



# Farnham Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

This autumn term has been tremendously busy. There has been a real 'buzz' around school as the children focus on their learning. It was wonderful to see so many of you attend the English Curriculum day and attend workshops to support children with their learning at home.

We have had a range of educational visits this term which includes Year 1 visiting Eureka to support their science learning and Year 5 pupils visiting the Bronte Parsonage Museum in Haworth to support their learning about local history.

This year we are pleased to welcome Bikeability back to Farnham. They have been in school to teach Year 5 children about how to stay safe when cycling on the roads. The Road Safety team will also be in school this week to deliver road safety workshops for all year groups to teach children how to stay safe during the dark evenings.

## **Ofsted 2023**

Farnham Primary School was inspected by Ofsted on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. The report can be view on the website: <https://www.farnhamprimary.org.uk/ofsted-report-2016/>.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

This week you will be able to buy some great book for your children at our annual book fair. The book fair will run from Monday to Thursday before and after school from 8.00 am – 8.30 am and 3.15 pm -3.45 pm. All the books are half price!!

## **Harvest Donations**

Thank you for your donations for Harvest. I have received the following message from the Bradford Foodbank.

*Thank you so much for donating food to Foodbank! Farnham Primary school has done a fantastic job. You gave 89.7KG of food, which will provide 135 meals to hungry families in Bradford! This is an impressive achievement! Well done. Thank you to all the pupils, parents and staff who helped to make this happen! We know it's a lot of extra work to organise all of this and appreciate everyone's generosity.*

## **Children in Need**

It was wonderful to see so many children come to school in odd socks (as part of anti-bullying week) and non-uniform to help children in need. We raised £138.10.

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December Non-Uniform £1.00**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, children can come to school in non-uniform and wear a Christmas jumper or clothes that are red or green. All the money raised will go to the **Save the Children Appeal in Gaza**.

If you wish to donate more money to this cause, here are some links to help you to do this: -

- <https://humanappeal.org.uk/appeals/gaza-emergency-appeal>
- <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/how-you-can-help/emergencies/gaza-emergency-appeal>

### **Online Safeguarding**

Primary school children should not be on YouTube. Please keep an eye on your children and what they are going online especially if they have access to mobile phones. Children should not be using social media sites such as Facebook, TikTok, WhatsApp and Snapchat. **The legal age to use these is 13 years.** Please be vigilant as to what your child is accessing online.

### **Attendance**

Here is the 93.63% attendance so far this year, per class. The Government expectation is that all pupils have a minimum of 96% attendance.

Class	% Attendance	Class	% Attendance
RHH	88.56%	RHM	89.31%
1HB	97.03%	1LK	91.34%
2HT	91.75%	2ES	94.13%
3AR	96.39%	3ET	94.77%
4SS	93.33%	4JC	97.38%
5JN	97.41%	5CW	94.06%
6QM	96.23%	6LE	94.65%

We will celebrate the children who have attained 100% this half term and they will receive a 100% attendance certificate at the end of term.

### **Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF)**

These are DFE funded Christmas holiday clubs for SEND children and those in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals. The bookings are now open for Christmas for eligible families.

<https://bradford.haf.fun/login>

### **End of Term Arrangements**

Date	Event
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> December–Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> December 8.00 am–8.30 am or 3.15 pm–3.45 pm	Half price scholastic book fair in the hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 8.45 am – 9.30 am	Farnham tea/coffee morning for parents of children with additional needs in the hall.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Year 5 - DT textiles - making Greek Sandals Parents will be able to support children with their DT projects
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 1.30 pm - 2.00 pm	Year 2 DT Parents will be able to support children with their DT projects

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch will be served at lunchtime. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please ensure you have paid via Parent Pay in the usual way. There is no charge for pupil premium children.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Non-Uniform – <b>£1.00 to raise money for the Save the Children Appeal in Gaza.</b> Children can wear a Christmas jumper or something sparkly or wear Christmas colours – red, green There will be party games today.

### **Lost Property**

We have a high number of items including jumpers, coats and pumps in our lost property box. Please could you come to the main entrance if your child has any lost items. Could I remind you to ensure your child's name and class is written on all items of clothing. Thank you.

### **Holiday Dates**

School closes for Christmas on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023** and re-opens to pupils on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher