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26th February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

### Parents' Breakfast Meeting

Thank you to all parents who attended the parent's breakfast meeting this morning. For those who were unable to attend, please find below the main points discussed during the meeting.

We will hold another meeting on **Wednesday 28th February 8.45 am** for parents who wish to discuss issues around children's additional needs.

### Future Dates / Events - Spring/ Summer

Please find below a list of important dates of coming events in the Spring/Summer term for your calendar. We look forward to seeing you.

Date and time	Event
Wednesday 28th February 8.45am - 9.15am	Parents' Breakfast meeting for parents with children with additional needs in the meeting room with Mrs Perry our SENDCo
Wednesday 6th March 12pm - 6.30pm	Nursery parents - parent consultation meetings (see further information below)
Wednesday 6th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	Reception and Key Stage One (years 1 & 2) parent consultation meetings (see further information below)
Thursday 7th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm	Key Stage Two (years 3, 4, 5 & 6) parent consultation meetings (see further information below)
Friday 8th March	World Book Day - see details below
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day - non-uniform day Please donate £1.00 for Comic Relief
Tuesday 19th March	Curriculum day with a focus on maths, geography and PE Further details to follow
Wednesday 20th March 8.45am - 9.15am	Reception parents - maths workshop
Thursday 21st March 1.45pm 2.45pm	Year 1 parents - Design & Technology - woodwork workshop
Thursday 28th March 10.45am & 2.15pm	Nursery parents - Easter Egg hunt
<b>Thursday 28th March 3.10pm</b>	<b>School closes</b>



<b>Monday 15th April</b> <b>8.40am</b>	<b>School reopens</b>
Wednesday 17th April	Tempest Photographer in school Parents are welcome from 2pm for groups photos (details to follow)
Friday 19th April	Non-uniform day & Eid celebrations Please donate £1.00 towards books for our library
Friday 26th April 2.30pm - 3pm	Year 5 parents - Maths workshop
<b>Monday 6th May</b>	<b>School closed for May Day</b>
Friday 10th May 2pm - 3pm	Year 3 parents - Art workshop
Friday 10th May 2pm - 3pm	Year 4 parents - Art workshop
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May	KS2 SATs for Year 6 pupils <u>Monday 13th May</u> English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling tests <u>Tuesday 14th May</u> Reading Comprehension test <u>Wednesday 15th May</u> Maths Arithmetic Test and Paper 1 Maths Reasoning test <u>Thursday 16th May</u> Maths Paper 2 Reasoning test.  Writing will be teacher assessed and ongoing until the end of June.
<b>Friday 24th May - 3.10pm</b>	<b>School closes</b>
<b>Monday 3rd June - 8.40am</b>	<b>School reopens</b>
Monday 3rd - Friday 14th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 10th - Friday 14th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 10th - Friday 14th June	Year 2 Phonics Screening Check Children who did not achieve the pass mark for their phonics screening check at the end of year 1 will retake another assessment.
Tuesday 11th June 2pm - 2.45pm	Year 1 parents - Maths workshop
<b>Monday 17th June</b>	<b>School closed - training day</b>
Friday 21st June 1.30pm - 3.30pm	Eid Fair in the school playground
Friday 28th June 1.30pm - 2.30pm	Year 2 parents - Art workshop

Friday 28th June 1.30pm - 2.30pm	Year 6 parents - Art workshop
Tuesday 9th July 2pm - 3pm	Reception parents - Design & Technology workshop
Wednesday 17th July 10.45am & 2.15pm	Nursery parents - plant a sunflower
<b>Friday 19th July 3.10pm</b>	<b>School closes for summer</b>

### Parent classes

Every Monday in our Family Hub, we have adult classes available for you to join.

- 10am - 12pm Fund with Learning
- 1pm -3pm Family Literacy & Employability

Please contact the school office for further information if you are interested.

### Healthy Lunchboxes

As we know, from research undertaken by the School Food Trust, eating a healthy breakfast and lunch can positively affect children's behaviour in the classroom. You will also be aware, there is increasing concern about rising rates of obesity and related health problems in children.

At Farnham Primary School it is part of our responsibility to help our children learn how to eat healthily – this includes what should be included in their lunchboxes or cooked lunches.

We understand that whilst some pupils already have a fairly healthy packed lunch (and for this we thank you), the following links will provide support to families with information on what food items we would like to see in your child's lunchbox.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#4qWEXRPPUE4hRhPb.97>

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/lunchbox-snacks>

<https://www.sugarsmartuk.org/>

Parents need to ensure that no fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate products are sent to school. Due to a number of children in school with a nut allergy, it is requested that foods containing nuts are NOT brought into school at all.

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. The whole school will be using the text *The Journey* by Aaron Becker as our main stimulus. We know that many of our pupils enjoy dressing up on World Book Day so to link with our text, we invite children to come to school on this day dressed for a 'journey'.

This could be a journey;

- going on holiday
- visiting a family member

- to a place of worship
- to space
- on an adventure to anywhere
- to bed!

The possibilities are endless and we hope that this affordable dress up option will support families and ensure that all of our pupils feel included in our World Book Day celebrations. We look forward to seeing the imaginative ideas that you will come up with!

We also really hope that your child has been able to use their World Book Day voucher to collect a free book! You can redeem your World Book Day £1 book token at the following retailers:

- Your local independent bookseller
- Asda
- Sainsburys
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith

### **Marvellous Me**

Please could I remind all parents to ensure they have downloaded the Marvellous Me App. All school communication is via this App and other school letters and information will be uploaded and published on the website. Please also take the time to explore the 'Memory Book' function that is available for parents to keep a record of your child's achievements in school. Other family members are able to download the Marvellous Me app so that they can also be kept up to date.

### **After School Clubs**

The new afterschool clubs have started for this half-term. There are still some places available in some clubs and the cost is £2.00 per child per club. There is no charge for pupil premium pupils. Please book a place via the Arbor app or contact the school office if you would like your child to attend.

Day	Year group	Club
Monday	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Multi-Sports
	Years 3, 4 & 5	Mindfulness
Wednesday	Years 2, 3, 4 & 5	Forest School
Thursday	Years 2 & 3	Arts & crafts
	Years 5 & 6	Boxing

### **Parent consultation meetings**

So that our families can fully prepare for the holy month of Ramadan, we have decided to move our mid-year parent consultation meetings to a week earlier than originally planned.

Revised dates

Nursery	Wednesday 6th March from 12.00 pm to 6.30pm
Reception, Year 1 & 2	Wednesday 6th March from 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Thursday 7th March from 3.30pm – 6.30pm

If you have already booked an appointment, the office team will be contacting you to confirm the new date. If you have not yet had the opportunity to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, you can book an appointment on the Arbor app. Alternatively, please contact the school office where the team will support you to book an appointment.

### Ramadan

The holy month of Ramadan is almost upon us and I want to take this opportunity to wish you Ramadan Mubarak and best wishes in all your preparations. For our Muslim families, I know this will be a time of excitement and positivity for you and your children. We fully understand this and embrace it as a school community. This month is a wonderful opportunity to uphold good character, to refrain from antisocial behaviour and to strengthen spiritual development and one's relationship with God.

Ramadan is a time for striving for the best in all aspects of life. I wanted to write to you all and outline the plans we are putting into place at Farnham for this special time. During Ramadan adult Muslims are required to fast during the hours of daylight. The Council of Mosques advises that fasting ***'only becomes obligatory when a person reaches the age of puberty and therefore not compulsory for the majority of primary school aged children.'*** We understand that some of our older pupils may wish to participate and try to keep some or part of the fasts but we would encourage you to keep to holidays and weekends when you are able to support them in this.

If parents want their child to fast during the month of Ramadan, they must inform the school in writing and speak with the class teacher or member of the leadership team. In the event of a child becoming distressed or unwell when he or she is fasting, the school will ask the child to break their fast by offering a drink of water or small snack. This becomes a safeguarding issue and parents will be contacted. Children who are fasting will be given quiet time for reflection and encouraged to make use of the quiet areas on the playground to conserve their energy.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable and peaceful Ramadan. I wish you all a happy and productive month and wish you well in all your devotions. I know this will be a very special time for many of you and your children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Keenan  
Deputy Headteacher