circus is coming to FPS! PTA summer event 4pm & 6pm

Year 6 to Isle of Wight

Parents drop in session 9.00-9.30am

Parents drop in session 2.30pm - 3.00pm

Year 6 Leavers Assembly- 9.30am

Last day of term

Tues 4 September

Children return to school

Reminders

School Hours

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.

Absence

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 **48 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.

School Uniform

We would like to remind you all that children need to be dressed appropriately for the school day, in particular with regard to footwear. We would kindly ask you to ensure that all clothing and personal possessions are named.

Children need to bring in their PE kit every Monday morning. The kit can be taken home to wash on a Friday.

School Fund

We would like to thank all those parents who have made a contribution to school funds this term. Contributions from families to the School Fund is very important as it pays for a variety of activities which benefit all the children.

We would ask families to contribute £25.00 per academic year which can be paid in termly or half termly instalments, however any contribution is always most welcome. Parents can either send in contributions via the school office or make payments via AGORA, our online payment system.

Community News from St Giles

ST. GILES SUMMER FETE – SATURDAY 9th JUNE 2018
2 weeks and counting!

We need YOUR help

Can you spare an hour or two to help at the fete?
No skills necessary! Chairs, drinks and food provided.

Donations needed:

Gifts
Bottles for the tombola
Plants
Books
Preserves
Cakes
.....To the church or the Rectory

Do you have a gazebo we may borrow?

Contact: Carol 01689 855468/07951725069

We need your help to make the fete a success

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Attendance

100% Attendance for the first half of the Summer Term 2018

We would like to congratulate the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the first half of the Summer Term, from **16th April 2018 up to and including Monday 21st May 2018**, for the academic year 2017/18:

Eva, Jessie, Ben, Emmy, Zachary, Jackson, Imogen, William, Jack, Eesha, Daisy, Noah, Samuel, Evie, Noah, Madison, James, Samuel, Sofiya, Freya, Lewis, Saffy, George, Rowan, Jacob, Zackary, Euan, Florence, Lucas, Ryan, James, Lucy, Dolly, Lexi-Rose, Haoxuan, James, Olivia, Ryan, Mia, Charlotte, Harriet, Shannon, Darcy, Riley, Lewis, Ava, Brody, Yasmin, Abigail, Jake, Alfie, Evie, Beau-Frederick, Abhinav, Albert-Beau, Max, Isabelle, Layla, Lucas, Isaac, Ella, Julia, Loy, Lillian, Alana, Hollie, Daisy, Daisy-Anais, Varsha, Megan, Sam, Ayaan, Niamh, George, Benjamin, Anselm, Charlotte, Harry, George, Daniel, Fillippa, Ethan, Isla, Kit, Lyra, Eva, Lauren, Mia, Varun, Evie, Oluwatoni, Milly, Chloe, Louie, Samuel, Lawrence, Evie, Archie, Zane, Olivia, Harrison, Elishka, Katia, Noah, Spencer, Dannii, Somayina, Summer, Iona, Vincent, Leon, Erina, Saskia, Annelise, William, Xavier, Isabelle, Leah, Helena, Amelie, Max, Scarlett, Lilly, Carys, Ava, Leni, Sophie, Sophie, Jacob, Oscar, Katie, Joshua, Catherine, Michael, Joel, Keiran, Enrico, Abriana, Astrid, Harry, Kushal, Holly, Michael, Sadie, Simone, Alexander, Lucas, William, Rebecca, Oliver, Francesca, Sonny, Isla, Felicity, Joseph, Heidi, Niamh, Amelie, Lauren, Georgina, Antonio, Jasumayowa, Max, Lauren, Asia, Zach, Zack, Alyssa, Benjamin, Lucy, Ellie, Tallulah, Fahad, Connor, Adam, Amelia, Tegan, Otis, Georgie, Mackenzie and Luke.

A special congratulations to those
100% attendance for this aca-



children who have obtained
demic year to date:

Eva, Emmy, William, Noah, Samuel, James, Harriet, Darcy, Brody, Albert-Beau, Lucas, Ella, Megan, Sam, Daniel, Ethan, Eva, Lauren, Oluwatoni, Elishka, Dannii, Somayina, Xavier, Isabelle, Sophie, Jacob, Michael, Abriana, Kushal, Alexander, Rebecca, Francesca, Sonny, Felicity, Joseph, Georgina, Lucy and Luke



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Attendance

At Farnborough, it is very important to us that our children achieve their full potential and make the most of the learning opportunities that they are given. For this to happen, we need your support to ensure they are in school every day and on time. Both attendance and punctuality are checked by the Bromley EWO (Educational Welfare Office) and Ofsted and feature as part of a school's report.

