



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

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What a day for the annual summer fair this year. Thank you to everyone who has made the event a success once again. Particular thanks has to go to our Infant PTA and the Friends of Farnborough Road Juniors who worked tirelessly to make the fair such a special occasion for the children and parents and to our staff who helped run the stalls. We were overwhelmed by the support from parents came with their children. Raffle Ticket winners have been contacted this week.

Profits will be split between the Infant and Junior schools. The profit from the day was in excess of £7300.00 with our half going towards new Non-Fiction books for our Library and our Reading Challenge Trees. The winning classes who sold the most raffle tickets in the Infant school and received half an hour free bounce on the bouncy castles was Room 5.

At the end of the year we say goodbye and good luck to our Year 2s with our school leavers party. Our disco and pizza party will take place on Monday 22nd July 4-5.30pm and is free for our Year 2s to attend. We will be very sad to see them go, they have been a super year group, but they all ready for the next part of their learning journey at Farnborough Juniors. We have also been busy preparing a Year Book for them to keep. This is also a gift from the PTA and contains photographs from their years at Farnborough Road Infant School, the children's memories of their time in our school and their class photo. This is a lovely keepsake and a memory of their time at Farnborough Road Infant School.



Last week 4 of our school council representatives attended Greenbank High School with Miss Chew to celebrate the work of school councils across the Southport Learning Partnership.

This year our School Council has raised £400 for their chosen charity Time for Bed. £400 can buy a set of bunk beds and duvet and pillow set for children without a bed to sleep in.



Children's reports will go out on Friday 12th July - If you require an extra copy please see let the office staff know and arrange collection.



Children's Achievements

'Learning, Caring and Achieving Together'

We have now also confirmed our final data for this year to the Local Authority. This includes Reception Good Level of Development and Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics. This year our Year 2 end of year results are teacher assessment only. We have been overjoyed with the children's achievements across the school and how they compare with our assessments at the beginning of the year and with National percentages. I am sure you will agree staff at Farnborough Road Infant School always go the extra mile for all our children this is clearly apparent in the children's achievements. Mrs Fletcher, our Vice Chair of Governors, and I would like to thank the parents for their continued support with their learning and homework.

Your child's progress is very much a partnership of school and home working closely together to achieve the very best for your child.

	School 2023-24	National 2023
Reception Good Level Of Development	69%	67%
Year 1 Phonics	86%	79%
Year 2 Phonics	99%	88%
End of KS1 Reading Expected	75%	68%
Greater Depth	29%	19%
Writing Expected	70%	60%
Greater Depth	13%	8%
Mathematics Expected	81%	71%
Greater Depth	27%	16%

(All data is provisional until confirmed by the Local Authority)

NEW VICAR AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH, BIRKDALE

Introducing the new vicar at St John's Birkdale. Mr Antell and I were invited to the induction and installation of Jennifer Hardy in the evening of Wednesday 26th June.

We have always been proud to wear St. John's eagle on our uniform taken from before we became Farnborough Road community school. This is an exciting time for St John's and we hope Jennie will strengthen the links between St Johns and FRS in the coming years.



Collage



PARIS 2024



We have had a fabulous celebration of the ARTS this week with the theme 'Olympics 2024'

We have had visitors including a cartoonist and dancers throughout the week as well as our own staff taking lessons across year groups enhancing the planned activities organised by the teachers.

Every day the children have been engaged in classroom ART activities which will be displayed in the Studio and some of our children's work will be entered into the Ainsdale Show - Arts and Crafts children's tent—for a chance to win prizes!

The Ainsdale Show takes place this Saturday the 6th July on the Village Green. Pop long to see our amazing entries.

Sculpture

Painting



Artists



Music



SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2024
AINSDALE Summer SHOW
 FREE ENTRY!!! FREE ENTRY!!!
 SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2024
 MUSIC ON THE GREEN
 Mike Byrne & the Sunrockers
 Fantastic music from the 50's & 60's
 Robbie Williams Tribute with Matt Byrne
 5 HOURS OF MUSIC
 12NOON - 5PM
 FAIRGROUND LICENSED BAR
 FOOD
 Bring a chair & a picnic!

Our school values are:

COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and LOVE AND KINDNESS

End of Term



We will finish for the Summer Holiday on Tuesday 23rd July at 2pm.



Working in partnership with other schools This year, once again, Key Stage One children and parents were invited to Birkdale High School for our annual Sports Day.. Mr Keary and the Birkdale boys did a fabulous job of organising a range of events for the infants to take part in. Despite the weather being a little chilly in the morning, the event was well attended and the children behaved well and were great sports cheering each other on and congratulating the winning teams Miss Sykes's class in Year 2 and Miss Smith's class in Year 1.



