



# Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

## Newsletter 10 2nd February 2024



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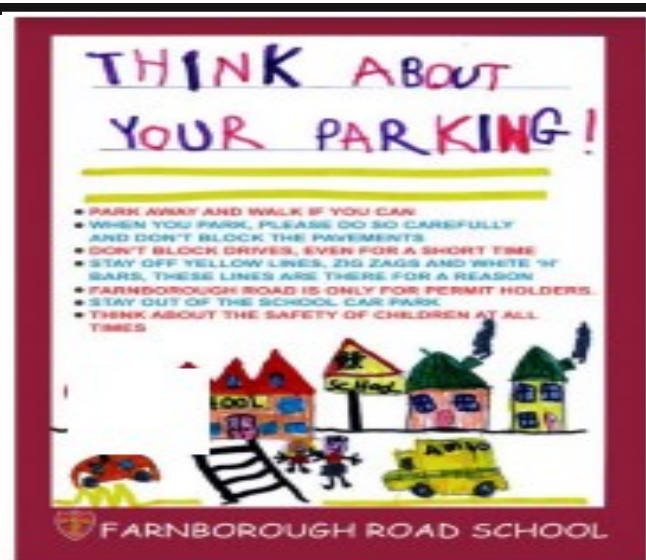
Children's Mental Health Week is

My Voice Matters

We want all of our children to be able to express their

thoughts, feelings and views.

Children will be taking part in a number of activities throughout the week including Music, Mindfulness, Zumba and Cheerleading, our school disco on Thursday and Friday MASH up Playtime with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN and OUR COMMUNITY SAFE.

I am receiving more and more complaints about parents parking on Farnborough Road which is a PERMIT only zone for a reason to help keep our children safe. Unfortunately, some parents park illegally, make three point turns in the road and are aggressive towards other parents and residents when challenged. Mr Antell and I contact the police every time we receive complaints and stories of near misses. It is so sad that we ask our children to follow our school rules every day and a small minority of parents can not keep our laws.

PLEASE DON'T BE THAT PARENT WHO CAUSES SERIOUS HARM TO ONE OF OUR CHILDREN.




Love My Community 2024

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Our school is part of the Southport Learning Partnership where we work together with

other schools on joint projects. Love My Community is a special day in the school year where we join with other local schools to raise money for a charity chosen by the children of Southport.

This year the schools have chosen to support: 

All we ask is that each child pays a donation of £1 to join in with the day, with all funds raised being donated to the charity.

In return, they can wear 'non uniform' for the day. Please pay through your ParentPay account.

Many thanks for your help with this appeal and we hope together we can all make a huge demonstration that we **Love our Community!**



Thank you for our super turn out at the last PTA meeting last Friday.

We have decided on a number of PTA events for the upcoming term

8th February—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Discos

February Half term—Smarties Challenge

6th March—Mother's Day Shop

7th March — World Book Day

27th March—Easter Fair

If you think you can help our team please contact  
PTA.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk

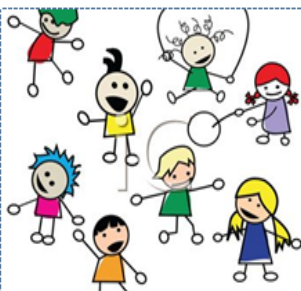
## Half-Term Activities 12th –16th February

**First Steps**  
Family Wellbeing Centre

**Monday 12/2**  
10.00-11.00  
*Little Treasures*

Come and explore with  
your little one  
Suitable for babies  
birth to crawling

@ Kings Meadow



No booking required for any sessions  
No charge but donations are accepted



**Tuesday 13/2**  
10.00–11.30

*Valentines  
Stay and Play*

Come along for  
craft activities and  
outdoor play  
All ages welcome  
@Farnborough Road.



### School Shoes



PLEASE NOTE

Black school shoes should be worn

Fastenings should be simple eg Velcro fastenings. Laced shoes should **ONLY** be worn if children can do their own laces.

**Trainers or boots must NOT be worn.**



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Our class  
weekly  
attendance  
is shared in  
Friday's  
'Star of the

**Week' Assembly and the children are keen for their class to win the Attendance Bear for the week.**

**Best Class Attendance Week Beginning 22nd January was Room 2 and Room 13**

**Best Class Attendance Week Beginning 29th January is Room 2 and Room 13**



**Whole school attendance for the year to date is 93.48%**

Our school values are:

**COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and LOVE AND KINDNESS**



If you haven't already done so, please purchase a Children's University Passport from our online school shop so that your child can collect the maximum amount of credits for clubs they attend and

places they visit at the weekends or during the holidays. Please ensure you have downloaded the Children's University App. It will show all of the validated Learning Destinations available close to wherever in the country you are standing! The App is FREE and is available from the App store. (Just search 'Children's University') It updates as soon as a new Learning Destination has been validated and is great for finding new places to get your passport to learning stamped—particularly if you are out and about over half term and want to know if a nearby museum or attraction is a learning destination Remember passports will be collected in May (Y2) and June (R and Y1)! Please see the Half term challenge attached—if you send evidence to [seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:seftoncu@elevate-ebp.co.uk) then your child will receive one credit for each activity completed.



## February Half Term Challenge 2024

<p><b>Activity 1</b> Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February is Chinese New Year and 2024 is the year of the dragon! Have a go at making some Chinese New Year themed crafts and decorations. There are lots of ideas here <a href="#">30 Chinese New Year Activities And Crafts For Kids 2023 - Netmums</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 2</b> February is National Heart Month and is all about exercising for a healthy heart. Why not create a circuit made up of 10 different physical activities such as burpees, pressups, squats, star jumps. Take your pulse before you start and after you have finished (you may need help from an adult for this). Make a poster showing the exercises you have chosen and record your heart rate on this too!</p>	<p><b>Activity 3</b> Half term is student volunteer week and also includes 'Random acts of Kindness' day. To gain your credit we are asking you to volunteer an hour of your time to help a friend or family member. You could: Organise a litter pick, undertake odd jobs, Cook or bake a tasty treat, organise some dog walks (be generous and imaginative!) Write a short report of what you did, who for and how it made you feel.</p>	<p><b>Activity 4</b> Ask a grown up to help you make some pancakes. There are so many different types to try...ham and cheese, fruity, scotch, lemon and sugar – yum! Here are some recipe ideas <a href="#">Kid's pancake recipes - BBC Food</a> Don't forget to take a few pictures before you eat them all!</p>										
<p><b>Activity 5</b> We have had a lot of cold weather recently...but some animals live in very cold temperatures most of the time! Follow this link to see some of the animals and then choose one to find out more about. Write a report, including where they live, what they eat and how they keep warm. <a href="#">Top 10 Snow Animals and How They Survive the Cold   Discover Magazine</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 6</b> 14<sup>th</sup> February is Valentines day – Show a friend or family member how much you love them by making a card or gift – there are some great ideas here <a href="#">75+ Easy Valentine Crafts for Kids - Happiness is Homemade</a> Or why not write them a poem? Get some inspiration here! <a href="#">17 Valentine's Poems For Kids - Netmums</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 7</b> If you like photography, then why not take up this challenge? Using a mixture of indoor and outdoor photos, take pictures of Something:  <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1. Strihey</td> <td>2. Tiny</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Fluffy</td> <td>4. Transparent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Sparkly</td> <td>6. Tall</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7. Spiky</td> <td>8. Colourful</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9. Rusty</td> <td>10. Living</td> </tr> </table> </p>	1. Strihey	2. Tiny	3. Fluffy	4. Transparent	5. Sparkly	6. Tall	7. Spiky	8. Colourful	9. Rusty	10. Living	
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Collect extra Children's University credits during the February half term by completing these challenges. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless stated otherwise), when you send evidence to your local Children's University. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing! Send it to [SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk)

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## SILVER SMARTIES CHALLENGE 2024

FRIS PTA have given you a treat, these yummy Smarties for you to eat.


Keep the tube, don't throw it away, do tasks and good deeds, fill it with your pay.


