



FARNDON NEWSFLASH

Dear Parents / Carers,

Hello everyone, I hope you are all well and had an enjoyable first half term. It is hard to believe that we have rattled through September and October and head towards our first break.

As always, we have crammed a lot into this first half term: historical workshops; trips out linked to their learning in class; curriculum parental talks; languages day; harvest festival; and several sporting competitions. We brought Parents' evening forward so that we could share how the pupils have settled into their new classes and we are once again grateful for the extremely high turn-out.

Hopefully, this will be the last parent consultations which we will organise through letters and reply slips. We are looking to utilise our website provider to enable parents to digitally book in slots. More on this will follow next half term as we will need to input the relevant data, test it and then write out to parents explaining how to down the school spider app needed, the processes and features available and the necessary log in details.

I think both the staff and children have earned their half term break. Then, once we are back in, with our batteries fully charged we will be ready to face the busy term with the run up to Christmas and all the exciting events which will be on offer.

Mr Walker – Headteacher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Well September and October are always a busy time for sports, with Rugby and Cross Country taking centre stage.

Both our upper junior and lower junior teams performed amazingly well! Both teams bowed out at the semi-finals stage under somewhat controversial circumstances with the scoring. But that didn't matter as our teams played some wonderful rugby. In the rearranged Broxton cross country, we had several runners missing, but still finished 3rd in the team event.

Also, we took a large team to the Cheshire Schools cross country. There were amazing performances with 2 silvers; 2 bronze; and fourth place finishes. Well done TEAM FARNDON



CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT

As part of our medium term planning, staff always plan for curriculum enhancement opportunities. In the Infants, for their topic Pole to Pole, the children got to experience a tour of the Storyhouse theatre in Chester. Whilst they were there, they got to see back-stage and had a drama workshop where they got to act out the text they have been reading.

Our upper juniors are learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Recently, the cost of transport has risen sharply - so a flight to Egypt was out of the question! So the staff brought Ancient Egypt to the pupils.

They got to experience preparing a body for mummification - complete with pulling out the organs and placing them in canopic jars. It certainly brought their learning in history to life!



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE.....

- Autumn is well and truly here, and the weather is noticeably colder. We ask that children come into school with a coat, hat and gloves for when they are playing outside.
- We have had several complaints from members of our local community that several vehicles are parking on the yellow zig zag lines. Photographs have been shared with the PSCO by members of the public, and so the PSCO will be conducting several site visits next term. We ask all parents to park safely when picking up or dropping off.
- Now the weather is beginning to turn, it means that we can't go on the school field. With more children on the playground, we kindly ask that pupils don't bring in their own footballs.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

There were some spooky goings on in school on Wednesday. It was our PTA Halloween Disco. A big thank you to all those members who helped put on the event and to all those who came and helped raise valuable money for the school. You all looked amazing in your very scary outfits.



OUR CHAMPIONS HALL OF FAME

Our Star of the Week certificates are now given out by the class teachers. That means in Friday's whole school assembly I get to reward the Champion! This is someone who goes above and beyond the expected standard for learning, attitudes and behaviours. Teachers are invited each week to nominate someone and then one champion is selected. They are there as a role model to all and have VIP privileges throughout the week. Autumn 1 champions were....

Adam Marhsall: (Ravens)
Ronnie Astin: (Robins)
Ian Hay: (Wrens)
Ruta Panas: (Owls)
Katie Smith:(Kestrels)
Tilly Penny-Larter: (Kestrels)

And congratulations to **Toby Glynn** who received the first postcard from Mr Walker for his amazing start to the year with a brilliant attitude to his learning.



GRAB YOUR DIARIES EVERYONE

26th Oct: Open Day tours for new parents
27th Oct: Last day of half term.
6th Nov: First day back for pupils
13th Nov: Anti-bullying week and Odd Socks Day
23rd Nov: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory trip
28th Nov: Flu vaccinations
29th Nov: Pre School Nativity
1st Dec: PTA Christmas Fair
6th Dec: Reception performance
7th Dec: Reception performance
12th Dec: Year 2 Nativity evening performance
13th Dec: Year 1 Christmas Concert
19th Dec: Year 5 Strings concert to parents
20th Dec: Yr 1-4 New Brighton panto trip
21st Dec: Key Stage 2 Carol concerts at St Chads
21st Dec: Last day for pupils and break up

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are now £2.75 per day and £13.75 a week. The menus have been freshened up and are available on the school website
<http://www.farndon.cheshire.sch.uk/page/dinner-time/4281>

Week beginning 6th Nov: Menu 3
Week beginning 13th Nov: Menu 1
Week beginning 20th Nov: Menu 2

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

A full list can be found on the web page
<http://www.farndon.cheshire.sch.uk/page/extra-curricular-clubs/5780> for next half term.

Newspaper crew will continue on Monday after school with Mrs Barnes.

As well as the sports clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, there will also be an archery club on Monday mornings led by Peter Blood.

Also, Digital Wizards will once again be returning. This will be an after school club that will be on a Tuesday.