This week our Year 1 and 2 children also attended a Multi Skills session at Birkdale High School. I only have praise for the boys for being helpful and polite' and showing great maturity in their ability to encourage and support our children so much younger than themselves.



This is Mrs Arch-Rimmer's last Sports Day as our PE Lead. Thank you for all the events you have organised with Mr Keary over the years..



Thank you to Mr Hutton too who also organised Sports Days for our Nursery and Reception children in the school grounds.



PTA END OF YEAR EVENTS

Thank you for all your support

Wednesday 17 July

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FRIS PTA

Ice Lolly Day

GOOD TIMES

enjoy every moment.

£1 on ParentPay

Children will receive a delicious icelolly before the end of the school day.

FRIS PTA INVITES YOU TO

YEAR 2 LEAVERS PARTY

MONDAY 22ND JULY
4PM TO 5:15PM

600 DEGREE PIZZAS, TREATS, DRINKS & DISCO

ALTERNATIVE FOOD WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

THIS IS A FREE EVENT, FULLY FUNDED BY FRIS PTA

PLEASE CONFIRM ON PARENTPAY IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING.

PIZZAS PROVIDED BY 600 DEGREES

Roulette style video /chat apps

Chat roulette style apps work by pairing people together anonymously to chat (and video chat) to each other. Due to the anonymous nature of these apps, we would always recommend that they are not suitable for under 18s.

There is often a lot of inappropriate content and behaviour on these apps and your child is at risk of grooming as a stranger may try to connect with your child initially on an anonymous app and then encourage them to continue chatting on another app.

It is also important that your child is aware that what they say and do whilst video chatting can be recorded and shared later without their knowledge.

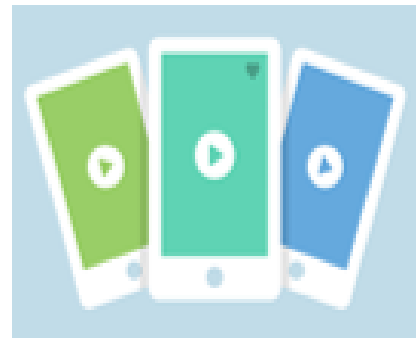
You should talk to your child about who they chat with and what they are sharing when they do. As with all apps and websites that your child accesses, make sure they know how to use any reporting tools and they know how to block other users if necessary.

The NSPCC discuss chat apps in general as well as how to talk to your child about what they are sharing with others online here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

CapCut

Have you heard of CapCut? It is owned by the same owners as TikTok and is a video editing app. CapCut state that their services are intended for those over the age of 13 and those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian. It is rated as 12+ on the App store. The App store have rated it as this because of *Infrequent/Mild Mature/Suggestive Themes, Infrequent/Mild Sexual Content and Nudity*.



What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions allowing users access to premium content.

Further information

Protect Young Eyes have published a full review of CapCut here: <https://protectyouneyes.com/apps/capcut-app-review/>

Harmful Online Challenges

Lisa Kenevan and Hollie Dance both lost their sons to dangerous online challenges. They share their advice and tips with Internet Matters to help protect children from harmful online challenges. Internet Matters have also included links to further resources regarding online challenges at the below link:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/parent-stories/tips-protect-children-harmful-online-challenges/>

Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:



- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps for example.

What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact them again in the future.



Starting a conversation with your child

BBC Own It have curated a selection of videos and quizzes with ideas and advice to help make the web a kinder place. You could use these to help you start a conversation with your child.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curations/being-kind-online>

Further information

- <https://bulliesout.com/need-support/be-kind-online/>
- <https://bekindonline.com/category/cyber-safety-tips/>

Summertime Screen Time



The Ineqe Safeguarding Group have published information on their website to help you manage your child's screen time during the summer break. Their website includes top tips for managing screen time, activities and guides to popular apps:

<https://ineqe.com/2024/06/20/summer-time-screen-time-2024/>

Helping your child transition to secondary school

Is your child moving to secondary school in September? Internet Matters have published lots of useful advice and resources to help you during this transition, including discussing if your child is ready for a smartphone and explaining the challenges they may face in secondary school:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/moving-to-secondary-school-online-safety-guide/>

Accessibility features

There are many accessibility features available on iPhone and Android phones to support those with vision, speech and cognitive needs for example. You can find out more here:

iPhone: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/iphone/iph3e2e4367/ics>

Android: <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6006564?hl=en-GB>