



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 8 20th December 2024



As this will be the final newsletter of this term, I would like to

take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy 2025! I would also like to thank our staff team and the children who have worked exceptionally hard this term.

I have been particularly proud of the children in our Nativities. The Christmas concerts have been a fabulous success in each



year group. It is lovely to see the confidence of the children developing and the progression across the school. Thank you for all your kind donations following these performances, this will go towards a visit from the magician for our Early Years and Key Stage One Party days and a donation to Liverpool Road Methodist Church.



At the end of this term we say goodbye to Mrs Ashurst who is retiring .



Mrs Ashurst has been a Teaching Assistant at Farnborough Road Infant School for 36 years working across both Key Stages. We wish her all the very best in her retirement and thank her for her dedication to

Farnborough Road Infant School.



Last week we also said goodbye to Sharon Sargent sadly lost her battle with cancer. Sharon was one of our Reception Welfare Assistants at FRIS from 2016-2022 and was an integral part of the Fun4Kidz Team.

Our thoughts are with Sharon's family, particularly her daughter Amy who is also one of our Welfare Team. I know she is deeply missed by the staff of Farnborough Road Infant School as well as the Fun4Kidz team and children who attended over the years.



Deadline for Reception Applications

If you haven't already made your application on-line for Reception 2025 please don't forget to do so by 15th January 2025. Parents of children in our Nursery or with siblings already in school still need to complete an application.

Please make sure you have also applied for Caterpillars (2 year olds) and Nursery (3 year olds) as these places will be allocated after the Christmas holidays for September 2025.



We are absolutely delighted that The Morrison's Foundation has approved our PTFA grant application for £5,000 for the development of our Pet Paradise room in school.

As a school we have been embarking on whole school training to achieve our Attachment and Trauma Sensitive School Bronze Award. This involves enhancing our staff and governor's knowledge of the needs of children who have experienced adversity and the strategies and resources that we need available to meet their emotional and developmental needs. This will promote access to learning and improved mental and physical health outcomes for lifelong learners.

We were asking our PTFA to fund the decoration and purchasing of resources for our Pet Paradise room. The room will be decorated in a calm colour with homely furnishings to help children to feel calm and relaxed. It will be enhanced with a fibre optic ceiling and house a number of weight pets; dogs, cats and rabbits for children to cuddle to help co-regulation and self-soothing. The room will also be decorated with the children's art work of their own pets or pets they would like and photos of staff pets too.



We would like to express our sincere thanks for the generosity of the Morrison's Foundation in supporting our PTFA charity and our Pet Paradise school project.



Thank you!

Together we have raised

£440.91

Farnborough Road Infant School

🕒 Completed!



Thank you for all your support with the ASDA Cash Pot for schools together we raised £440.91!! The PTFA will be able to add this to their fundraising total in the Spring.

The PTA have also donated £5,000 from last year's fundraising to update and expand our Non-Fiction section in the school library. We have bought the series of Little people, Big Dreams and a range of topic based books. Look out for the 'Donated by the PTA' stamp in the front of the books!

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA Committee for organising the events and all your parental donations over the last 2 years which have enabled us to buy these wonderful books for the children to enjoy.





Our FRIS Governors would like to wish all our parents, staff and children a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs Lucy Fletcher is our Chair of Governors. Mrs Fletcher was a partner in a very successful Southport solicitors, attended Farnborough Road Infant School herself and is very passionate about the importance of Early Years education.



Mrs Lindsey Buchanan Brown led the Maths Department in a busy secondary school on the Wirral and is passionate about education. She now taking on a new role as a Maths teacher and has been volunteers in one of our Reception classes for the last year.

Mr Peter Denby runs a successful software and consulting company is particularly passionate about the role of technology for children and the wider population, and its responsible use.



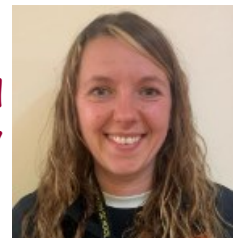
Mrs Lucy Edwards is one of our parent governors. Mrs Edwards is a qualified primary school teacher and currently works as a Financial Adviser. Mrs Edwards is also an active part of the FRIS Change Team developing Emotional Health and Wellbeing across the school.

