



# Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 4 20th October 2023



One of our School Improvement Priorities for 2023-24 is the development and use of our Outdoor Environment. Thanks to the kind donation from the PTA of a fabulous £10,000 we are able to make our plans for the internal garden a reality this week.

During the last few months Mrs Iddon and I have been working with Stuart Barrett from **Just Grow Forest School** to design an internal forest school design for our children to access with a trained Forest School Lead.



The internal garden is being transformed with a covered teaching area which can also be used for getting on wellies and outdoor suits, a digging and den making area, a covered seating and tarpaulin area around a firepit, a mud kitchen, seating for outdoor reading from the newly refurbished library and raised planters. All the current resources within the garden will be reused along with other recycled materials to make the garden project eco-friendly and keep the costs down to a minimum. We can't wait to see and use the final design now! Thank you to everyone who has supported our PTA events to make this happen.



Just a note to say a big THANK YOU to our Governor



Lucy Fletcher for donating the

sleepers we used to make repairs in the Nursery garden over the Summer Holidays.



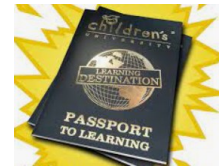
We hope you all have a lovely half term and thank you for your continued support with our Class Dojo Communication Policy.

After a long and extremely busy half term please can I ask that you respect staff quiet hours on Class Dojo and allow them quality time with their families and friends.

See you all on Monday 30th October!



Children's University is a national charitable organisation which celebrates learning that takes place outside of school hours. Pupils collect 'credits' for the time they spend outside of school hours participating in a huge variety of different learning activities.



## Top up Children's University Credits!

Laura Ashcroft from Children's University came to visit the children last week to talk to them about all the ways they can Top Up their Children's University Credits during Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you would like your child to graduate from Children's University at the end of Year 2 start collecting credits using these easy steps.

1. Children can attend school clubs—these will enable your child to graduate if you attend the teacher run clubs over the 3 years in the main school.
2. Children can attend paid school clubs and we collect the credits for these in school.
3. If children attend clubs outside school purchase a Children's University Passport from the school shop and make sure your child's club is accredited and get the organiser to stamp their passport.
4. If you visit a Learning Destination don't forget to take your Children's University Passports out and about with you -collect extra credits at eg Martin Mere, Farmer Teds, museums and theatres.
5. Complete the holiday challenges see below and send evidence to : [LiverpoolCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:LiverpoolCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk) #halftermfun#extraCUcredits



## October half term Challenge 2023

<p><b>Activity 1</b> <b>Observational Drawing</b> Go outside and collect some leaves of varying shape, size and colour. Take them home and cut the leaves in half lengthways and glue one half to your paper. Using pencils, crayons or felt tips and your observation skills draw the other half of the leaf. There are some extra ideas here <a href="#">Mirror Leaf Drawings: Nature Art - The Imagination Tree</a></p>	<p><b>Activity 2</b> <b>Can you spot...?</b> List these items onto a piece of paper: red leaf, rock, squirrel, birds' nest, brown leaf, mushroom, spider web, wildflower, conker, pinecone, scarecrow, feather, berries, worm, bark. Now go on a walk or a bike/scooter ride and see how many of these things you can spot. Take a photo when you have found each item. You can tick them off over a few days.</p>	<p><b>Activity 3</b> <b>Autumn Miniature Garden</b> Have a look at this link for some ideas on how to create a miniature garden: <a href="#">Enchanting miniature gardens / RHS Campaign for School Gardening</a> Design your garden and then go outside to collect lots of materials such as leaves, conkers, twigs, moss, flowers, mini figures. Create your garden! Send us your photo.</p>	<p><b>Activity 4</b> <b>Get cooking</b> Why not get in the kitchen and make or bake some delicious treats? Here is some Autumn themed inspiration or maybe you have your own favourite recipe! <a href="#">Autumn / Fall Themed Food for Kids - Eats Amazing</a></p>
<p><b>Activity 5</b> <b>BBC 500 Words</b> Write your very own short story and enter the BBC 500 words competition. Stories need to be submitted by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. For all details of how to enter and some inspirational tips follow this link <a href="#">500 Words - BBC Teach</a> When you send a photo of your completed story, you will get 3 credits!</p>	<p><b>Activity 6</b> <b>Get moving!</b> Decide on your favourite sports activity – for example running, walking, cycling, dancing, football, gymnastics, tennis, boxing. Design a set of at least 5 warm up exercises that help you get ready for your sport or activity, list them and then do each exercise. Time how long it takes to complete the set. Why not do each set every day to improve your fitness?</p>	<p><b>Activity 7</b> <b>Hibernation Fact File</b> Many creatures hibernate in the late Autumn and Winter. Make a poster about hibernation. What is it? Which animals hibernate? How do different creatures hibernate? Plus any other fascinating facts about hibernation. Don't forget to decorate your poster <a href="#">10 fascinating facts about hibernation - National Geographic Kids</a> (<a href="http://natgeokids.com">natgeokids.com</a>)</p>	

