



Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the time of year time of year when shoots begin to grow, buds develop and the weather (hopefully!) gets warmer. In the same way at Farnborough, we really see our children develop and progress during the spring months. We have enjoyed numerous visits from children who have been chosen to show their good work for a variety of reasons – whether it be for using great vocabulary, problem solving in maths or improving their handwriting so that they are awarded a pen license.

This newsletter once again contains a wealth of information regarding the children's learning and activities that have been undertaken since the beginning of this term. We would like to say a special well done to all of our School Councillors who visited Parliament for a workshop and tour; their exemplary behaviour was commented upon by many members of the public.

We had a fantastic day when the company 'Bounce Beyond' came to visit. Each child in the school had a chance to bounce on their own mini trampoline to a range of fast and furious music. Everyone had a counter that counted their jumps; the aim was to try to beat the number of jumps they had completed on the previous bounce. The children all had a great time and realised that trampolining was lots of fun but very tiring!

Our choir, recorders and drums continue to practice hard on a weekly basis that will culminate in our Spring Concert on Thursday 2 May at Bishop Justus School. Our footballers have continued to compete in matches and tournaments with children across the borough and our Year 3 and 4 children are poised to compete in the cross-country competition at Crystal Palace.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Fiona Lane who worked as a Midday Supervisor over the past three years as well as being an integral part of the office team. We would like to thank her for all her hard work; she will be missed by both the staff and children. We wish her all the best in her new role at Southborough.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Elizabeth Welenski who will be working as both a teaching assistant in year 2 and year 3 and an MDS after February half term until the end of the year.

Please could we ask that you read the reminders on page two of this newsletter. We would also very much appreciate if Parents/Carers could take a few minutes to fill out the Website and Communication questionnaire that came home this week as this will help to inform us how our website is used.

We would like to wish all our families a happy and restful half term and look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 25 February.

Miss James
Head Teacher

Mrs Browne
Head of School



CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
Monday 25th February 2019

School News

Urgent Parent Information

Attendance Policy 2018/19

Please can we ask that you refer to our 2018/19 attendance policy that is available on the school website which states that if your child is going to be absent from school that you report this each day they are the absent, no later than 9.30am. You can report your child absent using the absence line facility to leave a message, by email or calling the school office on 01689 853295. If your child has a hospital/medical appointment please supply the school with medical evidence to support this.

Access to School

There has been a very high increase in access being requested during the school day to the office. Please can we ask all parents/carers to ensure they send their child in with all that they require for the school day and that any slips/payments are either posted in the school post box or handed into the office at drop off and pick up times.

This is ultimately for the safety of the children as the school gates should remain closed from 9.00am until they open for collection at 3.05pm but also the office is very busy throughout the school day.

Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parents are parking on the yellow zig-zag's outside the school gates to drop and collect children to and from both Farnborough Kids Club and for school drop off and collection times. By parking here you are putting children at risk who may be crossing the road at these times as well as causing an obstruction to staff members entering and leaving the school car park who are unable to see any approaching vehicles.

School Nut Policy

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school. Any items containing nuts in your child's lunch box/after school snacks will be removed and you will be contacted by the school. Due to allergies we would appreciate your full support in this matter.

School News

Science Ambassadors

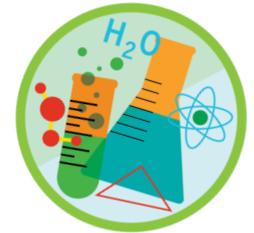
It's been a very busy half term for our Young Science Ambassadors!

As well as taking part in Science Club, they have also been enthusiastically promoting Science throughout the school and they helped to lead a whole school Science Celebration Assembly.

Every Monday lunchtime, our Science Ambassadors (Helena, Charlotte, Saskia, Freya, Leah and Megan) excitedly put on their lab coats and take part in a variety of practical Science activities. Sometimes Mrs Matthews thinks of a question that they investigate, but lately they have been coming up with their own suggestions of things that they would like to explore further.

Activities have included investigating whether lemons will always float, exploring the effects of carbon dioxide to make sultanas dance and cleaning pennies using ketchup!

Have a look on the website for our weekly updates and if you decide to try one of the activities at home, please come and tell our Science Ambassadors and Mrs Matthews. We'd love to hear how you got on!



