



# Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

## Newsletter 17 7th June 2024



The summer term continues....Hope you all enjoyed a lovely half term.

I can't believe it is June already and we are getting ready for transition activities. They say time flies when you are having fun!



Our very active PTA have been busy organising many events for the rest of the Summer term including :

Wednesday 12th June—Father's Day Shop

Wednesday 17th July —'Ice Lolly Wednesday'

Friday 28th June - Joint Summer Fair with the Juniors

Monday 22nd July - Year 2 Leavers Party

Thanks in advance to this wonderful, dedicated team of parents.

Look out for more information to follow. Please continue to support these events and our team in any way you can.

Please contact our PTA Chairs Emma McCoy or Alice Keighley on [pta.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:pta.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk).

We hope all our Dads enjoy their Father's day gifts next weekend.



## HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY FRIS!



Today we celebrated Farnborough Road School's 90th Birthday. On 1st June 1934, 400 children were admitted to the new Farnborough Road School. The Headmaster was Mr Bracewell and after the first assembly, the children had to be dismissed, because the furniture had not arrived! Three days later, the children reassembled at school, but still there were three classes without chairs. The official opening of the school took place at 2.45pm on 6th June. 2 days later normal lessons could begin. Classes had about 45 children in them. Prior to 1934 the local school was situated at St John's Church to this day we have retained the St John's eagle as our logo.

## BREAK THE RULES DAY

Thank you for all your support on the last day of half term for our annual Break the Rules day—the staff and children had lots of fun!

In total we raised a fabulous £1,661.50 in the Infant School and had a combined total for the day across the Infant and Junior Schools of £4,200 for

Joseph's Garden.



## Important Dates this half term

We have lots of events happening over the last half term I have colour coded them for you according to year group :

Nursery—Pink, Reception— Yellow, Year 1—Blue, Year 2—Red Black across year groups

Tuesday 11th June- Wally Cain Dance Festival

Friday 14th June—Time for Bed—School Council Charity PJ Day

Monday 17th June Children's University Graduation

Friday 21st Children, Staff and Parents find out about new classes

Week Beginning 24th June National Sports Week

25th June Reception Sports Activity Morning

25th June New Nursery Parents Meeting 5pm or 6pm

25th June School Council Celebration Greenbank High

26th June New Reception Parents Meeting 5pm or 6pm

27th June Move Up Morning

27th New to Y3 Meeting FRJS

28th June Sports Day Year 1 and Year 2 Parents invited to attend—Birkdale High 9am

28th June Summer Fair 3.15-4.30pm

Week beginning Monday 1st July ARTS WEEK— Theme -Olympics

6th July Ainsdale Show

Ladybirds Mrs Tickle concert 9th July 10.30am

Butterflies concert 10th July 10.30am

Deaf Active Performance Year 2 parents 11th July 2.30pm

Ladybirds Mrs Duckworth concert 12th July 10.30am

12th July Reports to parents

Reception concert 16th July 9am and 2pm

Year 1 Concert 17th July 9am and 2pm

17th July Ice Lolly Wednesday

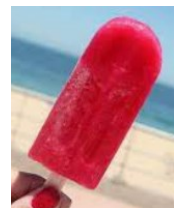
Year 2 Concert 18th July 9am and 2pm

22nd July Year 2 Leavers Party 4-5.30pm

23rd July Break up for Summer Holidays 2pm



**AINSDALE  
SUMMER SHOW**



# First Steps

Family Wellbeing Centre



This week we opened our Farnborough Road Community Cupboard in conjunction with First Steps Family Wellbeing Centre.

The community boards are located at the bottom of the ramp by the infant school office next to the pram park.

In the Community Cupboard on the left you will find free uniform and books.

In the Community Cupboard on the right you will find fresh produce, the notice on the door will let you know what's inside.

Please help yourself to whatever you need.

Please DO NOT leave anything in the cupboard but you are welcome to bring donations to the First Steps Office.



## Positive Parenting Course

Friday 9.00 - 11.00

21/6 - 12/7

@Farnborough Road FWBC

Parenthood can be extremely rewarding and enjoyable. It can also be demanding, frustrating and exhausting. The challenge is to raise healthy, well-adjusted children. During the course you will gain some useful ideas, tips and strategies to help you meet the challenges when raising children.

Do you want more confidence as a parent?

Is your child's behaviour difficult to manage?

Do you want to refresh your skills as a parent?

Contact Clare Tel: 572579/07566798564

Email:- c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk



# FRS SEND Coffee Morning

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 9:15 am

We are delighted to have;

Community Network ADDvanced Solutions

Coming to school to talk about

- Specific learning difficulties
  - Autism
  - ADHD
- Sensory processing difficulties

Join us to help support and better understand your child and their needs.

We will talk through; restricted diet, healthy sleep habits and easing anxiety around change.

**Venue to be confirmed**



## Girls Football Christ the King

On Tuesday Mrs Stancombe and I took 16 of our Year 1 and Year 2 girls to a inter-schools football competition at Christ the King. All the girls had lots of fun and their teams came 2nd and 3rd in the competition.