Mr Neil Farmer was our FRIS SENCO for 5 years and now runs the Visual Impairment Support Service for Sefton Local Authority. Mr Farmer is our Performance and Standards Committee Chair.

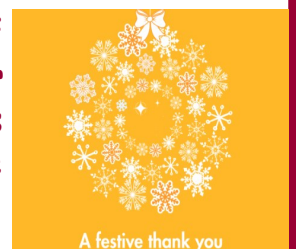


Mrs Marilyn Fletcher also used to teach at FRIS until recently in Year 1 and Year 2. She is very passionate as our Oracy Governor in the development and role of speaking and listening in our curriculum.

Mrs Hayley Hinton is also one of our parent governors and has been a secondary teacher for 13 years. She currently holds the role of SENCO in one of our local schools.



Mr Simon Shaw has been a Governor of Farnborough Road Infant School (and also of the Junior School) for over thirty years. Mr Shaw is a Chartered Accountant and is currently one of the elected councillors for the area.



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Miss Katie Sykes is our Staff Governor representative. Her role is to communicate the ideas and views of our staff team whilst giving governors an insight into the daily life of the school.



Mrs Ruth Caplan-Hinett has been a member of the RAF since 1998 and has worked as a Physical Training specialist at RAF Woodvale. Ruth has 2 children who currently attend Farnborough Road Schools. She has taken on the roles of SEND Governor and Premises Lead this year.



Mrs Rachel Corfield has had 21 years in retail management and is currently also a member of our PTA committee elected as Treasurer. Rachel has a daughter in Year 2.

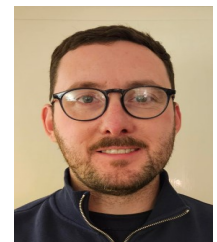
This term we had 3 new parent governors elected to the Governing Body and have children just starting their journey at FRIS. We will be welcoming them to our meetings in the new year.

Mr Mark Halsall specialises in land management and open space maintenance. Mark has recently moved to the area with his family and is passionate about improving opportunities for all children.



Mrs Liz Fawbert has also recently moved to Southport with her family and is a specialist in human resources management. She is looking forward to continuing to grow and effectively plan for the school's future direction.

Mr Joe Martland has worked as an Operations Manger for a network and technology company for the last 15 years and has a degree in Building surveying. He is motivated to help ensure our school environment allows our children to reach their full potential.



Farnborough Road Infant School in the community.

Last week our Year 2 singers visited Birkdale Park Nursing Home this week to entertain the residents and the staff and pass on some FRIS Christmas cheer.

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Requests for Leave of Absence

The requirements from September 2024 is that parents complete the Request for Leave of Absence form for any length of time absent from school other than illness. Please find the link below to the form which is located on the 'Attendance and Punctuality' tab on the website under 'Notification for Leave of Absence'.



<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/farnborough-road-infant-school/UploadedDocument/6cab09e3-9947-4eb5-92e8-7568e8dd49e3/application-for-leave-during-termtime.pdf>



Winter Challenge 2024

<p>Activity 1</p> <p>Take part in the winter Reading Challenge by reading at least 3 books and registering online. Send a picture of your certificate and you will receive 3 credits. wintermini.org.uk</p>	<p>Activity 2</p> <p>Have a go at some indoor games. Check out the link below that has lots of ideas...you could do animal yoga, balloon volleyball, or pillow jumping. https://curiosityuntamed.com/31-indoor-pe-activities-one-for-everyday-of-the-month/</p>	<p>Activity 3</p> <p>Have a go at doing a Christmas themed Science experiment at home. There's lots to choose from...but check out the link below for ideas. https://gosciencegirls.com/christmas-science-experiments/</p>	<p>Activity 4</p> <p>Visit one of our Learning Destinations and write a 50 word review with some pictures. You can search for Learning Destinations by going on our website. https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/activity-search/</p>
<p>Activity 5</p> <p>Complete the Christmas Emoji song challenge. You can find the challenge on the below website https://www.happinessishomemade.net/printable-emoji-christmas-songs-game/</p>	<p>Activity 6</p> <p>Get baking! Have a go at some Christmas themed baking. Take a look at the website below where there are lots to choose from. https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/kids_at_christmas</p>	<p>Activity 7</p> <p>Get creative and make some decorations out of recycled materials. Check out the link below for some ideas. You could make a twig star, or a dried orange garland. https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/how-have-eco-christmas</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the Christmas holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit unless stated otherwise. Send evidence of your activity to SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did. Remember to include your name and the school you attend!