Historically, Farnborough's attendance has been the highest out of all the seventy primary schools in Bromley. Over recent years, this percentage has started to decline and we ended last year with a whole school percentage of 96.9%. We are introducing a new table to our newsletters that will show each class's attendance for the half term. By the end of the academic year, the national expectation for whole school attendance should be at **a minimum of 97%.**

The table below shows each class's attendance up until May 2018.

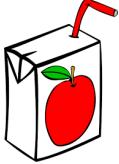
Well done to Reception, 1P, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 whose attendance has risen this half term.

Well done to Year 3 for having the highest attendance for this half term

Our aim for attendance this academic year is to average 98%. We understand that children are genuinely ill at times; however, we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child is at school as much as possible.

	Up to Oct 2017	Up to Dec 2017	Up to Feb 2018	Up to March 2018	Up to 24 May 2018
Reception	98.04	96.2	95.2	95.6	95.8
1F	97.47	96.5	95.2	97.6	96.6
1P	97.26	96.2	96.9	95.9	96.2
2F	97.61	97.1	97.9	97.8	97.4
2P	97.88	97.0	95.5	96.7	96.5
Year 3	98.38	97.8	97.3	97	97.5
Year 4	97.85	97.3	96.7	96.1	96.9
Year 5	98.29	97.5	96.3	97.1	96.9
Year 6	96.87	96.2	96.5	95.6	96.3

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Juice Payments for the Second Half of Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 5 June 2018 will be the first day the children will be having their drinks of fruit juice for the second half of the Summer Term 2018:

Juice: £9.90



THERE IS A STRICT DEADLINE FOR ALL MONIES TO BE RECEIVED BY 9AM ON TUESDAY 5 JUNE 2018 AS PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANY PAYMENT MADE 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).

Parents are encouraged to pay via our online parent system 'AGORA'.

If your log in for 'AGORA' has expired please contact Mrs Pugh at shirley.pugh@farnborough.bromley.sch.uk, who will be happy to arrange a new one.

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

Dinner Monies for Junior Children for the Second Half of Summer Term 2018

The dinner monies due for the second half of the Summer Term 2018 are as follows:

Juniors

£2.20 per day

£11.00 per week

£72.60 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.

Parents are encouraged to pay using our online payment system 'AGORA', alternatively payment can be made by cash/cheque (cheques made payable to 'FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL') in a sealed envelope, with your child's name and class on the front and marked for Mrs Pugh's attention. By using 'AGORA' parents will have the facility to see their child's dinner money balance and will receive reminders when it needs topping up.

As we are nearing the end of the school academic year, parents are reminded to ensure that their child's dinner money account is paid up to date. If you have not registered on 'AGORA' and you require an up to date balance or a log in for 'AGORA' please email Mrs Pugh at shirley.pugh@farnborough.bromley.sch.uk who will be happy to send this information.

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

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Application for Free School Meals 2017/18

We would like to remind all parents who are eligible for free school meals that it is very important that applications are completed as soon as possible. Parents are reminded that a new application has to be made for the start of each new academic year.

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 online 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.

Apply online at www.bromley.gov.uk. Type 'Free School Meals' in the search engine and follow the links. 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.

Any parent who would like to complete the online application but does not have the means to do so, please do not hesitate to give me call and I will be pleased assist.

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

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SCHOOL TERM DATES

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16 April—Friday 25 May

Half Term Mon 28 May—Fri 1 June

INSET DAY Mon 4 June

Tuesday 5 June—Thursday 19 July

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4 September—Friday 19 October

Half Term Mon 22 Oct—Fri 26 Oct

Monday 29 October—Wednesday 19 December

Spring Term 2019

Monday 7 January—Friday 15 February

Half Term Mon 18 Feb—Fri 22 Feb

Monday 25 February—Friday 5 April

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April—Friday 24 May

Half Term Mon 27 May—Fri 31 May

Monday 3 June—Friday 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.