



# Farnham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

18<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Thank you to all the parents who attended the curriculum meetings in September. We were so pleased to see you and to be able to explain Farnham's ethos and curriculum. I would like to offer you sincere thanks for supporting the school by ensuring your child comes to school on time, in the correct uniform and with their reading and library books and diaries. This means the pupils have made a great start to the new academic year!

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the consultations last week. I hope you found the evening informative. Please come and talk to us if you have any worries or concerns.

### **School meals – Price increase to £ 2.20**

I am writing to inform you that, from **Monday 30th October 2023**, the price of school meals will increase slightly. The new prices will be as follows:

Nursery: £2.00

Primary £2.20

We have not taken this decision lightly, but it is necessary due to the rising cost of food and other ingredients. Our catering contractors are committed to providing high-quality, nutritious meals for your children, and we believe that these new prices still represent excellent value for money with the meal prices being some of the cheapest in the country.

***Why are the prices increasing?*** The cost of food and other ingredients has increased significantly in recent years. This is due to a number of factors, including the war in Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic, and rising energy costs.

***What are the benefits of school meals?*** School meals are nutritious and balanced, and they can help children to concentrate and learn. They also provide children with the opportunity to socialise with their friends and try new foods. NOTE our catering contractor is HALAL certified, and caters for any allergies too, so you can be assured that all bases are covered to give your child a full balanced meal every day that in many cases is totally free if your child is in Years R to Year 3

***Are there any other options for parents who are struggling financially?*** If you are struggling financially, you may be eligible for free school meals. To find out if you are eligible, please contact the school office and they can help and support you.

### **Flu immunisations for pupils at Farnham**

The flu immunisation team will be in school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. (see separate letter on the website). If you want your child to have this nasal spray you can give your consent via the FLU

E-Consent Form Link: <https://www.bradfordschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The school code is BF144862. Alternatively you may wish to make an appointment at your health clinic for the flu vaccine.

### **Educational Visits**

Pupils in Year 6 had a wonderful day at Whitby. Yesterday our year 2 children went to Cartwright Hall. The cost for 3 educational visits over the year is **£32.00** per pupil. This is an amazing value for the experience the pupils will receive to enhance their learning! School will pay for transport, staffing and booking fees and your contributions are essential in allowing these visits to go ahead. Monies can be paid via parent pay. Educational visits are free for children eligible for pupil premium and nursery children.

### **Harvest**

To support our community, please could I ask that you send **donations of tins or dried food for the Bradford food banks**. Children can bring these to school this week. Thank you.

### **Year 6**

Parents of Year 6 children need to have completed the secondary school transition forms online by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. If you need support, please speak to Mrs Buckley or the year 6 teachers. In preparation for SATS, the year 6 boosters will start after half term, every Wednesday from 3.10- 3.45 pm.

### **Homework projects**

Children will receive information about their holiday projects by the end of the week via Marvellous Me. Please enjoy the family time with your children to complete their projects.

### **Non Uniform - £1.00 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Please donate £1.00 towards books for our library and send your child to school in non-uniform wearing autumnal colours (orange, red, brown).

### **Parents' Breakfast Meeting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023. 8.45 am**

We would like to provide parents with an opportunity to meet with some key members of staff from the central trust team at Pennine Academies Yorkshire. They will be able to share with you the structure of the trust's central services and will outline how the work of central team colleagues supports our school. They will also explain how you can best work with us to address any concerns or raise any issues about your child/ren's welfare and education. Everyone is welcome.

### **Yorkshire Attractions Voucher Book**

The Yorkshire attractions voucher booklet offers families discounts to unforgettable experiences and an opportunity for families to memorable days out in Yorkshire.

The Voucher Booklet includes a diverse selection of Yorkshire Attractions, from historical sites to thrilling adventures, amazing animals, and more, all with limited-time brilliant discounts. It's the perfect opportunity for families to explore the beauty and history of Yorkshire – whilst saving money.

To access the Voucher Booklet, simply click on the following link:

<https://yorkshireattractions.org/wp-content/uploads/YAG-Autumn-Voucher-Book-2023.pdf> or download a PDF version: <https://we.tl/t-tPfpBTjOdf>

### **Holidays**

School closes for half term on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and reopens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40 am.

Staff will be out in the playground at 8.35 am. Have a lovely half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'B Bains'.

Mrs B Bains, Headteacher