First Steps

Family Wellbeing Centre



MONDAY

Toddler Rhyme Time
9.30 - 10.00 or 10.15-11.00
At the Brinkley Hub Station Master's
Home Booking Required

Bloom Baby
4/1 - 18/2

Class times 10-15 and 11-20
Contact Esther on 0196763074 for more information

Baby Yoga 1.30-2.30
13/1 - 5/2 6m-12m

4-week course. Helps with nappies and bonding. Prescribes balance, co-ordination and motor skills.

£10 to pay - Booking Required

TUESDAY

Je Jingles 14/1 - 11/2

18m - 3yrs 9.30-10.15
3m-18m 10.45-11.30

creating music and movement session

starts from £25 - 5 weeks

Booking Required

BABY WEIGH IN 1.00-3.00

Contact your Health Visitor

WEDNESDAY

Dancing Songbirds 9.30-10.10

Come and join Aimee for dancing, singing and rhymes. 18m-3yrs

Baby Rhyme Time 10.30-11.00

Birth to crawling
Enjoy rhymes and songs with your baby

Toddler Book Club - 1.30 - 2.15

15/1 - 5/2

A 4 week course of discovering books and reading with your little one. Suitable for children aged 26months - Booking Required

THURSDAY

Positive Parenting Course

1.00 - 3.00 23/1 - 13/2

Gain strategies for managing your child's behaviour Booking Required

FRIDAY

Baby Massage 1.30 - 2.30

17/1 - 7/2 6 weeks-6months

A 4 week course. A chance for you and your baby to bond £30 to pay - Booking Required

AT FARNBOROUGH ROAD TIMETABLE

JAN - FEB 2025

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Farnborough Road Infant School,
Farnborough Road, Binstead, FR8 3DA,
Tel: 02034 512 519

g.hobbs.h@schools.norfolk.gov.uk

FACEBOOK - first steps family wellbeing centre
INSTAGRAM - firststepsfrbc

Please ask us about...



MONDAY

BABY WEIGH IN 1.00-3.00

Contact your Health Visitor to book on

TUESDAY

Little Treasures 10.00-11.00

Support your child's early learning through treasure baskets, songs and stories! For babies birth to crawling, no booking required.

TOP TOTS 1.30-2.30

A physical fun activity session to encourage large motor skills suitable for aged 18months

No booking required

WEDNESDAY

MINI FIRST AID

29th January 12.30 - 2.30

2-hour Baby & Child First Aid class covers CPR, Choking, Burns, Burns, Bruises, Bleeding, Pediatric Seizures and Meningitis. Addresses and will give everyone who attends the peace of mind they deserve.

£12 Booking Required

WEDNESDAY

Life's for Living Sefton,

9.30 -11.30

DIOP IN for support and advice for your child with ASD/ADHD
26/2 26/3 30/4 25/6

FRIDAY

Little Chefs 10.30-11.30

17/1 - 14/2

Suitable for aged 2-5
A brilliant activity to do with your child. A chance for your child to experiment with food.

£10 for 5 week course.

Booking Required

SATURDAY

Dads Club 10.00-12.00

Join Scott for fun and games

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Jan 11th, 25th Feb 8th 22nd Mar 8th,
22nd April 5th

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AT KINGS MEADOW TIMETABLE

JAN - FEB 2025

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Kings Meadow Primary School,
Meadow Lane, Almedale, FR8 3AD

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