



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another half term has whizzed by which we have thoroughly enjoyed. The school has been filled with the children singing, acting, rehearsing and dancing as well as continuing to learn new concepts within their classrooms. We have been delighted that so many children have visited us on a regular basis who are full of confidence and enthusiasm to show their wonderful learning.

We would like to say well done to all the choir who performed as part of a music concert at Langley Boys secondary as well as an end of term concert at school; they represented the school beautifully.

Our annual Christmas Market was another huge success. We would like to say a very big thank you to the PTA who put so much time and energy into making the event so successful. Thank you to all the parent and staff helpers who kindly gave up their time and to all the parents/carers and members of the community who supported the event.

The whole school enjoyed a recent visit by M&M Theatre Company who performed, 'Beauty and the Beast'. The cast gave a fantastic performance which was great fun and enjoyed by the children.

In school this half term, we have received visits from Zoolab, the police, the fire service, paramedics and the lollipop lady, more of which you can read later.

Reception, and Years 1 and 2 worked incredibly hard on their Christmas performances. The singing, acting, dancing and costumes were all wonderful. Year 3 raised an amazing £181.44 for their carol singing and Year 4 put together a charity event to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund as an exit point for their topic 'secrets of the rainforest'. Thank you to our community who helped to raise an incredible £470 for the occasion. Years 5 and 6 helped us end the term by their splendid carol service in the local church, St. Giles.

We would like to say a big thank you to all members of the school community for their hard work during the autumn term. Schools consist of a huge number of people who carry out a variety of roles, all of which come together to help make our school a nurturing and aspiring place to learn.

This will be the last time that the newsletter is being produced in its current format. We will now be updating the website more frequently with news and events from each class as well as Miss James and Mrs Browne.

We would like to wish all our families a very happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Have lots of fun together and we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 8 January.

Miss James
Head Teacher

Mrs Browne
Head of School



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CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON
Wednesday 8 January 2020

Dates for the diary...

Wednesday 8 January 2020

Thursday, 16 January

Friday 17 January

Wednesday 22 January

Wednesday 22 January

Friday 7 February

Friday 14 February

Monday 10 - Friday 24 February

Monday 17 - Friday 21 February

Monday 24 February

Friday 28 February

Wednesday 4 March

Thursday 5 March

Tuesday 17 March

Wednesday 18 March

Monday 23- Wednesday 25 March

Tuesday 31 March

Wednesday 1 April

Thursday 2 April

Thursday 2 April

Friday 3 April

Monday 20 April

Tuesday 28 April

Monday 25- Friday 29 May

Monday 1 June

Saturday 6 June

Monday 8 June

Monday 8- Friday 12 June

Wednesday 10 June

Tuesday 16 June

Thursday 18 June

Friday 19 June

Thursday 25 June

Friday, 10 July

Saturday, 11 July

Tuesday 14 July

Wednesday 15 July

Friday 17 July

Friday 17 July

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9.00am

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3.30-8.00pm

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All Day

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6.30pm

6.30pm

9.30am

Children return to school

PTA Meeting at The Woodman

PTA Pub Quiz at The Woodman

Reception visit to the Planetarium

Year 4 Trip to the British Museum

NSPCC Number Day 2020

Year 6 Visit to Sky Studios

PTA- Smarties Fundraiser

Half Term

Children return to school

PTA Posh Bingo

PTA Meeting

World Book Day

PTA-Secret Gift Room ahead of Mother's Day

Year 5 & 6 Trip to see Wicked

Year 5 PGL – Sayers Croft

Junior Choir– performance to parents

Year 3 and 4 Production

Year 3 and 4 Production

Parent's Evening

Last day of term

Children return to school

PTA Meeting at the school

Half Term

Children return to school

PTA-Beautification Day TBC

PTA- Shopping and Pamper Night TBC

Year 6 PGL- Isle of Wight

PTA Meeting

PTA-Secret Gift Room ahead of Father's Day

KS1 Sports Mornings

KS2 Sports Day & family picnic- details to follow

PTA AGM Meeting at School

PTA- Summer Event set up

PTA- Summer Event

Year 5 & 6 End of Year Production

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Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Last day of term



Christmas 2019 at Farnborough

The children enjoyed a performance from the school choir during Assembly on Tuesday 3rd December. The choir has over 70 members from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and they sang a number of songs confidently to an appreciative audience. Well done!



Elf Day at Farnborough



School News

Year 1 and Year 2

Strictly Come Dancing, but better?

Over the last few weeks, Elves and Unicorns classes have been very busy practising for their Christmas Play 'Lights, Camera, Action'.

