



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

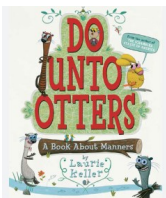
Newsletter 5 8th November 2024



Week 11th–15th November we will be celebrating Friendship Week in school.

The theme is 'Choose Respect'

and we have chosen to base the week's work on the book 'Do Unto Otters' by Laurie Keller which tells the story of treating others as we want to be treated ourselves.



On Tuesday 12th we are asking the children to come to school in odd socks with their normal uniform to show we are all unique and different.

And on Friday 15th we will be celebrating Friend of the Week and have a fabulous live band 'In-Cahoots' providing an uplifting live music experience to sing and dance and celebrate our friendships.

During the week we will be painting our new friendship benches, developing our skills to become a great listener, meeting up with our buddy classes to talk about kind behaviours and learning all about how to be a really good friend, how to sort things out with our friends when we fall out.

Children will receive friendship certificates for their kind words and acts of friendship. Please ask them what they have done to achieve them.



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO REQUIRES A SCHOOL PLACE?
We have a few spaces in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. Please make enquires to school at admin.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk

Apply now for school places for September 2025

REMEMBER if you require a school place for September 2025 for Nursery or Reception—**APPLY NOW!**

Deadline for Reception applications is 15th January 2025 and we will be allocating Nursery spaces for 2025 in the new year.

Nursery Application :
<https://www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk/nursery-11/>

Reception Application :
https://emswebaccess.sefton.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en



On Friday 15th November we will be supporting BBC Children in Need.

Children will be allowed to come into school in their own clothes on this day or wearing spotty clothes in exchange for a £1 donation for the Children in Need Charity.

Please look out for the link to our Children in Need shop on ParentPay next week.

We may even get a visit from Pudsey himself!!

FRIS PTA PICNIC WITH SANTA

27TH NOVEMBER: CATERPILLARS, BUTTERFLIES & LADYBIRDS START OF THE WEEK

28TH NOVEMBER: LADYBIRDS END OF THE WEEK

Each class will have their photo taken with Santa (available on your class Dojo) and will receive a gift!

As well as meeting Santa, the children will have a picnic with games and treats (such as pastries, jam sandwiches, snacks and drinks)

Please note: all children must wear their uniforms.

ParentPay tickets £4.



No payments will be accepted after the deadline due to the advanced planning of this event

Event is live on ParentPay until 20 November



On Monday we will mark Remembrance Day in school with a minutes silence observed at 11am. The children have all seen a presentation explaining the meaning of Remembrance Day in assembly today.

Thank you to everyone who purchased their poppy at school this year, donating to The Royal British Legion.

FRIS PTA
BAUBLES & WRAPPING PAPER WANTED!

FRIS PTA are in need of baubles and wrapping paper for our upcoming Winter events!

If you have any you are able to donate, please pass them to the school office or contact a member of the PTA by November 20th.

FRIS PTA BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

26 NOVEMBER:
YEAR 2

27 NOVEMBER:
RECEPTION

28 NOVEMBER:
YEAR 1

- Each child will eat a yummy breakfast before meeting our special guest, Santa! They will receive a gift and have their photo with Santa (available on Dojo).

Please drop your child off at the Infant hall by 7:45am prompt where they will be met by Santa's PTA Elves!

Make your child's selection of cereal & drink via ParentPay when buying their £5 ticket.

If you would prefer your child not to attend breakfast or have their photo with Santa, but would still like them to receive a gift, there is a £2 on ParentPay.

Event is live on ParentPay until 20 November



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FRIS PTA
ELFRIDGES
The Christmas Shop

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

Children will get the chance to pick a selection of gifts in school to give to loved ones at Christmas. Presents will be wrapped ready to go under the tree.

£3 per present
on ParentPay until
Friday 6th December.



No payments will be accepted after the deadline due to the advanced planning of this event

Our school values are:

COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and LOVE AND KINDNESS



Whole School

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 4 th Dec	Christmas Fair Day	
Friday 13 th Dec	Elfridges Santa Shop	
Friday 13 th Dec	Santa Dash (with Santa Hats)	
Friday 13 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day	
Friday 20 th Dec	Panto	am
Friday 20 th Dec	End of Term	2pm

Nursery

Date	Event	Time	Nursery Group
Wednesday 27 th Nov	Picnic with Santa	Nursery Hours	Butterflies and Ladybirds (Mrs Duckworth)
Wednesday 27 th Nov	Picnic with Santa	Nursery Hours	Caterpillar Mornings
Wednesday 27 th Nov	Picnic with Santa	Nursery Hours	Caterpillar Afternoons
Thursday 28 th Nov	Party with Santa	Nursery Hours	Ladybirds (Mrs Andrews)
Monday 9 th Dec	Concert	2pm	Butterflies
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Concert	10.30am	Ladybirds Mrs Duckworth
Thursday 12 th Dec	Concert	10.30am	Ladybirds Mrs Andrews
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Party Day	All day	Caterpillars, Butterflies and Ladybirds

Reception

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 27 th Nov	Breakfast with Santa	7.45-8.45am
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Concert	2pm
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Concert	9am
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Christmas Party Day	All day

Year 1

Date	Event	Time
Thursday 28 th Nov	Breakfast with Santa	7.45-8.45am
Thursday 12 th Dec	Concert	9am
Thursday 12 th Dec	Concert	2pm
Thursday 19 th Dec	Christmas Party Day	All day

Year 2

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 26 th Nov	Breakfast with Santa	7.45-8.45am
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Concert	2pm
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Concert	6pm
Thursday 19 th Dec	Christmas Party Day	All day

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FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT & CAMPS



LED BY EX-PRO & UEFA A LICENSED COACH

BOYS & GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES
SCHOOL CLASS RECEPTION TILL YEAR 6

FORMBY

CHS CLUB, Cricket Path L37 7DP

SOUTHPORT

KGV COLLEGE - INDOOR Sports Hall PR8 6LR

FREE FOOTBALL TASTER SESSION

Use Voucher Code: FRIS

subject to availability | Southport sessions only
EXPIRES: 17 November 2024

**LIMITED SPACES
BOOK NOW**

ps-sports.co.uk/football

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info@ps-sports.co.uk



Sports
ps-sports.co.uk

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How can I find age-appropriate games?

Do you need suggestions on age-appropriate games? You could use either of the following websites to search suitable games.

Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check if it has a communication feature as this might mean you decide a game is not suitable for your child.

- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/find-the-right-game>
- <https://www.familygamingdatabase.com/home>



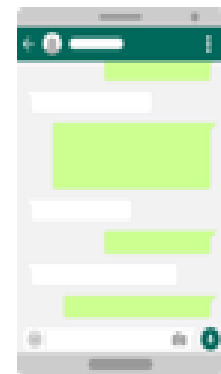
How to Remove Social Media Access After Granting It

Have you given your child access to social media but are now regretting that decision? Bark have published this article to help you take back control by removing social media:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/removing-social-media/>

WhatsApp

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. We frequently receive reports of children not using WhatsApp appropriately, such as sharing images to embarrass others, sending hurtful messages, spreading rumours, or excluding people from group chats to make them feel left out.



Since WhatsApp lacks parental controls, it is important to think about whether it is really the right platform for your child. For example, you should consider if your child has the critical thinking skills to recognise bullying. Furthermore, do they understand how to manage peer pressure and refrain from joining in on harmful behaviour?

If your child is using WhatsApp, it is crucial to have regular conversations with them. Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about the messages they send and how they might be perceived by others. Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

What should I be aware of if my child is using WhatsApp?

- **Group chats:** Everyone within a group, even if they are not one of your child's contacts, will be able to see all messages within that group. If your child is added to a group with someone that they have previously blocked, that person can still see their messages and send them messages within the group chat. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group privacy settings to see who can add them to groups. Ensure your child understands that they can leave a chat at any time, and they know how to report users. Find out more here:

<https://faq.whatsapp.com/424124173736394>

- **Inappropriate content:** users can be exposed to content that is not suitable for their age.
- **Location sharing:** talk to your child about when this would be appropriate to use and the potential danger of sharing their location.
- **Chat lock/secret code:** users can lock chats as well as apply a secret code setting so a chat does not appear in the main chat.
- **Blocking/Reporting:** Show your child how to block and report other users. Find out how here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/1142481766359885/>

Further information

Internet Matters have produced a how to guide available here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 01.11.24.

YouTube

YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/legal guardian. When giving your child access to YouTube, there are different options you could choose depending on your child's age:



- **YouTube Kids** – this is a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).
- **Supervised accounts** – this is a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:
 - **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
 - **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+.
 - **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything on YouTube except for videos marked as 18+ and other videos that may not be appropriate for viewers using supervised experiences.

Google have created a guide to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision: <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420>

My child wants to be a YouTuber

Many children want to start their own YouTube channel, but it is important to be aware of the potential risks and ensure that your child understands what information they should keep private and what to do if they receive negative comments. YouTube have produced these safety tips for teens when posting content:

<https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802244>

You should be aware that there are different settings available when posting videos:

1. Public: anyone can view the video.
2. Private: video can only be viewed by users that you select.
3. Unlisted: only people who have the link to the video can view it.

What are the benefits and negatives of a YouTube channel?

Before allowing your child to start a YouTube channel, review the benefits and risks. This article discusses the pros and cons as well as provides recommendations to help minimise any risks:

<https://www.brightcanary.io/should-your-kid-become-a-youtuber-weighing-the-pros-and-cons/>

Further information

- <https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/youtube>

Among Us

This game has been rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is not suitable for those under the age of 7. However, whilst the gameplay may be suitable, there are communication features available, where issues such as inappropriate language and bullying may arise.

Additionally, it is important to note that Among Us does have the option for in app purchases so please ensure that a password (that your child does not know) is required for all purchases.

Find out more about Among Us from Parent Zone:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/among-us>

The NSPCC discuss online games in more detail here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Screen time and your family

Vodafone discuss screentime and what you should consider when setting your own rules in this useful article:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/screen-time-and-your-family-a-guide-to-what-works-and-what-doesnt/>

Band Runner Game

Band Runner is a fun interactive game created by CEOP to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safer online. Your child can play it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/>