Past and Present School Council Trip to Parliament

On Thursday 7 February our current Key Stage 2 School Council members as well as last year's representatives, went to Westminster to visit the Houses of Parliament.

We were fortunate enough to be given a guided tour where we were very excited to be walking in the path of some of the great historical figures of kings, queens and political leaders. First, we visited Westminster Hall. We learnt so many interesting facts, for example: the Queen's chair is higher than everybody else as nobody is allowed to sit at the same height as her; the Queen is not allowed in the House of Commons; and the angels in the House of Lords are made of pure gold.

Our next stop was sitting in the gallery of both Houses where we were fascinated to see the democratic process in action and experience real life politics that we had only seen before on the television.

After that, it was time to take part in a workshop about how the election process works. We were able to participate in our own mini-election where we had the chance to experience what it is like to be a candidate and a voter. We split into four groups as competing political parties and created our own manifestoes. Once each party had presented its manifesto we held an election using a ballot box. and finished with the naming of our own Prime Minister- Well done, Enrico!

The visit ended with a personal visit from Jo Johnson, our local MP, who was very good at describing his role and answering all of our questions. Both a fun and great learning experience for all involved!



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Reception

This half term the Reception class went on their very first school trip. We went to the Planetarium in Greenwich to support our topic work on Space and had a great day out.

Here is Ellie's recount of the day..

"First we went on a coach. Then we went to watch a show about space in a cinema. We went in a room and we had a parachute and we went to the moon. Next we had lunch. Then we went to some rooms to play some space games. Last we went to see the view of London. I loved the trip."



Thank you to all the parents who helped on the trip- we couldn't have done it without you!



Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about Chinese New Year and recently had the opportunity to celebrate it.

With some help from Year 6 we made red paper lanterns and played the chopstick challenge. It was great fun having the classes together and lovely to see how well children from across the school were able to work together.

After our games in the morning Year 1 learned how to cook a Chinese noodle dish. We used lots of ingredients and were able to complete all of the steps ourselves.

In the afternoon we participated in a Chinese dance workshop where we learned a fan dance and had a parade to cap off our celebration of the New Year. Thank you to all parents for providing such lovely outfits to help our day feel even more special.



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Year 2

In our Science lessons this term our topic is 'Materials'. We have been thinking about how materials change when they are heated, as well as what happens when different materials are mixed together.

In one lesson, we took flour, salt, food colouring and water. After carefully measuring out what we needed, we mixed them together to make our own playdough. We had lots of fun kneading the dough and worked well in our teams.

The children thought about how the materials changed completely just from mixing them together. We discussed the reasons for this change, and thought about the fact that we couldn't undo the change and turn playdough into flour, salt and water.



Madison from Merpeople class said, "We had the best time ever making playdough!" Zackary added, "We were surprised that soft flour and gritty salt turned into stretchy playdough."



Year 3

Year 3 have been having fun doing skills academy with Matt. If you want to be in a football club this is the one you want to be in! This is the place where you have fun and learn how to play football. The teacher is kind and fun. We play games and football. We have learnt a lot of new skills and how to work together as part of a team. If you're a football fan you'll love skills academy lessons.

Written by Lyra & Mia

We have drumming every week in Year 3 with Mr Hughes. We enjoy those lesson because we have fun, learn new songs and get to play the djembe drums. We have learnt to have good posture, listen well and follow the beat. We can't wait to carry on playing after half term!

Written by Fillippa & Eva



This half-term we have been having dance lessons with Progressive Sports. It has been an enjoyable time as well as getting us to exercise.

It has been great that we have been challenged in these lessons but, it was so much fun!

One of the phenomenal lessons was when we were in partners and we were Folk Dancing. Folk Dancing is where you have a good connection with your partner and it you can then dance well in the group the group dance.

It has been fantastic to be able to be even more creative, learn new skills and improve our timing each week. Pegasus have really enjoyed our weekly dance lessons.