So come on FRIS pupils, be supercool, and help us raise money for our school!

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01

Eat your Smarties, but keep the tube.
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02

Use your helping hands, do good deeds or chores at home ..
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03

in exchange for coins ...
- 
04

to fill your Smarties tube!
- 
05

Return your Smarties tube to class by Wednesday 21st February 2024.



Next Friday each child will receive a packet of Smarties to enjoy from our PTA and as part of our fundraising we ask that you don't throw away the packet but return it to us on the first day back with any spare change. Hopefully, you can get your children to help you around the house over the half term to earn some pennies for the tube. All the money raised will go towards the PTA project of purchasing New Non-Fiction Books for the Library

### Important Dates

- Monday 19th Feb—Back to School
- Thursday 22nd—World Thinking Day - Rainbow and Beavers can wear their uniforms to school
- W/C 26th Spring Clubs Start
- Wednesday 28th—Governor Day
- Thursday 7th March—World Book day
- Wednesday and Thursday 13th and 14th—School Council Toast Shop
- Friday 15th Comic Relief








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# New You, New Direction !

// We can help you with CVs, application forms, applying for jobs, interview techniques, plus starting a business!

**Sessions start Wednesday 21st February 2024, 1 to 3pm, First Steps Family Well Being Centre, Farnborough Road site, PR8 3DF**

Ring Carole (below) or the centre (01704 572 579) to book or find our more!

 07458 302221

\*Not working, currently not required by a benefit to seek work, and resident in the Liverpool City Region



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# Online Safety Newsletter

## February 2024

### Setting up parental controls on your child's mobile

If you do not have the same mobile phone as your child, and therefore are unable to use Google Family link or Apple Family Sharing, then you can set restrictions on your child's device instead.

#### Apple devices:

To set up restrictions on your child's device directly (rather than using an app) then follow the instructions on the link below:

<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201304>

The instructions will show you how to get to the settings on your child's phone and then how to set restrictions such as restrict content, schedule downtime, set time limits for apps. You will need to set a passcode 'use a screen time passcode' to ensure changes cannot be made after you have set them.

#### Android devices:

As with the above link, this link shows you how to set up parental controls on the device itself by creating a PIN:

<https://support.google.com/googleday/answer/1075738?hl=en-GB#zippy=%2Cfor-family-members-who-manage-their-own-accounts>

## PlayStation

Does your child have a PlayStation? If so, have you set up appropriate parental controls? Some examples of the parental controls available are:

- Set age restrictions,
- Set daily limits,
- Control chat and messaging,
- Set spend limits.



#### How can I block/report other players?

If your child is playing with other players, then please ensure they know how to report/block other players and to tell a trusted adult if they do come across anything upsetting or that they are unsure of. This link details how to do this based on the device they have:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/block-players-psn/>

#### What games are suitable for my child?

PlayStation have included a list of games along with their age rating to help you find a game that may be appropriate for your child to play.

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/editorial/great-ps4-games-for-kids-and-families/>

*Whilst age ratings do allow you to see if a game may be appropriate, it is also important to review the game yourself and see if it includes additional features such as chat. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable and if you need to apply further parental controls.*

#### Further information

You can find out more about the controls available here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/parental-controls/>

## YouTube Shorts

**You should be over 13 to post videos on YouTube.** YouTube Shorts are short videos which are similar in format to videos you find on TikTok or Instagram Reels. 'Shorts' are available to watch on the YouTube homepage or on the Shorts tab in the app. As they are quick to watch, they can be addictive and lead to excessive screen time. If your child is watching these videos, ensure they know that there is a report button. The INEQUE Safeguarding Group discuss this feature in more detail here:

<https://ineqe.com/2021/07/01/youtube-shorts-need-to-know/>

# Snapchat: new controls

## What is Snapchat?

Snapchat is a social media app used for messaging and sharing photos and videos. **You must be 13+ to sign up.** Users can send messages (snaps) to others that are only seen for a set time e.g., 10 seconds and users can also upload snaps to stories, which disappear after 24 hours.



