

Farington School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Thank you to everybody who came along to our Parents' Information Evening last week. It was lovely to see so many people coming along to learn more about the year ahead and how to help your child at home. We will be sending home the presentations later in the week in case you were unable to come along on the day.

School Office—This week only

Mrs Hampson is attending the Patterdale residential with the Year 6s. Therefore if you have any specific office enquires for Mrs Hampson, please could you save these until Friday. There will be someone in the office for the majority of the day for messages however.

Year R Phonics Workshop—Wednesday

Miss Gilday will be holding an informal Phonics Workshop straight after school on Wednesday for parents of children in Year R. Parents and grandparents are warmly invited to attend.

Please could you enter and exit the building via the Reception door

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 Diary Dates

Star of the Week - this Friday 2.50pm



Mon 16th-Thur 19th Sept—Year 6 Patterdale Residential Wed 18th Sept—Year R—Phonics Workshop 3:30pm Mon 23rd Sept—Friends of Farington Meeting—7pm Wed 25th Sept—Years 1-6—Vocabulary Development Workshop—5:30pm

Fri 27th Sept—Macmillan Coffee Morning (Star of the Week Assembly in the morning today)

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)

Fri 1st Nov—School Disco (Halloween Themed)

Parent Workshop—Next Week!

Mr Williams will be leading a workshop for all parents and grandparents on Wednesday 25th September, with the focus on vocabulary development.

Developing children's vocabularies is a focus of our school this year as we strive to improve reading and writing skills for all of our pupils.

The session takes place at 5:30pm and will last for no more than 45 minutes. Refreshments will be provided and we can assure you that you won't be asked any tricky questions...but you will gain ideas on how to support your child at home!



Contact Information

Please could we ask parents once again to ensure that your contact information is up to date with school. This includes emergency contacts and changes of address. We had another instance last week of a child who was ill and we were unable to get in touch. This of course causes distress for the child.

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.

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.

Friends of Farington

Our first Friends of Farington meeting takes place next **Monday, 23rd September** at 7pm in school.

The Friends of Farington is a fundraising and social event planner for the school who meet five times a year. It is a friendly and informal group. You do not have to have a bank of ideas and will not be forced to do anything (although if you can help with events it is greatly appreciated!)

The money raised by the Friends of Farington helps pay for an array of things for the children at the school. (Recent examples include: Wet playtime games, subsidies for trips, Lego for Mrs Seager's lunchtime club.)

It would be lovely to welcome new members to the group.



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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— April S

Class 1— Kacey B

Class 2— Riley U

Class 3— Esme K

Class 4— Alesha H

Class 5— Frankie E

Class 6— Josh H

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.

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.

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: Chloe P, Carys F, Adam A

Emily T, Lewis H & Poppy D

Juniors: Elisha M, Henry C, Luis L,

Danyal R, Reece T & Travis W

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!

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, aunties/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