



FARNDON NEWSFLASH

Dear Parents / Carers,

Everyone has settled back into school after half term. Although the second half of Autumn Term is always an incredibly busy one, it is personally my favourite time of the year! Whilst sat in my office, I can already hear the wonderful Christmas songs that all the children are learning as part of their festive performances.

However, before the festive period takes over, there is plenty of work to be done. We have engaged in several charity events such as Bright Day, Odd Socks day and Children in Need and we thank parents for all their support. We are also asking families to once again donate for the Christmas Shoebox appeal – we already have over 20 and it's not December yet! Simon, from Teams 4 U led an inspiring assembly and you all still have time to get these gift boxes in and make a real difference to a child's Christmas in Ukraine, Romania and Georgia.

It has also been a week of reflection with our pupils, learning about the context of Remembrance Sunday and who we are thinking about in our silence. Children across school have created displays and an assembly on remembering things and we ended with a minute's silence which was impeccably observed by all.

On the last day of term, I was lucky enough to have a delicious breakfast with all our Champions from last term. It certainly reminded me of how fortunate we are to have such wonderful children in this school (and also very hungry ones as I didn't even get to have a single Belgian waffle).

Mr A Walker - Headteacher



MILESTONE 3 WANT THEIR MUMMY

The upper juniors had the most fantastic day when an ancient Egyptian embalmer came to visit. He spent the day sharing what life was like for them back in the time of the pharaohs. From learning how to mummify a body, to mastering the art of hieroglyphs, the children had the most wonderfully immersive day. It certainly brought their learning in history to life.

SPORTS ROUND UP

It has been good to see archery back as a before school club. Those attending seemed to enjoy experiencing a different type of sport. And in the second cross country race for Chester we tasted success again! Zara (Yr5) and Henry (Yr2) won gold; Blake bagged another silver and Oscar and Polly won bronze. Well done guys!



NEW COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

Parents will be receiving a letter that gives details about an exciting new way for us to communicate with parents.

We have been using School Spider as our web page provider for some time and we are looking to utilise some of the other services they offer.

We will be asking parents to download the school spider app onto their phones. Once an account has been created, parents will be able to access a range of different things.

The dashboard will include links to the school website such as the gallery page and news. You may receive alerts from the teacher about your child's

good behaviour or their work or even a short message. We will also be able to create online questionnaires and surveys and our first "test" will go live on the 1st December. Not only that, but Parent's evenings will also be booked on line! No more slips or unsure of times.

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE.....

- We are looking to clamp down on lateness into school. Five minutes late each day leads to 3.25 school days lost. Ten minutes late each day leads to 6.5 school days lost. We will be closely monitoring this and where there may be concerns, parents will either receive a letter or be invited into school to meet and set attendance targets. Thank you for your continued support.

CHAMPIONS - WE SALUTE YOU!

With the support from our School Council, we have revamped the rewards we give our pupils. As well as dojo points, staff also give star of the week certificates and we have also begun sending postcards home. But what every pupil really wants to win is that champion status - to be the best of the very best and be a VIP for the week.

Well done to **Evelyn Roberts** (Ravens) and **Thomas Farrell** (Foxes) who have been given champion status this half term. Who will be our next Champion???

SCHOOL PTA UPDATES

The Halloween disco was a roaring success - so much so, that there is another one planned in already for Spring! A date for your diaries is the 1st Dec - school's Christmas Fair. A non-uniform day is planned for the 24th November. Prizes for hampers and tombola will be much appreciated. In this current climate, and at this time of year in particular, we appreciate families get asked to give a lot and so we do say only give what you are able.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are now £2.75. 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 27th Nov: Menu 3

Week beginning 4th Dec: Menu 1

Week beginning 11th Nov: Menu 2

Week beginning 18th Nov: Menu 3

BEESTON FIELD TRIP

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils had a busy day at Beeston castle. For their history, they learnt all about how armies would attack and defend their castle. Not only that, but they found time to conduct a Geography study of Beeston and the surrounding area. They managed to learn all about compass points so those compasses came in very handy!



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GRAB YOUR DIARIES EVERYONE

- 23rd Nov: Year 5 and 6 Theatre trip
- 24th Nov: Non Uniform - prize donations for Fair
- 27th Nov: School individual photos day
- 28th Nov: Nasal flu vaccines
- 29th Nov: Nursery Christmas Play (9:30)
- 30th Nov: Reception Thrapwood Christmas tree trip
- 1st Dec: School's Christmas Fair (3:30pm)
- 6th Dec: Acorns Pre School story tent
- 6th Dec: Reception Christmas Play (2:00pm)
- 7th Dec: Reception Christmas Play (2:00pm)
- 11th Dec: Year 2 Nativity matinee (2:00pm)
- 12th Dec: Year 2 Nativity evening show (6:00pm)
- 13th Dec: Christmas Dinner day
- 13th Dec: Christmas Concert Year 1 (6:00pm)
- 19th Dec: Year 5 Strings concert (2:45pm)
- 20th Dec: Panto trip for Yr1 - Yr4
- 21st Dec: Key Stage 2 Carol service
- 21st Dec: Last day of term and break up

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

On the 13th November, we recognised Anti Bullying Week. The theme was "Make a Noise about Bullying". To start things off, we held Odd Socks day. The Anti Bullying Ambassadors launched their Odd Socks competition so we encouraged as many pupils to take part. We raised an impressive £124 with some going towards the Brake charity.

However, we don't want us to discuss Anti-Bullying just within this week. Our ambassadors, will make regular presentations in assembly and add their updates on their web page on the school website and their School Council display.

In our Anti Bullying assembly, they shared their message about how we can make a noise about bullying and who we can talk to if we have a problem.



WE REMEMBER...

As part of our work on remembrance, our Year 6 pupils have been busy selling poppies and classes across the school completed work which has been



displayed around school. Our Reception pupils made some poppy wreaths and went to the church to lay them at the cenotaph.