You can find out more about Snapchat here: <https://parents.snapchat.com/en-GB>

## Family Center: new features

Snapchat are expanding the features available to you in their Family Center, allowing parents to view:

- story settings: you will be able to see who your child is sharing their story with e.g. all their friends or a smaller group.
- contact settings: see who your child can be contacted by (by people they have added as a friend or their phone contacts).
- if your child is sharing their location with friends on the Snap Map.

In addition, you will be able to restrict the use of Snapchat's 'My AI.' You can find out more here:

<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/expanding-our-in-app-parental-tools-2024>

## More information

The NSPCC provide further information about Snapchat, **the risks involved** with using Snapchat and **tips to help keep your child safe** if they are using Snapchat.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-snapchat-safe-for-my-child/>

## At what age can my child start using social networks?

Internet Matters have produced this fantastic resource highlighting the minimum age limits for a variety of social media platforms as well as outlining the risks of being underage on social media. You can find out more here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking>

## Reality Check from Parent Zone



Most VR Headsets have a minimum age recommendation of 13+ and VR games are rated by PEGI too so check their age rating/suitability.

Parent Zone, VoiceBox and Meta have created a series of videos explaining the safety and parental control tools available when using VR and how to have a conversation with your child about VR. Find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/realitycheck>

## Online Safety advice for Early Years

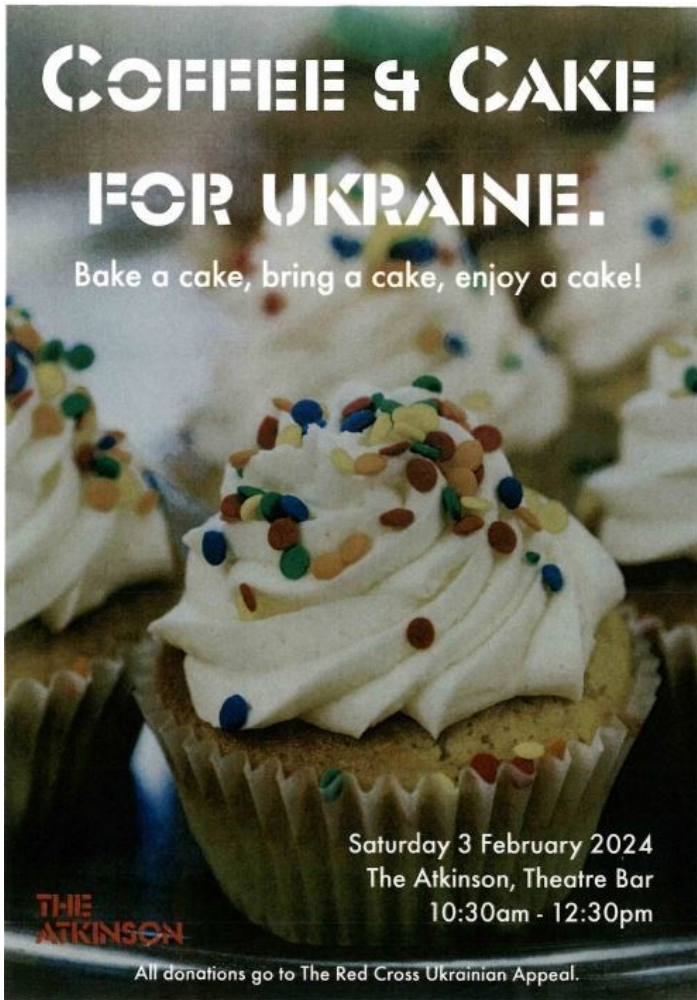
Internet Matters have teamed up with EE to create 'Online Safety Starts Early.' This is a 4-episode series, for those with children in Early Years. Episode one highlights how to create positive habits from the beginning and then provides links to additional resources.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/online-safety-video-guides-early-years/>

## EE Learn

EE Learn includes an array of information and guidance on how to keep your child safe online, for example tips on how to help your child when they are online. Find out more here:

