



Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 5 10th November 2023



Week 13th—17th November we will be celebrating Friendship Week in school.

The theme we have chosen this year is based on the book *Have you filled a Bucket today?*



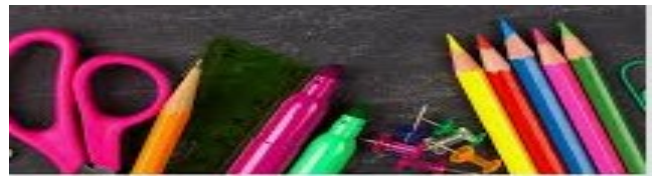
On Monday 13th to start the week we are asking the children to come to school in odd socks so we are all unique and different.

And on Friday 17th we will be celebrating Friend of the Week and have a fabulous live band providing an uplifting live music experience to sing and dance and celebrate our friendships.

During the week we will be meeting up with our buddy classes to talk about kind behaviours and kind words, learning all about how to be a really good friend, how to sort things out with our friends when we fall out, understanding what bullying is and how



to deal with unwanted behaviour. We will also be celebrating our uniqueness. 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 2024

REMEMBER if you require a school place for September 2024 for Nursery or Reception—**APPLY NOW!**
Deadline for Reception applications is 15th January 2024.
Nursery Application Form : <https://www.farnboroughroadinfants.co.uk/nursery-11/>

Reception Application Form : <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-or-secondary-school-in-september-2024/>



Would you be interested in a role within our school?

We currently have vacancies for Lunchtime welfare assistants

6.25 hrs per week or supply work.

Please ask for an application form at the school office

We also have many volunteers in school please contact me if you /or grandparents have any spare time.



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



On Friday 17th 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 donation for the Children in Need Charity. Please follow the link below to make your donation on Parent Pay directly to Child in Need.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?>

FRIS PTA
PARTY WITH SANTA

4TH DECEMBER: CATERPILLARS
5TH DECEMBER: BUTTERFLIES & LADYBIRDS START OF THE WEEK
6TH DECEMBER: 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 party with games and treats (such as pastries, jam sandwiches, snacks and drinks) Children can wear party outfits on the day.

£4 payable on ParentPay until 24th November

Please note: no payments after the closing date will be accepted.

All items must be paid on ParentPay by 24 November. Please remember that no money can be taken after this deadline.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Would your child like to have Breakfast with Santa?
... he has gifts too!

Monday 4th December For Reception
Tuesday 5th December for Year 2
Wednesday 6th December for Year 1

Each child will have breakfast, receive a gift and have their photo taken with Santa (available on Dojo).

Please drop your children at the Infant Hall doors at 7:45am prompt, where they will be met by Santa's PTA Elves! Children will be taken to their classrooms afterwards.

Tickets are £5 payable on ParentPay where you will make your selection of cereal and drinks your child would like on the day. A selection of pastries, milk and water will also be available.

If you do not wish your child to attend breakfast, but would like them to receive a gift from Santa, there is a £2 charge payable on ParentPay.

Payments on ParentPay close: 24 November!



FRIS PTA PRESENTS
ELFRIDGES
The Christmas Gift Shop

Wednesday 6 December

Children will get the chance to pick from a selection of gifts in school for their loved ones at Christmas. Presents will be sent home wrapped ready to go under your tree.

£2.50 a gift
Payable on ParentPay until Friday 24 November 2023

Please note: No payments will be accepted after the ParentPay deadline. This is 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 6 th Dec	PTA Secret Santa Shop	
Friday 8 th Dec	Santa Dash (with Santa Hats)	
Friday 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 15 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day	
Thursday 21 st Dec	Panto	
Thursday 21 st Dec	End of Term	2pm

