



FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

It has been exactly one year since we went into the first National Lockdown...and although some of life is beginning to return to normal and we can see green shoots of hope around us, there is no doubt that this has been a particularly difficult year for so many people. We have all adjusted to new ways of 'normal' life, and learnt lots of new skills and taken up many new hobbies.

The children have been nothing short of absolutely magnificent in rising to the new challenges that they have been presented with over the last year, adapting to new ways of life each and every time something around them changes. The way in which the children have returned to school is a fantastic example of how absolutely amazing our children are. They have returned full of laughter, happiness and with an excellent work ethic, producing some amazing work already. The daily mile is proving to be a great success, with our children demonstrating their fitness and love of keeping themselves healthy. Many children are exceeding the 'daily mile' and now heading towards a 'Daily Two Miles'

Of course, we also recognise that for many children and parents, this third Lockdown really was the straw that broke the camel's back. If you or your child are suffering in silence, please never hesitate to contact us at the school gates or via email. We are always here to listen to your worries, anxieties and try and help to provide additional support where we can.

It is likely that we will continue to spend the rest of the academic year living with the guidance that has been set out by the government, so with that in mind, we have started to plan some 'Covid Safe' events during the summer term of which we have outlined some in the rest of this letter.

Upon the children's return the staff planned lessons and events that we hoped would inspire the children and make them feel excited to be back at school. Please find below some of the children's thoughts about their return to school this March, along with some updates as to what the children have been doing at school.

'I felt happy to come back to school because I love school because I like doing the challenges and playing' Luca – Reception

'School has been exciting because we have doing lots of fun Peter Pan activities- We have been saving Michael from Captain Hook in our class. Also, I really enjoyed Red Nose Day because I loved making my own t-shirt. I missed my friends when I wasn't at school and now I love playing with my friends at playtime again' Charlie P - Unicorns

'When I came back to school, I was really happy, I enjoyed making catapults and seeing how far they could throw marshmallows! I was also really happy because I got to play with all my friends' - Lillian - Centaurs



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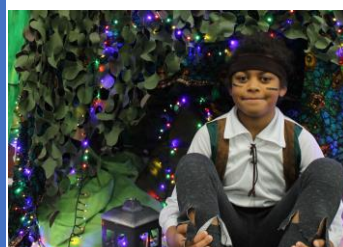
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World Book Day

Our return to 'Neverland' this half term was absolutely amazing! The children's faces were full of awe and wonder, when they took a tour around the school to look at the displays that the staff and super creative parents had put together. The children have had so much fun engaging in all of the different activities and lessons. Below are some photos of 'Neverland'.





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Comic Relief

On Friday 19 March we held a dress down day and created our own Comic Relief t-shirt design to raise money for this great charity. Thank you to all of our very generous parents who have helped us to raise a whopping... **£943.00**. We were very lucky with the weather and our fashion parade went to plan. It was lovely to see all of the children's artwork and also for the children to see each other, even if at a distance around the playground!



Easter Bonnet Competition



Ahead of the Easter break we would like to set the children a home task of creating their very own Easter bonnets. On the last day of term, 31 March 2021, children will be invited to wear their own clothes with the theme of 'Spring colours' and to wear their bonnet creations to school. We will ask for donations for the dress down to be made via the 'just giving' page set out below, with all donations being made to St Christopher's Hospice:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/FarnboroughprimaryschoolEasterBonnet>

Daily Mile & Uniform

After the Easter break we will continue with our 'Daily Mile' each day to keep the children active! The children can still choose whether they would like to wear their PE Kit or uniform with trainers to school on a daily basis.



After School Clubs



We are very excited to announce that after the Easter break we will be resuming some of our **outdoor** clubs. We will have two after school clubs a week for each year group. Mr Atkinson will be sending out a letter later this week with further information.



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Reading 'Bookworm' Challenge

When we return after Easter, we will be starting our KS1 and KS2 reading challenge. This will give the children the opportunity to achieve a bronze, silver and gold 'bookworm' before we break up for the summer! The children have to read consecutively for 30 days to achieve a 'Bronze' badge, 60 consecutive days to achieve a 'Silver' badge and 90 days to achieve a 'Gold' reading badge. Each child will bring a grid home and if you could sign/initial each day and email a photo of the grid when your child has read 30, 60 and 90 consecutive days to the class learning email addresses. Your child will be given their reading badges in achievement assembly.



Farnborough Reading Challenge

Name: _____ Class: _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90

Please sign each day that your child reads.



Reception	At least 5 minutes per day
Year 1	At least 5 minutes per day
Year 2	At least 10 minutes per day
Year 3	At least 15 minutes per day
Year 4	At least 15 minutes per day
Year 5	At least 20 minutes per day
Year 6	At least 20 minutes per day



Parents Zoom Appointments

During the week commencing 19 May 2021 we will be holding our Parents' Meetings via zoom. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's learning, progress and next steps. More information will be sent out to you on how to book your appointment when we return after the Easter break.

Sports Day 2021

We have provisionally booked in the following dates:

KS1 Sports Afternoon- Thursday 8 July 2021

KS1 Sports Day- Friday 9 July 2021



At this moment in time we cannot provide you with the exact details for these event as unfortunately we will have to keep monitoring further guidance from the Government to make any decisions closer to the time.



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Harrisons

On the 31 March our contract with Nourish comes to an end and we will be welcoming Harrison's Catering to Farnborough Primary School after the Easter break. We will be sending out further information including the menus in a separate cover letter shortly.

Staffing

We are incredibly sad to announce that this term we are saying goodbye to two members of our Farnborough team.

Mrs Hirst has decided due to her family commitments that she will not return to Farnborough Primary School. Mrs Hirst was a truly wonderful member of our school community and made a huge difference to so many of our children over the 11 years that she worked here. Mrs Hirst will be missed by us all.

Due to the level of need within our school, we will be looking to appoint a specialist TA to continue working within the SEND team at Farnborough. The class TAs will continue to provide the children with the interventions as set out on their provision maps.

We also say farewell Mrs Bushell, who is moving back to Canada with her family. We will be so sad to say goodbye to Mrs Bushell, who has contributed a huge amount to our school and taught most of the children in the school. She has led Forest School through snowy, sunny and rainy days and supported Mr Atkinson with running our school Sports Day. Her last day with us is Wednesday 31 March and we wish her so much fun and happiness on her next adventure, with her gorgeous son Sebastian and husband, Ben.

I'm sure you will join me in wishing both Mrs Hirst and Mrs Bushell good luck in the future. They will be very missed at Farnborough.

We look forward to enjoying the last week of term, where we hope the Easter Bunny will make an appearance before we break up for the Easter break.

Best Wishes,

Miss James

Head Teacher



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