<https://ee.co.uk/do-more-with-ee/learn>

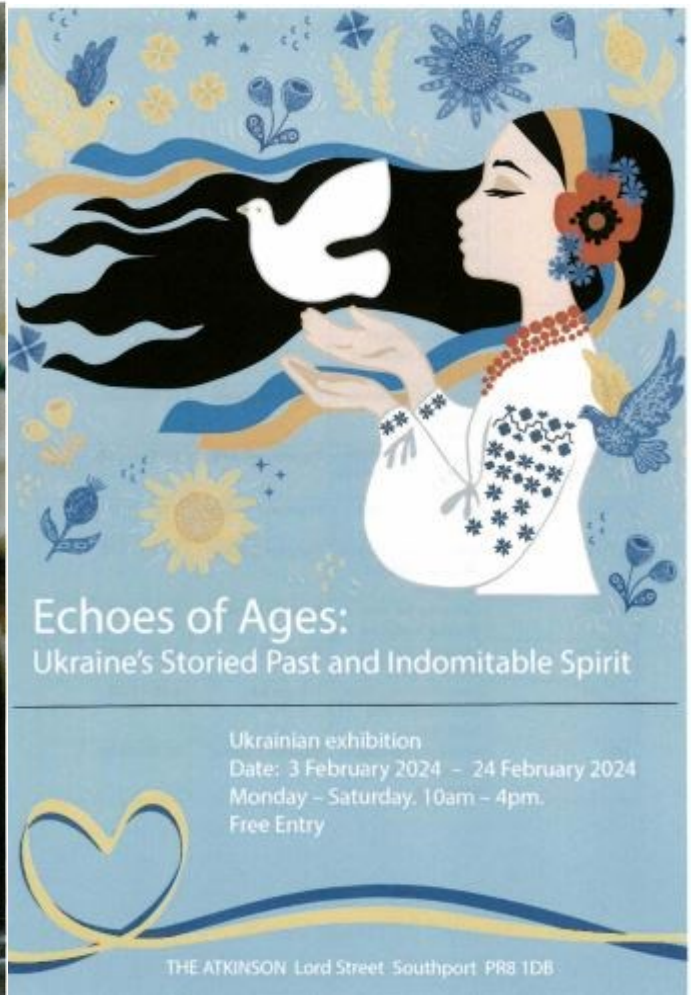


**COFFEE & CAKE**  
**FOR UKRAINE.**  
 Bake a cake, bring a cake, enjoy a cake!

**THE ATKINSON**

Saturday 3 February 2024  
 The Atkinson, Theatre Bar  
 10:30am - 12:30pm

All donations go to The Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal.



**Echoes of Ages:**  
 Ukraine's Storied Past and Indomitable Spirit

Ukrainian exhibition  
 Date: 3 February 2024 – 24 February 2024  
 Monday – Saturday, 10am – 4pm.  
 Free Entry

**THE ATKINSON** Lord Street Southport PR8 1DB

## Ukrainian Events and Master Classes

Date	Activity	Location	Time
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Meet & Greet Ladies in traditional dress and Korovai (trad.bread) Ukrainian Choir	Foyer	10.30 Start
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Coffee Morning Proceeds going to Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal	Theatre Bar	10.30 – 12.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Traditional Ukrainian Fairy Story and Children's Crafts	Childrens Library	10.30 – 1.30
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Ukrainian Varenyky (Dumplings) Making Workshop	Museum Landing	11.30 - 1.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Ukrainian Motanka Doll Workshop	Museum Landing	1.00 – 3.00
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Petrykivka Painting: A Ukrainian Folk Art Workshop	Museum Landing	10.30 – 3.30
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ukrainian Namisto Beading Workshop	Museum Landing	1.30 – 3.30
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Ukrainian Motanka Doll Workshop	Theatre Bar	11.00 – 3.30
17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Hand-building a Plate with Texture: Clay Workshop	Theatre Bar	1.00 – 3.00
24 <sup>th</sup>	Petrykivka Painting: A Ukrainian Folk Art Workshop	Museum Landing	10.30 – 3.30