Collect extra Children's University credits during the October holiday by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit (unless otherwise stated) when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or send it to your local Children's University. Send it to [SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk](mailto:SeftonCU@elevate-ebp.co.uk)

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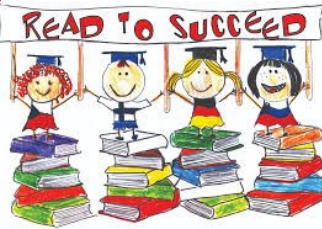
You are probably aware that during the summer holidays teaching unions accepted the pay award offered by the government

after an extended period of teaching strikes across the country. BUT this is not all that we wanted, as teachers were also successful in getting these pay increases partially funded too.

We understand that this was a difficult time for parents and thank you for your support throughout this time.

Schools will continue to campaign for better school funding as you might be also be aware that the number of staff we have in school continues to decrease.

With the new 2024-25 budget announcements we breathed a sigh of relief in September for a short amount of time hoping to recruit new members of staff however further announcements last Friday regarding the error in school funding allocations for next year have forced me to rethink again. We will continue to keep you informed and use the resources we have available wisely to ensure there is no impact on the learning of our children.



At FRIS we know Reading is the key to success and little and often practice helps our children make good progress, hence our

Read to Succeed Initiative to encourage children to read at least 5 times a week.



Thank you to all our class Reading Angels who regularly come into school to ensure our children get extra chances to read with adults.



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.

Thank you to Lee Bibby Building Services for fitting our new Defibrillator in the car park for FREE so that our community can have easy access to it.



LEE BIBBY BUILDING SERVICES

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## Xmas4schools™

During class, children will design their Christmas pictures ready to take home just before the October half term.

All you need to do is:

- Complete the form on the reverse of your child's picture
- Return the artwork with form completed to school  
**no later than 8th November 2023.**

Once it's been submitted, you will receive an email/text from Xmas4schools with a link to the online ordering portal. This link will allow you to order and pay up to the **15th November 2023.**

Orders will be delivered to school and given to the children before the end of term in December.



We have always had filtering systems in schools which safeguarding the children in what they can access on the

school's equipment. However, since September 2023 all schools have also to follow new guidance on how we monitor pupil use of the internet. It is an expectation that ALL schools have a highly advanced system to closely monitor everything that children do online. To make sure we safeguard our children, this term we have introduced a new programme called SENSO that will closely monitor pupils searches and use of language/phrases and alert senior staff to any concerns Once alerted we can look at the screenshot and if needed follow it up with the child and their family. Staff have been talking to the children about how it works so that they are fully aware of this monitoring system too.



Our PTA annual general meeting took place on 6th October and our new committee was formed:

**PTA Chairs: Alice Keighley and Ema McCoy**

**Treasurer: Rachel Corfield**

**Social Media / Advertising : Rebecca Laird and  
Carla Hazelwood**

If you would like to support the PTA and contribute to the lovely events they organise please follow us on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/552066501669330/>