You all know the characters from the Nativity story: the angels, Mary, Joseph, the inn-keepers, the shepherds, the wise men, not to mention Caesar Augustus and the various animal cast of sheep, camels and the donkey...well, did you know they can dance?

In our retelling of this familiar story we saw the people of Nazareth doing a line dance, Mary and Joseph singing beautifully, ballet dancing angels, the shepherds performing a Morris dance, ably helped by their sheep, the disco stars and their backing singers...and who could forget the funky camels and the tangoing innkeepers?

All this to announce and celebrate the arrival of baby Jesus all those years ago in Bethlehem.

We are very proud of all of the children and would like to thank you all for your support.



"When the show started I felt a little bit shy, but as soon as I saw the people in the audience smiling at me, I was excited"
Harrison, Unicorns Class

"My best part of the show was when I did my donkey dance"
Oliver, Unicorns Class

"I loved doing the townspeople dance, I loved the foot bit!"
Lauren, Elves class

"I got to do my favourite disco dance"
Aymen, Elves class

"The angels were the best, I liked the way they danced".
Angel, Elves class.

School News

Reception

This half term the theme in Reception has been People Who Help Us and we have had lots of visitors in to talk to the children. First of all we had a Dental Nurse who talked to the children about their teeth and how to look after them - she also brought some huge toothbrushes and lots of puppets for them to practise on! A Reception parent, also managed to secure an ambulance for the afternoon in his role as a paramedic and the children were able to explore this fully as well as finding out about some of the special equipment used on it. Then Julia Smith a local Police Officer came in and told the class all about her job and let them try on her police hat and look at her special police radio. After this we had a visit from the Lollipop lady who talked to the children about why she wore such a bright coat and showed them her lollipop stick which some children had a turn holding. In addition Orpington Fire Station brought the fire engine and its crew for a visit - the children had a full tour of the fire engine, inside and out, and they even got the opportunity to use the fire hose! As a result of all these visits, and the many role play opportunities the children enjoyed, they have learnt a great deal about all the people out in their local community who are there to help them. Now we are starting to think about our next topic - Space - and our first school trip in January which will be to The Planetarium in Greenwich.

The children have also had the opportunity to visit Forest School for the very first time this half term - fully kitted out for all weathers in their waterproofs and wellies! The first few weeks have been focused on learning the rules and exploring the full extent of Forest School and all the brilliant opportunities it presents.

Towards the end of term the children also performed their first show, 'The Nativity', to many audiences! They did this with confidence and sang the songs they had learnt beautifully. Well Done Reception!



We would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our Drop Everything and Read sessions this half term - we really appreciate parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and carers taking time out of their busy day to come and read with the children at the end of the day in class.

Year 3

On Friday 13th December, Year 3 sang Christmas songs at the gates of the school to raise money for charity. We enjoyed singing a number of different songs to our parents, our favourites including 'Rocking around the Christmas Tree' and 'Jingle Bells'. It was nice to see lots of parents joining in with us too!



We have raised a fantastic £181.44 which we will be donating to UNICEF to help those less fortunate than us. We will be creating 'Paddington Parcels' with different equipment and toys to send to others around the world. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations, we hope you had a lovely afternoon with us.

Year 3 have also been sewing their own Christmas stockings in D.T. lessons. They used different types of stitches to create their designs and are excited to use them over the Christmas holidays.



School News

Year 4

In the lead up to Christmas, Year 4 had been busy preparing for their Christmas fundraising event, which took place on Friday 13th December 2019. This was completed in aid of the World Wildlife Foundation. To find out how you can help and Adopt a Jaguar please follow the link below:

<https://support.wwf.org.uk/adopt-a-jaguar?ga=1.217794454.164333108.1456825222>

The children sang beautifully, like angels with actions to accompany the songs. There was also a sale of products made by Year 4. Small jars were recycled and used to make festive candles; bookmarks displaying stylised feather drawings in ink were also sold. A few days prior to the fundraising event both Griffins and Giants had a bake-off experience, where Christmas Cakes were made and decorated. Hot chocolate reindeer were also available for sale. Alongside this there was also a raffle, the prize being a "Christmas Eve box" filled with plenty of Christmas goodies including a Michael Morpurgo signed copy of 'Dear Grandpa', which was won by a lucky parent in the Raffle. It was an amazing morning run by the children of Year 4, who all completed their roles and showed brilliant teamwork throughout to ensure the morning was faultless. A grand total of £470 was raised for a brilliant cause.

From all of the Year 4 team we hope everyone has the most amazing Christmas!



Year 5

Centaurs had a great time on Elf day and made these snowmen. Would you believe it they were made from socks and rice? We had a fun and messy experience making them. We are still finding rice days later.