Written by Anselm



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Year 4

This half term, year 4 have been busy learning about the Anglo-Saxons. Our favourite activity based on our topic was making our very own Anglo Saxon passport. We included where we were born (which was Denmark, the Netherlands, or Germany), what skills we had, what jobs we did, and how old we were. We also learnt about the Anglo-Saxon gods and goddesses. Eostre was our favourite goddess as she was the goddess of spring and rebirth; her sacred animal was the hare. She was also the goddess of the month of April. We went on an epic adventure to the British Museum in London on a school trip; it took us nearly 2 hours on the coach! We went to learn about Sutton Hoo, which turned out to be a burial site with 17 mounds. The biggest mound had a massive ship with a dead king, called Raedwald, in it. Modern archaeologists only knew about it because of the remains of objects King Raedwald was buried with. These included; a helmet, a shield, spears, dishes, coins, armour and a stringed instrument called a lyre. Anglo-Saxons believed that a person should be buried with their belongings so that they are prepared for the afterlife. At the museum, we went to a workshop, where we pretended we were news reporters and archaeologists who had just discovered Sutton Hoo. We all had different roles in our news reporting team, some of us were archaeologists, some of us were interviewers, some of us were news presenters and some of us had the task of directing our news bulletin.

Linked to our topic, in English we studied a book called Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo and illustrated by Michael Foreman. We focused on the first story in the book called Beowulf and Grendel, the Monster of the night. We wrote a diary of Beowulf's treacherous journey as he crossed the stormy sea to Denmark to defeat the ugly monster Grendel. We made sure we used as much description as possible so the reader felt like they were there with us! We had fun learning about the topic and can't wait to see what we are going to learn next...



Year 5

In Centaurs class we have been very busy in our learning. In Science this term Centaurs have been learning about Space. In particular our class learned about craters on the moon. Centaurs carried out a fun experiment to measure the impact. We used flour to act as the moon surface and to represent asteroids we used different sized clay balls, which when they hit the surface of the moon create craters. They were dropped from different heights. Then we measured the impact crater and discovered that the higher the drop the bigger the crater. We had lots of fun and got very messy!



Recently in P.E we have been doing Dance. Every Thursday afternoon we have been given a dance to adapt or perfect. We have also explored using objects to help us create our dances. On Thursday 7th February we did a 'Ghost Dance', which was inspired by Christopher Bruce. This dance is based on ghosts and civilians at the time when Chile was ruled by a dictatorship and many people disappeared. After learning part of the dance we then added our own short ideas to the beginning and end of the work we had learnt. We really had to work together to create the correct shapes. One of Centaurs favourite dances so far has been folk dancing. We really enjoyed this dance as it was fun and upbeat. The class was split in half and taught the dance. We loved this dance because it was very energetic.

Centaur's have really enjoyed doing dance and hope to learn many more dances in the future.

By Samuel , Holly and Mia



School News

Year 6

TRIP TO SKY ACADEMY STUDIOS

On Thursday 7th February 2019, Year 6 (Dragons) travelled to Sky Academy Studios. We took 2 trains to get there and passed many iconic buildings for London.

When we got to Sky Academy Studios we put our stuff on desks and got into our groups. After that we were given different lanyards saying what our jobs were e.g. editor, reporter and director. We went to the studio lobby and watched a video about the studio and how it works.

We walked into our four studios. In the studios there was a green screen, a computer and a £15,000 camera.

We had 45 minutes to film, edit and dress and we started by choosing a backdrop. Then we dressed up as the characters we were pretending to be.

Once the 45 minutes were up, we all left the studios and saw the actual news room. Then we went back into our news rooms and watched our sky sports news reports.

And then we took two trains home again.

We found the trip really interesting and had a great time!

By Jon, Joseph and Johnny



Sport

On Tuesday 12th February 2019, at 1pm-3pm, year 5 and 6 split into 3 teams of 7; then it was up to us to go against Forestdale primary school, which was split into 3 teams of 6/7. We had 2 pitches so 2 matches could play at once. For the first match, team A and team B played on pitch 1 whilst team C spectated meanwhile Forestdale were stretching on the other pitch.

Whenever we finished a match: Gracie, Felicity, Simone, Heidi, Lauren, Niamh and Anisah would all try really hard to find a suitable stick to scrape the oozy mud off their boots for satisfaction. Annoyingly, the sun started to shine so the goalies facing the sun couldn't see clearly, but the other team that wasn't facing the sun were lucky because they could see, so after a match finished the 2 teams that were playing next would try and be first to the opposite side of the sun.