# PYJAMA DAY FOR CHARITY

IN SUPPORT OF THE TIME FOR  
BED CHARITY

**ON FRIDAY 14TH JUNE CHILDREN CAN  
COME INTO SCHOOL WEARING THEIR  
PYJAMAS FOR A SMALL DONATION OF £1  
VIA PARENT PAY.**

This year the school council chose to raise money for the Time for Bed Charity. This charity works across Merseyside to provide beds for families who are struggling. Every child deserves a safe place to sleep. The school council chose a pyjama themed day to raise awareness and money for the charity.



# Online Safety Newsletter

## June 2024

### Kik

**Kik state you must be 16 years of age to use the app.**

#### What is Kik?

Kik is classed as a social network where users can message each other, share photos/videos as well as video chat.

#### What do I need to be aware of?

- Groups – once a user joins a group then your child can receive messages from other members of that group. Some of the groups are **centered** around topics that are inappropriate for under 18s.
- Adverts
- Location sharing
- Explicit content – including images, videos and messages.
- Live streaming/videos - risk of seeing/hearing inappropriate content.
- Talking to strangers

#### What parental controls does Kik offer?

Kik does have reporting and blocking tools as outlined here:

<https://kikhelppcenter.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/4402400774043-What-can-I-do-if-my-teen-has-received-an-unwanted-or-inappropriate-message>

#### Further information

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

### Check age ratings!



There is so much that we can do online nowadays including playing games, chatting with others, watching TV or sharing our videos/photographs. Being online can be great but it is important that we set boundaries for our children to keep them safe whilst they explore being online, develop their digital resilience and understanding of what to do if anything negative happens when online.

So how can we help keep our children safe? We can start by checking age restrictions/ratings. **It is important that we follow these to ensure that what our children are doing or seeing online is appropriate for their age.**

#### Where can I find age ratings?

**Films:** The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) rate films. This page includes a link to a 'Parents' Guide to Age Ratings':

<https://www.bbfc.co.uk/resources/viewing-films-safely-online>.

**Video games:** PEGI provides age classifications for video games. PEGI considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. It is important to note that PEGI do not take into consideration user generated content within games (such as on Roblox) and chat facilities within games.

**Apps:** Check the individual age ratings within the relevant app store. We also recommend that you download any apps and play them yourself to check their suitability.

**Social Media:** All social media networks have a minimum age rating; they are all at least 13+.

#### What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

#### Further information

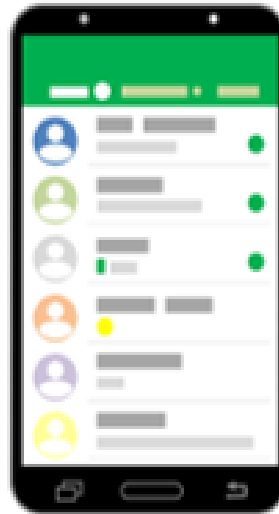
You can find out more here:

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/understanding-age-ratings>

## Chatting online

Following a recent report by the BBC detailing how a child was asked for inappropriate images when chatting online (source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-68616730>), we thought we would discuss the dangers your child might face when communicating with strangers online.

In addition to social media apps that include a chat facility, most online games also allow communication, for example FIFA and Fortnite. Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play. You need to be aware that there are people who may use these games to start chatting to your child and then encourage them to chat on alternative apps (which are more private, encrypted or have fewer safety options). Talk to your child about the dangers of doing this.



### What risks are there with chatting online?

- Bullying
- Inappropriate chat – children may encounter explicit or inappropriate content.
- Contact from strangers – talk to your child about who is contacting them online.
- Sharing personal information – talk to your child about what information they share with others including images.
- Sextortion - this is a form of blackmail where somebody threatens to share a nude/sexual image of you.

### How can I mitigate the risks?

- Ensure your child is accessing age-appropriate apps/games and that appropriate parental controls are set up.
- Chat to your child about the risks above so they are aware of what can happen online.
- Depending on the age of your child, it may be more appropriate for devices to be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and if they are chatting to others.

### Reporting other users

It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report others who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns.

### Further information

- <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>

## Tips to promote positive body image

If your child is viewing content online, particularly on social media, then the images they are seeing may be edited or even fake. A child may not yet be able to distinguish between reality and what is not real/fake, which may impact their own body image.

Internet Matters provide advice on how to empower your child to develop a positive body image and what you can do to help. Find out more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/promoting-positive-body-image-with-children/>

## CBeebies Little Learners app

The CBeebies Little Learners app has been created with BBC Bitesize and educational experts to provide your child with a fun learning experience. It includes activities based on the UK's Early Years Foundation Stage framework, for example sounds and letters and numbers and shapes. You can learn more here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zndjh4j>

## LEGO Build and Talk

LEGO® have created Build and Talk to help you chat to your child about online safety. The activities have been created for children ages 6 to 9.

Firstly, you pick an activity to do and then you read a story, which includes questions and conversation prompts, whilst you build LEGO® together. This is a fantastic way to start talking to your child about topics such as **screen time**, and cyberbullying. Find out more here: <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/buildandtalk/>