Miss Morrison was very proud of us for bringing so much food for the Food Bank.

We did this because we know some people are not as fortunate as us and we wanted to make a difference. Hopefully we have made a difference to peoples Christmases.



Centaurs have been working extremely hard learning Christmas Carols for our Christmas Carol Service. We have been rehearsing our Christmas carols with Dragons class. Initially, it was hard because we knew the traditional carols but did not know all of the new carols but with hard work and perseverance we have learnt all the songs.



After our rehearsal in the morning, we performed at our Christmas Carol service that evening. At the start we were nervous, however our parents calmed us with their enthusiastic clapping after every song, instrumental pieces and readings. There were even some tears of joy, happiness and pride!

It was a unique experience which we will cherish forever.

School News

Year 6

Christmas Market

On Sunday 24th November, Farnborough Primary School held their Christmas market. Around the school were different activities to enjoy, such as raffles and chocolate tombola's in the hall, Santa Claus had made his home in Year Five for the day and you could decorate a bauble in Year One.

Dragons (Year Six) made and decorated their very own stalls and classroom. The stalls were sensational and included: golden bauble, face painting, Shoot the Grinch, etc. The class all really enjoyed preparing and running their own stalls and raised just over £200!

Scarlett and Aarav



Sport

On Friday 29th November, boys from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in a football tournament against Poverest Primary School. We were lucky to have a beautiful afternoon and both schools thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There were excellent performances and great goals in all games.



On Tuesday 10th December, Poverest Primary School once again visited our school bringing two teams for a girls football tournament. Despite the poor weather, the girls from both schools put in fantastic performances and had a great playing in the drizzle and blowing wind.

The three Farnborough teams all did brilliantly, playing with and supporting each other on the field. Well done to the Farnborough 2 team who remained unbeaten for the whole tournament.



PTA NEWS

PTA Update December 2019

Christmas Market

We are delighted that we raised an incredible total of £4515.00. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this years Christmas Market by donating throughout November, helping with preparations, donation days, market setup, running of the stalls and clearing away. Thank you to all who came along with your families, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. We would welcome any feedback.



Unwanted gifts

Should you receive any unwanted gifts over the festive period then please consider donating them in January, these get used in our secret gift rooms. (Mother's and Father's day) Please pop them in the plastic donation box at the school gate.

Woodman Pub Quiz

We will be holding our popular sell out pub quiz on the 17th January 2020. Entry is £5 per person, teams of up to six people are welcome to enter. The quiz starts at 8pm. Look out for the form in January to book your place. There will be a small raffle with some great prizes.

Posh Bingo

We will be holding a brand new event which was voted for by our parents. It will be similar to the standard bingo format but there will be bubbles and posh prizes. More details to follow in the new year.

PTA Committee

We are always on the lookout for new committee members, we are a friendly bunch and enjoy having regular monthly meetings, if you would like to join us come and say hello.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your PTA Team

Email: farnboroughpta@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16 January 2020- PTA Meeting

Friday 17 January 2020- Pub Quiz

28 February 2020- Posh Bingo



FARNBOROUGH KIDS CLUB NEWS

We Are The Champions!!

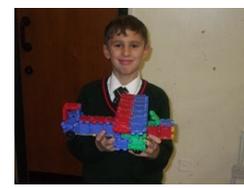
Our first ever 'Bake off' was a huge hit with some very creative decorating by all teams! Congratulations to our Champion Bakers the Bronze Award went to Reception. Silver Award to Year 6 and the Gold Award to Year 4! We were all winners as we got to eat our creations!!



The challenges came in all forms from Apple bobbing during our Halloween Party to making the perfect slime!



We became 'Champion Engineers' during our new STEM week. Designing and making, parachutes, rockets amazing mazes and lots of fantastic models!



A BIG well done to all our winners in our 'Design a Road Safety Poster' & Cycle helmet competitions and our Assault course & cup stacking challenges!



A BIG THANK YOU to all our club members and their families, who not only support us but bring energy and enthusiasm to our clubs. Thanks also to our Purple team who work so hard to make the fun happen!!

We hope you all have a very merry (yet restful) festive season and we look forward to seeing you for loads more fun in the New Year!!

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.**

PS. Farnborough Kids Club welcome any old toy/ games donations – particularly action figures/ dolls....so if you are having a tidy out over Christmas why not think of recycling your old toys to us? Thank you!!

