



# Farnborough Road Infant School

'LEARNING, CARING AND ACHIEVING TOGETHER'

Newsletter 2 22nd September 2023



All of our new children have now started school, are settling well and are making new friends.

For some individual children we will continue to work with families to help them settle as we understand the importance of getting this transition right for all our children. At the end of the day happy children learn. Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Key Stage Leaders Mrs Price, Early Years Lead, Miss Sykes, Key Stage One Lead or our class teachers.

Over the next few weeks parents will be invited to Stay and Learn sessions in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to find out how our children learn in their different year groups. These will be followed by an invite to a Google Meets Parents meeting, which is back by popular demand due to the positive feedback we received over the last few years. This meeting is a 'settling in' Parents' meeting, Key Stage One children will also receive their first 'Going for Green report' of this academic year with comments on attendance, punctuality, effort, behaviour, homework and readiness for school. We look forward to meeting with you over the next couple of weeks. Look out our letters and links on Class Dojo.



I am delighted with how smart the children have looked returning to school.

They are an absolute credit to you and we would like to thank you

for continuing to support our uniform policy. <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/farnborough-road-infant-school/UploadedDocument/a8b705c8-e18b-4f55-8050-9457d96f3b6f/uniform-policy-2022.pdf>

Uniform is available to buy at the school office or you can access the online Uniform Shop on the school website from the Parents link. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=399>

A few reminders about our uniform:-

- \* We expect children to wear plain black shoes and NOT trainers
  - \* Pupils can wear a gold polo shirt with a burgundy cardigan/ sweatshirt
- Shirt and Tie and V neck jumpers are for the juniors ONLY.
- \* Extremes of hairstyles will not be permitted e.g. tramlines, Mohicans, beaded hairstyles, decorative shavings— these are for holiday times only.
  - \* Long hair should always be tied back with school coloured/ neutral bobbles or bows. NO large, colourful bows are allowed.
  - \* Trousers/Shorts should be grey, NOT black
  - \* Children to wear PE kit for all PE lessons.
  - \* Earrings should not be worn for school, but where a child already has pierced ears, only small stud earrings are suitable. These earrings must be removed or covered with plasters (by the child) before he/she will be allowed to take part in any P.E. or Games lessons.
  - \* No other jewellery, apart from a watch, may be worn

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ALL PROPERTY IS CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME/CLASS.

**JOB VACANCY**  
Apply Now!

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.





## Farnborough Road Infant School Parent and Teacher Association (PTA)

Over my last 8 years as Headteacher our children have been lucky to have an amazing PTA committee and network of parents who have provided lots of fun events and raised £1000s for extra resources for our children to enjoy.

Our children have enjoyed year group discos, movie nights, Breakfast with Father Christmas, Christmas, Easter and Summer Fairs as well as shopping for their loved ones for special days!



Funds that have been raised in previous years have bought

Stickers for Praise, £12,000 worth of Reading Books, Playground refurbishment, Baking resources for each class and a £7,000 donation for our new Library refurbishment. Last year funds raised will go towards the redesigning of the internal school garden. I hope to have a design to share with you very soon.



We are all members of the PTA. If you are interested in finding out more about how you can support our PTA or want to be part of this successful team, from wrapping gifts in your home to being a member of the committee, come along on to the infant hall for our coffee morning and AGM (see below) and a PTA representative will be attending all of our Reception Welcome mornings next week .

You can contact our current PTA committee on [pta.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:pta.fris@schools.sefton.gov.uk).

or on their Facebook page.

Help us to provided for our next generation of FRIS children.

## FRIS PTA AGM Coffee Morning

Please join us for a friendly coffee morning when our annual AGM will be taking place. This is a chance to discuss our previous year and the upcoming year ahead.

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER  
IN THE SCHOOL HALL  
9:00AM



Everyone  
welcome

# Free School Meals



**DON'T MISS OUT APPLY BEFORE END OF SEPTEMBER!**

Free School Meal vouchers may be issued again for the Half Term and Christmas holidays. You will only receive if you apply at :

Are you entitled? <https://forms.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/>

You could be entitled to £15 per child, per week shopping vouchers as well as a Winter Fuel Allowance if you receive any of the following benefits:

Income Support

Income based Jobseekers Allowance

Income related Employment and Support Allowance

Child Tax Credit ONLY (not entitled/receiving Working Tax Credit) and have an income of less than £16190.00

Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Universal Credit and have a net household income of less than £7400 per annum Support under VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act

## Harvest



To celebrate Harvest this year we are collecting for the Food Pantry at Liverpool

Road Methodist Church who help many local families. On Monday 2nd October the Reverend Patrick Evans will be visiting school to deliver Harvest assemblies for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. If you would like to make a donation on Monday here are some sought after items :

Tinned meats

Tinned vegetables ( all varieties )

Baked beans / spaghetti

Pasta

Curry sauces

Children's cereal

Crisps

Coffee

Squash ( any flavour )



## Extra Curricular Clubs

We are busy organising before/after school and lunchtime clubs. Each term will have a range of FREE staff run clubs and paid clubs with (which will have 3 free places available for children entitled to Free School Meals). We are very lucky to have such a committed staff team to ensure all our children can Graduate from Children's University just from attending our FREE clubs. Credits from ALL school based clubs will be collected in school.

