



FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

So, it is officially the last month of 2020! The Christmas lights and decorations are going up and the elves have arrived in lots of our homes! At Farnborough, we want to try and make this Christmas as special as we possibly can for our children.

Over the course of the next two and half weeks, whilst we cannot do most of the usual Christmas activities, we still want our children to enjoy all the glitter, tinsel and laughter Christmas brings to Primary Schools.

As we approach the end of 2020, we want to make sure the children have some very well deserved fun!

Please find below the final details for the planned events at Farnborough.

Reception Nativity

The children and staff have been working so hard in rehearsing for their Nativity and it is with great relief and happiness, that we can announce that you will be able to watch your child's first Nativity Play at Farnborough in person! Hooray!!!

The Government Guidance for 'Tier 2' issued states that...

'Performances by pupils, such as nativity plays and other seasonal events, should take place within existing school bubbles and avoid mixing across groups.'

'Whether audience members, including parents, are permitted to attend festive performances will depend on the tier in their area.'

'In tiers 1 and 2, audiences are permitted to attend, subject to the appropriate safeguards being in place.'

Therefore, in order to facilitate this, we will be holding two performances where each child may have one adult attend each performance. The performances will be on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 December at **9:45am**.

We will ask that adults attending, must wear a face covering throughout the performance and sanitise their hands before coming into the school building. The seating will be arranged so that you will all be socially distanced from each other.



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Please may we ask that if you or your anyone in your household or support bubbles displays any COVID 19 symptoms that you **must not** attend the performances.

We understand that this is very short notice for you, but as I am sure you understand, we had to wait for the Government Guidance to be issued. Therefore, to accommodate any of you that may not be able to attend in person, we will still be showing the performance via Zoom. Each child will be able to have one device attend each performance. We will need you to confirm in email who will be attending via Zoom and in person for each performance via email. **Please send this email to the admin.office email address.** We would also ask for safeguarding purposes that the person/people attending the performance via Zoom rename their device to 'CHILD'S NAME RECEPTION NATIVITY' E.g. 'Claire Reception Nativity'

The Zoom details will be sent to you on Tuesday 8 December.

We are so relieved and happy that you will finally be able to see your children at school with all of their friends!!!

Christmas Markets

We are now also able to finally confirm that we can hold our Christmas Markets. The children have started to make lots of different Christmas crafts for you to buy at their market stalls. There will also be hot drinks and mince pies to enjoy as well.

To ensure the safety of all, we are unable to allow more than 1 adult per child. Please may we also ask that you maintain social distancing at all times when on the school site and please remember to wear a face covering (unless eating/drinking). If you are not wearing a face covering, you will not be allowed to come onto the school site. We will stagger the times that parents/carers can come onto the site, with families with the surnames starting with A-H to come in from 2:00 and leave by 2:15, I –Q to come in from 2:15 and leave by 2:30 and families with surnames starting with R-Z to come in from 2:30 and leave by 2:45. All families will be asked to queue by the pedestrian gate and leave via the car park gate.

Due to the fact that we will need to clear away the markets, children will need to stay at school until the end of the day, so please wrap up warmly! Please bring a small carrier bag for any items you may wish to buy. Rather than individually price items, we will just be asking for a donation of your choice to be contributed into a bucket. There will also be a raffle with a hamper prize.

Please may we ask that if you or your anyone in your household display any COVID 19 symptoms that you do not attend the Christmas Markets.



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Please find below the dates for the class markets.

Monday 7 December starting at 2:00 - Dragons
Tuesday 8 December starting at 2:00- Pegasus
Wednesday 9 December starting at 2:00- Giants
Thursday 10 December starting at 2:00- Pixies
Friday 11 December starting at 2:00- Unicorns
Monday 14 December starting at 2:00- Griffins
Tuesday 15 December starting at 2:00 - Cherubs
Wednesday 16 December starting at 2:00- Genies
Thursday 17 December starting at 2.00 - Centaurs

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

On Friday 11 December, children will be able to come to school wearing non uniform and their Christmas Jumpers. This is also our Christmas Lunch day...so the more festive the children look, the better. We will not be collecting donations for this day.

Elf Day

On Monday 14 December, we will be holding our annual 'Elf Day' where the children can come to school dressed as Santa's Little Helpers, or anything else that is festive. The children will spend the day making lots of different Christmas crafts in their bubbles.

End of Year Gifts and Charity

I know many of you will have been collecting money for end of year gifts for members of staff, and whilst I cannot stress enough how privileged we feel that we have been able to come to work throughout the latter part of the pandemic, I know that some of you felt that you wanted to still give your gifts to the class teams. If this is the case for your class, please could the class rep email the admin.office to arrange how you will be able to give your gifts to the class team.

If, on the other hand you would like to donate the monies collected to a charity, as we suggested in our last letter, then we would like to suggest 'Bromley Brighter Beginnings' Many of you have suggested this as the charity to support, and having looked at their website it seems like a really apt charity at this time. Please visit their website to see the amazing work the volunteers do and where the money goes that they raise. Below you will see a screen shot of the money the charity are trying to raise in order to provide beds for all children in Bromley. Over recent months, some of our families have been hit by the pandemic and not all of our children have had their own bed; this is an issue that affects so many behind closed doors. As you can see, Bromley Brighter Beginnings, has raised just over £3,000...any donation via their 'Just Giving' page would be hugely appreciated.



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Flash Mob

On Thursday 17 December, we will be holding our Christmas Flash Mob, starting at 9:30am. Each class have made up a dance to a Christmas song and will be performing this to you via Zoom. We will send the Zoom details to you nearer to the date.

Father Christmas Visit

Father Christmas is of course exceptionally busy at this time of year, but as ever, he always makes time for the amazing children of Farnborough Primary School. This year is no exception, and he will be visiting the children at their class parties on Friday 18 December. The elves are busy in the North Pole wrapping the children's presents as we speak, so all presents that the children receive will have been fully quarantined.

Last Day of Term

Our last day of term will be on Friday 18 December 2020. We will finish at the normal school time.

Thank you, as always for your understanding during this time. We know that all of the health and safety blurb tends to take away from the joy of Christmas...but we just want to make sure that everyone can enjoy the festive season over the few weeks, keeping as safe as is possible.

Best Wishes,
Miss James and the Farnborough Team



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