School News

Attendance

100% Attendance for the second half of the Autumn Term 2019

We would like to congratulate the following children who obtained 100% attendance for the second half of the Autumn Term, from **Monday 28 October up to and including Thursday 19 December 2019**, for the academic year 2019/20:

Libby, Henry B, Luca, Evie, Leo, Morgan, Ronnie, Annabelle, Finnley, Jackson, Kaiden, Mackenzia, Hanna, Olivia, Donte, Vienna, Aymen, Henry B, William, Shanelle, James, Daniel, Millie, Jessica, Ronny, Mollie, Henry T, Sophia-May, Leo V, Guy, Ben, Teddy, Emmy, Zachary, Harrison, Edward, William, Rowen, Eesha, Lucas, Dominic, Oliver, Shayla, Samuel, Evie, Henry, Ambrose, Noah, Samuel, Amy, Freya, Saffy, George, Zackary, Florence, Ryan, Maria, Isabelle, James, Lucy, Jonathan, Daisy, Charlotte, Shannon, Daniel, Ava, Eva, Ashley, Oliver L, Cameron, Brody, Sophia, Evie, Beau, Faith, Abhinav, Isabelle, Layla, Ella, Julia, Lillian, Tilly, Hollie, Daisy, Daisy– Anais, Sam, Ayaan, Niamh, George P, Anselm, Anna-Sophia, Ilona, George T, Ellie, Daniel, Fillippa, Ethan, Oliver, Isla, Kit, Lyra, Eva, Nethra, Fenton, Annie, Evie L, Polina, Aayush, Oluwatoni, Chloe, Louie, Ashiana, Lawrence, Evie V, Archie, Zane, Olivia, Harrison, Elishka, Katia, William, Spencer, Dannii, Vincent, Michael, Leon, Charlotte, Megan, Annelise, Billy, Leah, Amelie, Max, Joshua, Ava, Sophie C, Sophie C, Jacob, Ochuko, Katie, Michelle, Joel, Keiran, Astrid, Holly and Scarlett.

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



Henry B, Luca, Morgan, Ronnie, Annabelle, Finnley, Jackson, Kaiden, Mackenzie, Hanna, Donte, Vienna, Henry B, William, James, Daniel, Millie, Jessica, Mollie, Henry T, Sophia-May, Guy, Teddy, Zachary, William, Rowen, Eesha, Lucas, Dominic, Samuel, Evie, Henry, Ambrose, Noah, Samuel, Any, Freya, Saffy, George, Zackary, Florence, Ryan, Isabelle, Lucy, Jonathan, Charlotte, Shannon, Daniel, Eva, Ashley, Oliver L, Cameron, Brody, Sophia, Beau, Faith, Abhinav, Isabelle, Layla, Ella, Julia, Lillian, Tilly, Hollie, Daisy-Anais, Ayaan, Niamh, George P, Anselm, George T, Ellie, Daniel. Fillippa, Ethan, Lyra, Eva, Nethra, Fenton, Annie, Evie L, Polina, Oluwatoni, Chloe, Louie, Lawrence, Evie V, Zane, Olivia, Harrison, Katia, William, Spencer, Dannii, Vincent, Michael, Leon, Charlotte, Annelise, Billy, Leah, Amelie, Max, Joshua, Ava, Sophie C, Sophie C, Ochuko, Joel, Keiran and Scarlett



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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 96.9% which means we did not achieve our target of 97%. We would have been on track for 97%, however, at the end of the summer term, we saw a sharp rise in absences.

Attendance is regularly tracked across the school. Any child's attendance that is under 92% is closely monitored. 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 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.

The table below shows each class's attendance from 2 September 2019 to 19 December 2019.

	Up to Oct 2019	Up to Dec 2019
Pixies (Reception)	98.3	97.8
Elves (Year 1)	98.2	97.8
Unicorns (Year 2)	96.9	97.4
Pegasus (Year 3F)	98.3	97.8
Phoenix (Year 3P)	97.1	97.0
Giants (Year 4F)	97.9	98.2
Griffins (Year 4P)	98.6	98.7
Centaur's (Year 5)	98.8	98.5
Dragons (Year 6)	95.6	95.6

Well done **Griffins** for having the highest attendance for the academic year so far of **98.7%**.

School News

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019/20

Term	Term Dates
Autumn Term September 2019 – December 2019	Monday 2 September - Friday 18 October **Inset Day Friday 6 September**
	HALF TERM Half-term 21 October - 25 October
	Monday 28 October – Thursday 19 December
Spring Term January 2020– March 2020	Wednesday 8 January - Friday 14 February
	HALF TERM Half-term 17 - 21 February
	Monday 24 February - Friday 3 April
Summer Term April 2020 – July 2020	Monday 20 April - Friday 22 May
	HALF TERM Half-term 25 May - 29 May
	Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July

***Please note apart from the one highlighted all other inset days are included within the dates above**

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

We would like to remind you that the school office hours are from **8.35am until 4pm.**