As a Children's University school, we know the value of learning outside of school. If your child attends clubs outside of school or you attend 'Learning destinations' at weekends or in holidays DON'T FORGET to purchase your Children's University passport from the uniform shop. There will also be activities to complete in the holidays for extra credits too!



Look out for notices on the newsletter for passport/CU credit collection throughout the school year.

Our school values are:

COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE HONESTY RESPECT and LOVE AND KINDNESS



## THINK ABOUT YOUR PARKING

27 years ago our Farnborough parents fought for a safer Farnborough Road for all our children. As a consequence Farnborough Road became a PERMIT ONLY ROAD between 8am and 4pm.

Please help to continue to keep all our children safe PARK AWAY AND WALK to school.

ONLY those parents with BLUE BADGES or FARNBOROUGH PERMITS, which need to be clearly displayed, are permitted to park in the school car park.

FARNBOROUGH ROAD is a RESIDENT ONLY ROAD.

We have contacted Merseyside Police this week who will be visiting and fining parents in the coming weeks.

Please remember if you are permitted to use the school car park to do so respectfully.

REMEMBER NOT ALL DISABILITIES ARE VISABLE.

THINK BEFORE YOU JUDGE!



We are super proud of achieving the Silver

Primary Geography Quality Mark in July. Here are some of the comments made

by the assessor: "There is an ambitious, well planned and coherent geography curriculum, with a clear rationale for all units of work studied, which consistently builds on prior learning"

"Geographical knowledge promotes an open-minded, balanced and considerate worldview"

"Pupils are given opportunities to: develop their opinions and responsible voice; independent enquiry and capacity to think critically, while working collaboratively."



**Attendance Matters**  
...every school day counts!

Attendance at school is statutory except in very exceptional circumstances. It is clear that academic achievement and excellent attendance and punctuality go hand in hand. We expect all children to aim for 100% attendance throughout the academic year, however we also understand that young children do get ill, particularly when they first start school, and do not expect children to attend if they are poorly.

We celebrate attendance each week in assembly with the best class attendance receiving the Attendance Bear and a certificate. Individual children who have 100% attendance each term also receive a praise certificate and our children who have 100% for the full year receive their own attendance bear key ring. Our current whole school attendance is 97%. Help us to keep it this high. Good attendance is considered to be 96% and above, any less than this will have a detrimental affect on their learning. Punctuality is also equally important.

This table illustrates the impact of attendance that is 95% or below

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9.5 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38days	8 weeks	200 lessons

If a child's attendance falls below 95% then you will be contacted work together to improve attendance.

If a child's attendance falls below 90% then this is seen as a persistent absenteeism and a support plan will be put in place to track and improve attendance.

Please read our updated policy following the link <https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/farnborough-road-infant-school/UploadedDocument/ab1fff8a-fd61-4c01-9c34-f4b44d47df4f/attendance-policy-september-2022.pdf>

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

Wk Beg 25th September	Y1 Stay and Learn
2nd October	Harvest Assemblies
Wk Beg 2nd October	Parents Meetings
Wk Beg 16th October	Reception Stay and Learn
10th October	World Mental Health Day
11th October	Individual School Photos
19th October	PTA School Discos
20th October	Break up for Half term
30th October	Back to School
Wk Beg 30th October	School Clubs Start
Wk Beg 13th October	Friendship Week
10th October	Live music: Pop Project
17th October	Children in Need
8th December	Santa Dash
4th December	Christmas Tree Festival
Wk Beg 11th December	Christmas Concerts
12th December 10.45am	Butterflies Concert
12th December 2pm	Reception Concert
13th December 9am	Reception Concert
13th December 10,45	Ladybirds Concert
13th December 2pm	Year 1 Concert
14th December 9am	Year 1 Concert
14th December 10.45am	Ladybirds Concert
14th December 2pm and 6pm	Year 2 Concert
15th December	Christmas Jumper Day
15th December	Christmas Dinner Day
19th December	KS1 Christmas Party Day
20th December	EY Christmas Party Day
21st December	Panto
21st December	Break up for Christmas 2pm