Nursery

Date	Event	Time	Nursery Group
Monday 4 th Dec	Party with Santa	Nursery Hours	Caterpillars
Tuesday 5 th Dec	Party with Santa	Nursery Hours	Butterflies and Ladybirds (Mrs Tickle)
Wednesday 6 th Dec	Party with Santa	Nursery Hours	Ladybirds (Mrs Duckworth)
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Concert	10.45am	Butterflies
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Concert	10.15am	Ladybirds Mrs Tickle
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Christmas Fair in a Box	Nursery Hours	Caterpillars and Ladybirds (Mrs Tickle)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Fair	Nursery Hours	Butterflies and Ladybirds (Mrs. Duckworth)
Thursday 14 th Dec	Concert	10.45am	Ladybirds Mrs Duckworth
Wednesday 20 th Dec	Party Day	All day	Caterpillars, Butterflies and Ladybirds

Reception

Date	Event	Time
Monday 4 th Dec	Breakfast with Santa	7.45-8.45am
Tuesday 12 th Dec	Concert	2pm
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Concert	9am
Friday 15 th Dec	Christmas Fair Day	School Hours

Year 1

Date	Event	Time
Wednesday 6 th Dec	Breakfast with Santa	7.45-8.45am
Wednesday 13 th Dec	Concert	2pm
Thursday 14 th Dec	Concert	9am
Friday 15 th Dec	Christmas Fair Day	School Hours

Year 2

Date	Event	Time
Tuesday 5 th Dec	Breakfast with Santa	7.45-8.45am
Thursday 14 th Dec	Concert	2pm
Thursday 14 th Dec	Concert	6pm
Friday 15 th Dec	Christmas Fair Day	School Hours

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Online Safety Newsletter

November 2023

Staying safe on a PlayStation

Internet Matters have teamed up with Sony Interactive Entertainment to create a quiz that you can play with your child to see who knows more about the safety options available on a PlayStation. Play the quiz here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/press-start-for-playstation-safety/>



Ollee - your virtual friend

Parent Zone have created 'Ollee,' a virtual friend that asks your child how they are feeling and provides ideas and advice to help. Ollee is aimed at 8-11-year olds. You are also able to use the app to find advice around any issues that you think your child might be having.

You can find out more here:

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

Roblox

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. It is important to set up appropriate parental controls for your child.**



What rating is Roblox?

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content. It is rated for 'Teens' on Google Play and 12+ on the App store.

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. For children under 13, you can set the Monthly Spend Restriction in settings.

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so sometimes the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child.

How do I report abuse and block users?

Roblox have a Report Abuse system so show your child how to use it to report inappropriate content as well as how to block other users. There are different ways of doing this depending on the device being used.

How do I set up parental controls and a pin?

Parental controls are available within settings. We recommend that you explore the parental controls available and set as appropriate. You can enable a PIN, which means that changes cannot be made without this pin. You can set up Allowed Experiences, which allows you to select age-appropriate experiences, so your child can only join experiences that match their age. Age categories available are for all, 9+, 13+ and 17+. All experiences are still searchable though.

To view content that is suitable for 17+, then a user must participate in a verification process by submitting valid ID.

Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>
- <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/roblox/>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 1.11.23.

TikTok

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings>

As always, it is important that when setting up an account on TikTok your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age. For example, Direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15 and they do not receive push notifications from 9pm. In addition, advertisements are tailored to the user's age.

Family Pairing

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok

Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them, including how to report comments, direct messages and another user. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Further information

- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

WhatsApp's editing feature

You must be at least 16 years old to use WhatsApp.

You may have noticed that WhatsApp have added an editing feature so you can change messages that you have sent for up to 15 minutes afterwards. Childnet have published a blog outlining what you should be aware about with this new feature:

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/find-out-whatsapps-new-features-and-how-it-can-impact-online-safety/>

EA Sports FC 24

EA Sports FC 24 has been rated as PEGI 3, which means it is suitable for those over the age of 3. However, you need to be aware that the game does include in-app purchases and users can interact with each other.

EA Sports FC 24 was released in September and is a rebranding for the EA FIFA series. It is available to play across a series of platforms.

As players can communicate with others, your child may be exposed to inappropriate language and there is also the risk of grooming when online interaction takes place. Ensure your child knows how to use the applicable reporting tools. The chat facility can be switched off.