Overall, this was an extremely fun and enjoyable event to participate in, all of us had a very exciting announcement when both school teams played a huge 20-21 aside match!

By Gracie and Amelie.



PTA NEWS

PTA Update - February 2019

Thank you to everyone who contributed unwanted gifts in January. They are stored away for future events. Our **Woodman pub quiz** was another sell out event. A great evening and we raised £460 for the school.

Spending our Funds

We continue to contribute half of the cost of the Bromley Youth Music Trust provision each term (£1000). We have also committed to contributing £1000 towards the clearing and renovating of the pond area by forest school, to take place during the summer. In addition, this school year we will contribute towards new interactive whiteboards for the school.

Sponsored Read

We are very happy to be partnering with Kathryn Bell, our local Usborne Books Organiser, and to be holding a sponsored read over the half term break. Encourage your child to raise money through regular reading each day and to raise funds for the school. Usborne will donate extra, free books to the school depending on the amount we raise- up to 60% if we raise over £600. Please do return your child's sponsorship monies and form by Friday 1 March.



Phil the Bag

Phil the Bag textile recycling will be held the week following the half term break, 25 Feb – 1 March.

Class Cake Sales/Tuck Shop

Each class rep has now received information about holding an after school cake sale/tuck shop. These sales will be organised by class reps and parents and the profits will directly benefit the class. Please check the details with your class rep.



Secret Gift Room

On Wed 27th March we will hold a Secret Gift Room. All children will be invited to bring in £1 to purchase and wrap a gift for a loved one of their choice. This event is held ahead of Mothering Sunday, so children may buy a gift for their mum, grandmother, aunt, etc. One gift may be purchased per child.

PTA Recruitment

We have not yet had any new PTA Committee volunteers come forward- *this has meant we are unable to plan a Summer end of term event this year*. The PTA Committee role is a very rewarding one. Roles can be shared out and there is plenty of support available. For more information chat to a current member of the committee, or have a look at the Parentkind website. We are members of Parentkind and the website offers information about the role of PTAs and resources to make committee tasks easier.



Dates for the Diary:

Mon 25 February-Fri 1 March:	Phil the Bag
Friday 1 March:	Sponsored Reading monies due
Wednesday 6 March:	8pm PTA Meeting at The Woodman
Wednesday 27 March:	Secret Gift Room
Tuesday 30 April:	7pm PTA Meeting, at School
Saturday 8 June:	Beautification Day 2019
Wednesday 12 June:	8pm PTA Meeting at Woodman
Tuesday 25 June:	7pm PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) at School
Friday 12 July:	Summer Event <i>Cancelled</i> as no new PTA volunteers



FARNBOROUGH KIDS CLUB NEWS

Happy 'Food' Year! @ Farnborough Kids Club!

Looking back over this half terms photo diary, we seem to have expressed our creativity mainly through food! Not really helping all those new year resolutions, but we do have the excuse that its often been too cold and dark to go outside! After decorating our polar bear cakes & marshmallow snowman we did burn off lots of calories with daily snowball skirmishes and winter themed games!



Although temperatures did drop we didn't see much ice or snow, so were pleased when we successfully grew our own ice (salt) crystals. Our ice crystals and our 'cheerio' bird treats did look good enough to eat but were not consumed!



We did however return back to food for Chinese New Year when we made Pink Pig Cakes to celebrate the Year of the Pig!



We will end the term celebrating our love of food when we make some jam heart tarts for valentines day! I don't think they will last long enough to be given to any valentines, but it's the thought that counts! We have already opened up our hairdresser's to make sure we are looking our best for our own Valentines film night where we will all snuggle down to enjoy our mystery film. (Which will be decided through our votes this week.)



We hope all our club members and their families have a lovely half term break and we will be back with more fun for the second half of the term. Thanks in advance for all club members and their families who take time to complete our Questionnaires. These give us valuable feedback so we can improve our services.

We are very busy at Farnborough Kids Club, with some days now fully booked! However some sessions are still available! If you would like to register or for more information please contact **Penny Turpin 01689 852637 or 07963345480.**

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Dates for the diary...