**Join us for our next meeting....**

**Friday 10th November 9am**

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**First Steps**

Family Wellbeing Centre



## OCTOBER HALF TERM

**Mini Movers Tues 24/10**

**10.00— 11.00**

Suitable for babies/crawlers and cruisers

Discovery session in a safe soft space

£1 per child @ Kings Meadow



**Wednesday 25th October**

**Halloween Party 10.30-12.00**

**Come along to Farnborough Road  
for our annual spooky party.**

**Face painting, make your own chocolate apple,**

**Indoor and outdoor play, craft activities**

**Fancy Dress Costume parade and Party Food**

**All ages welcome £1 per child**



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>A</b> <b>M</b>	<p>Little Treasures 10.00-11.00 NO BOOKING REQUIRED</p> <p>Toddler Rhyme Time 10.15 - 11.00 BOOKING REQUIRED</p>	<p>Jo Jingles 18m -3yrs 9.30-10.15 3m-18m 10.45-11.30 31/10 - 12/12</p> <p>Mini Movers 10.00 -11.00 No booking required £1 donation per child</p>	<p>Dancing Songbirds 18m-3yr 9.30-10.10</p> <p>Baby Rhyme Time birth-crawling 10.30-11.00</p>	<p>Positive Parenting 9.00 - 11.00 Booking required 2/11 - 23/11</p>	<p>Little Chefs 2yr - 4yr 10.30 - 11.30 10/11 - 15/12 BOOKING REQUIRED</p> <p>*Baby Ballet* 3/11 - 15/12 9:15 babyballet@Tinijs (18m - 3 years) 10am babyballet@Tots (6-18months)</p>	<p>Dads Club 10.00-12.00 Join Scott for a fun morning of activities</p> <p>11/11 25/11 9/12</p>
<b>P</b> <b>M</b>	<p>Baby Weigh In 1.00- 2.00 Baby Yoga 6months - 12 months 1.30 - 2.30 6/11 - 27/11 BOOKING REQUIRED</p>	<p>Baby Weigh In 1.00- 3.00</p> <p>TOP TOTS 1.30-2.30 No booking required £1 donation per child</p>	<p>CHILL and CHAT  For New Mums and tiny babies 1.00- 2.15 Starting 22/11 Booking Required</p>		<p>Baby Massage 1.30-2.30 10/11 - 1/12 BOOKING REQUIRED</p>	

Activities in GREEN are at Farnborough Activities in BLUE are at Kings Meadow

All groups start week beginning 30/10 unless specified

Please contact us to book on or for more information –  
Farnborough 01704 572579 Kings Meadow 01704 571606

Email – [c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:c.horton.fs@schools.sefton.gov.uk)

Facebook – **First Steps Family Wellbeing Centre**

**Little Treasures**

Support your child's early learning through treasure baskets, songs and stories! For babies birth to crawling.

**CHILL and CHAT**

Join us for a cuppa and a chat about the wonders of motherhood and looking after mum. Places must be booked. Suitable for mums and babes aged 0-6 months.

**Dancing Songbirds**

Come and join ~~Aimee~~ for dancing, singing and rhymes. **NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

**Dads' Club**

Group for Dads and Male carers to meet with their children for fun, games, cooking

**Jo Jingles**  
amazing music and movement session  
With Fran

£35 - 7 weeks  
Please book on by calling us 01704 572579

**Mini Movers**

suitable for babies/crawlers and cruisers. Discovery session to explore in a safe soft space. Songs and Story to finish  
**NO BOOKING REQUIRED**

**Little Chefs**

£12 – 6 weeks  
Suitable for age 2-4  
For children to practise simple cooking skills, to encourage your child to try new foods, be creative and enjoy cooking

**POSITIVE PARENTING COURSE**

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.

**TOP TOTS**

At St John Stones Church Hall (at the rear of the shops on Sandbrook Road, parking available)  
A physical fun activity session to encourage large motor skills aged 2+

£1 per child

**Baby Massage**

A chance for you and your baby to bond while encouraging better sleep patterns.  
£10 to pay

**NEW \*BABY BALLETS\***

Please follow the links below to book on

~~babyballet@Tinijs~~ (18 months - 3 years)  
[https://www.thinksmartssoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson\\_booking.php?t=bSCMdVIVebIm%2F8U68DhPlg%3D%3D&u=ijlkOd9N87jHJmNzePMtw%3D%3D&p\\_id=6&c=2227](https://www.thinksmartssoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=bSCMdVIVebIm%2F8U68DhPlg%3D%3D&u=ijlkOd9N87jHJmNzePMtw%3D%3D&p_id=6&c=2227)

~~babyballet@Tots~~ (8months-18months)  
[https://www.thinksmartssoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson\\_booking.php?t=bSCMdVIVebIm%2F8U68DhPlg%3D%3D&u=ijlkOd9N87jHJmNzePMtw%3D%3D&p\\_id=6&c=2228](https://www.thinksmartssoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=bSCMdVIVebIm%2F8U68DhPlg%3D%3D&u=ijlkOd9N87jHJmNzePMtw%3D%3D&p_id=6&c=2228)

**Baby Yoga**

4 week course. Helps with nurture and touch Promotes balance, co-ordination and motor skills. £10 to pay

**Baby Rhyme Time**

Enjoy songs and rhymes with your baby

**BABY WEIGH IN**

Contact your Health Visitor to book on

**Toddler Rhyme Time**  
At The Birkdale Hub  
Station Master's House  
next to Birkdale Station

Please contact us to book on