



# Farington School Weekly Newsletter

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## Headteacher's Message

*I really hope you will be able to join us tomorrow for our Parents' Information Evening. A strong home/school link is crucial to your child's continued development. Both sessions are the same, so you are warmly invited to come to one (or both!) and find out about what your child will be taught and how you can support the process.*

*Following on from their team point challenge success last year, the Blue Leopard's will be having their non-uniform day this Friday. No children have switched teams, so if you received a text message regarding this at the end of last year, this still applies.*

## Water Bottles

For cost and hygiene reasons, we have taken the decision to not issue water bottles this year. Children are however still permitted to bring in water bottles (clearly named) into school.



These should only be filled with water which can be done at school if preferred. Water bottles will be sent home on a Friday for washing. If the water bottle is a disposable one, they can be recycled at school at any point.

We do have water fountains around the school and children are free to use these and therefore do not need to have a water bottle if preferred.

## Parents' Information Evening—Tomorrow!

We will be holding a Parents' Information Evening tomorrow at 3:30pm and 5pm. This is an opportunity for your child's teacher to tell you more about what your child will be learning and how you can support at home. Please do come along if you are able.

For security reasons, please can all parents enter and exit the building via the main school entrance.



## Contact Information

As a new school year begins, please could we ask you to ensure that your contact information is up to date with school. This includes emergency contacts and changes of address.

If you are unsure as to what contacts we hold, please pop into school and you can review the data sheet that we hold for your child.

## Aldi 'Kit for Schools' Stickers

FAST are collecting the stickers from the Aldi 'Kit for School' competition, where there is a chance to win £20,000 for our school and a range of sports equipment. These stickers are obtained by spending £20 or more in any Aldi store. If you receive any of these, please send them in to the office, or direct to FAST. Thank you.



## School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking fantastic in their new uniform. It has added a lovely 'zing' of colour to the school.

Please can we remind parents that leggings and boots are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.

## School Diary Dates

Star of the Week - this Friday 2.50pm



Wed 11th Sept—Parents' Information Evening 3:20pm/5pm  
Fri 13th Sept—Blue Leopards—Non-Uniform Day  
Fri 13th Sept—Year 5—Patterdale Deposit Deadline  
Mon 16th-Thur 19th Sept—Year 6 Patterdale Residential  
Wed 18th Sept—Year R—Phonics Workshop 3:30pm  
Tues 23rd Sept—Friends of Farington Meeting—7pm  
Wed 25th Sept—Years 1-6—Vocabulary Development Workshop—5:30pm  
Wed 2nd Oct—Individual Photographs taken  
Wed 2nd Oct—Year 5—Dunham Massey Visit  
Thur 3rd Oct—Yr 3 Library Visit  
Fri 18th Oct—School Closes for Half-Term (3:15pm)  
Wed 30th Oct—School re-opens after Half-Term (8:55am)

## Patterdale Residential

### Year 6 Parents

A reminder that all medical forms and payments for this residential are due in by tomorrow at the latest. This is so that arrangements can be made for medical and dietary needs.

A letter was also sent out last week with all the final arrangements. If you didn't receive this, please get in touch.

### Year 5 Parents

Deposits are also now due for the Patterdale Residential for children who are in Year 5. If you have any questions regarding the residential, please get in touch with either Mr Holinghurst or Mr Williams, or speak with either of us at the Parents' Information Evening tomorrow.





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## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with their Star of the Week award during assembly last week!

- Class R— None this week**
- Class 1— Sienna C**
- Class 2— Poppy D**
- Class 3— Adam T**
- Class 4— Emily M**
- Class 5— Luke B**
- Class 6— Aston S**

Don't forget, our Star of the Week assembly takes place Fridays at 2:50pm. You are most welcome to join us to celebrate the achievements of our children, regardless of whether your child is receiving an award.

## Lunchtime Awards



Our 'Lunchtime Awards' are given to children who have displayed wonderful behaviour, friendship and/or manners at lunchtimes over the course of the last week.

- Infants: Lily B, Esther P-S  
Tianna H & Jake T**
- Juniors: Mason B, Summer-Rose W, Alfie C  
Cian W, Connor S & Eris B**

Well done to all of the above children! We hope you enjoy sitting on the top table with your friend and the little treat that is coming your way!



## Second Hand Uniform

The Friends of Farington will be starting up a second hand uniform stall at various school events in the future, a little like the jumper exchange that has taken place this year.

Therefore we are accepting donations of all school uniform items that are in good condition, but have been grown out of or are no longer wanted. This includes P.E. kit (trainers especially), trousers, skirts, shirts. Please could all donations be washed prior to being sent in to the school office.



## Lucky Numbers

Our next Lucky numbers draw will take place at the end of the half term. Entries can be made via ParentPay.

## Online Resources

We have provided a range of resources on our website that can be used at any time to keep your child's English and Maths skills sharp. To access these, visit our school website, or click on the link below:-

<http://www.farington.lancsngfl.ac.uk/learning/useful-websites>

## Contact Details



Please could we remind parents that it is vital that all contact details are kept up to date with school. This is also important for secondary contacts (e.g. grandparents, aunts/uncles etc) which frequently are the contacts that are forgotten about.

If you do have any changes, please either send them in with your child, or see Mrs Hampson in the office.

## Photograph Archive

So that you are able to see more of the exciting events and trips that take place at Farington School, we have made available a photograph archive to compliment our existing Facebook / Twitter photos. We do have a 'Fair Use' policy, a copy of which is available when you log into the archive. Please do take the time to read this, as this facility can only be made available to parents if used fairly and appropriately.



To access the archive, a link has been placed at the bottom of our school website, called 'Photo Archive'.

The current password is