Mon 25th February

Mon 25th Feb– Fri 1st March

Fri 1st March

Fri 1st– Wed 6th March

Weds 6th March

Fri 8th March

Thurs 14th March

Fri 15th March

Fri 22nd March

Weds 27th March

Thurs 28th March

Thurs 28th March

Friday 29th March

Wed 3rd April

Thurs 4th April

Friday 5th April

Tues 23rd April

Weds 24th April

Tues 30th April

Thurs 2nd May

Thurs 23rd May

Mon 27th to Fri 31st May

Sat 8th June

Mon 10th—Fri 14th June

Tues 11th June

Weds 12th June

Thurs 20th June

Thurs 20th June

Fri 21st June

Tues 25th June

Wed 3rd—Fri 5th July

Fri 5th July

Tues 16th July

Wed 17th July

Fri 19th July

Fri 19th July

All Day

8.30am & 3pm

8pm

All Day

6.00-8.00pm

All Day

TBC

9.30-10.30am

2-3pm

2-3pm

3.30-7pm

3.30-6pm

All Day

7pm

4.00-6.00pm

TBC

TBC

8pm

Morning

6.00-8.00pm

All Day

7pm

1.45pm

6pm

9.30am

Children return to school

Phil The Bag

PTA Sponsored reading monies due

Scholastic Book Fair

PTA Meeting @ The Woodman

World Book Day 2019 (see website for more dtls)

Local Committee Meeting

Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

- Bring in your Red Nose Creations

- Wear It Red

RND Competition winner will be announced in the usual school assembly

PTA Secret Gift Room

Farnborough Spa Taster Presentation

Year 3 & 4 Show 'Lights, Camera action'

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Parents' Evening

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Last day of term

Children return to school

Fit 4 Kids- Health Workshop

PTA Meeting @ School

Spring Concert

Local Committee Meeting

Half Term

PTA Beautification Day 2019

Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

Reception trip to Godstone Farm

PTA Meeting @ The Woodman

Sports Day, Reception and KS1

Local Committee Meeting

Sports Day, KS2

PTA AGM Meeting @ the School

Year 5 Sayers Croft Trip

Reports Out

End of Year Production, Years 5 and 6

End of Year Production, Years 5 and 6

Leavers' Assembly

Last day of term

Reminders

School Hours

May we please remind you how important it is that children arrive on time for school. The doors open at 8.40am with school starting at 8.50am. 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.

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.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT ALL PUPILS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A FARNBOROUGH SCHOOL BACKPACK WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT £7.50 INFANT SIZE AND £8.50 JUNIOR SIZE.

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.

Parking

We are continuing to receive a number of complaints in relation to parking across residents' driveways. Residents will now be asked to contact the police directly and report any cars that are not parked correctly.

School News

Attendance

100% Attendance for the first half of the Spring Term 2019

We would like to congratulate the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the first half of the Spring Term, from **Monday 7th January up to and including Friday 15th February 2019**, for the academic year 2018/19:

Henry, Summer, Malije, Ethan, Shanelle, Ellie, James, Daniel, Jessica, Ronny, Henry, Leo, Thomas, Teddy, Jackson, Edward, Rowen, Lucas, Dominic, Oliver, Matthew, Evie, Daisy, Ambrose, Noah, James, Sofiya, Freya, Lewis, Saffy, George, Rowan, Jacob, Zackary, Euan, Florence, Isabelle, Daisy, Charlotte, Harriet, Darcy, Daniel, Lewis, Eva, Ashley, Annabella, Oliver, Cameron, Sonny, Brody, Yasmin, Ralph, Jake, Alfie, Sophia, Evie, Isabella, Beau, Abhinav, Albert-Beau, Layla, Lucas, Isaac, Lillian, Alana, Daisy, Sam, Benjamin, Anselm, Charlotte, Anna-Sophia, Ilona, George, Daniel, Ethan, Kit, Eva, Freddie, Fenton, Evie, Polina, Milly, Chloe, Louie, Ashiana, Lawrence, Evie, Mary, Olivia, Harrison, Elishka, Katia, Noah, Spencer, Iona, Michael, Leon, Charlotte, Erina, Harry, Megan, Annelise, Billy, Xavier, Leah, Amelie, Max, Joshua, Lilly, Jacob, Oscar, Samuel, Michelle, Joel, Enrico, Abriana, Astrid, Kushal, Holly, Sadie, Simone, Alexander, Eden, Francesca, Sonny, Isla, Felicity, Joseph, Heidi, Niamh, Amelie, Lauren and Georgina.

**A special congratulations to those children who have obtained
100% attendance so far for this academic year!**



Jessica, Henry, Edward, Dominic, Oliver, Matthew, Evie, Rowan, Zackary, Florence, Daisy, Charlotte, Harriet, Eva, Oliver, Alfie, Lillian, Alana, Anselm, Charlotte, Anna-Sophia, George, Ethan, Kit, Freddie, Fenton, Lawrence, Evie, Harrison, Elishka, Noah, Michael, Leon, Harry, Annelise, Billy, Leah, Amelie, Max, Lilly, Michelle, Joel, Abriana, Holly, Francesca, Felicity, Joseph, Heidi, Niamh and Amelie.



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Attendance

As many of you will be aware, the school places a high focus on excellent attendance and punctuality. This is to ensure that our children make the most of the learning opportunities given which will enable them to achieve their full potential.

Last year, our whole school attendance figure was 96.6% which means we did not achieve our target of 98%. Our aim for this academic year will once again be 98%.

We are now working closely alongside the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), who is assigned to our school. Children whose attendance is under 92% are regularly tracked. Parents may receive a letter stating that their child's attendance will be monitored over the following six weeks. From now on if a child is absent from school due to lots of illness or medical absences, there will be a letter sent from the EWO asking for medical verification for any further absences to be authorised.

Ofsted place a high priority on children's attendance and punctuality and this could have a direct impact on future Ofsted inspections. They consider overall absence and persistent absence rates for all pupils, the extent to which low attenders are improving their attendance over time and punctuality in arriving at school. **We have noticed a substantial decline in the number of requests for leave of absence; we would like to thank you for this. We would also like to say well done to the number of children who have gained an attendance of 92% and above from September to December. This term, we have far fewer children whose attendance is under 92% which is great to see.**

The table below shows each class's attendance up from September 2018 to February 2019.

	Up to Oct 2018	Up to Dec 2018	Up to Feb 2019
Pixies (Reception)	98.0	96.9	96.5
Elves (Year 1)	97.5	96.9	96.4
Mer People (Year 2F)	98.6	97.9	97.0
Unicorns (Year 2P)	97.8	96.8	96.9
Pegasus (Year 3F)	98.1	98.1	97.6
Phoenix (Year 3P)	98.4	98.0	97.3
Griffins (Year 4)	98.0	97.7	97.3
Centaurus (Year 5)	98.3	97.1	96.7
Dragons (Year 6)	96.5	96.5	96.4

Well done **UNICORNS** for having the highest attendance for this half term of 97.4%.

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Juice Payments for the Second Half of Spring Term 2019

Monday 25 February 2019 will be the first day the children will be having their drinks of fruit juice for the second half of the Spring Term 2019:



Juice: £10.50



THERE IS A STRICT DEADLINE FOR ALL MONIES TO BE RECEIVED BY

9AM ON MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2019 AS PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ANY PAYMENT MADE VIA 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) WRITTEN ON THE FRONT.

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

If your log in for 'AGORA' has expired or you experience any problems please contact Mrs Pugh at shirley.pugh@farnborough.bromley.sch.uk, who will be only too happy to assist.

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

Dinner Monies for Junior Children for the Second Half of Spring Term 2019

The dinner monies due for the second half of the Spring Term 2019 are as follows:

Juniors

£2.20 per day

£11.00 per week

£66.00 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.

Parents are reminded that it is essential 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 immediately.

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 contact Mrs Pugh.

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Application for Free School Meals 2018/19

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.

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

Term	Term Dates
Autumn Term September 2018 – December 2018	Tuesday 4 September - Friday 19 October
	HALF TERM Half-term 22 October - 26 October
	Monday 29 October - Wednesday 19 December
Spring Term January 2019– March 2019	Monday 7 January - Friday 15 February
	HALF TERM Half-term 18 - 22 February
	Monday 25 February - Friday 5 April
Summer Term April 2019 – July 2019	Tuesday 23 April - Friday 24 May
	HALF TERM Half-term 27 May - 31 May
	Monday 3 June - Friday 19 July

*Please note inset days are included within the dates above and the 2019/20 Term dates are now available on our website

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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