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Autumn term



**Wednesday 4
September - Friday
20 December**

Half term

Monday 28 October –

Friday 1 November

Spring term



Monday 6 January –

Friday 3 April

Half term

**Monday 17 February
– Friday 21 February**

Summer term



**Monday 20 April –
Wednesday 22 July**

Half term

**Monday 25 May –
Friday 5 June**

Parent Governor Election

I am pleased to inform you that we had two nominations for our vacant position of parent governor. This evening your child will be bringing home a ballot paper and we would really appreciate it if you could show your support by voting in this election. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Harvest Festival reminder

Our Harvest Festival takes place on Monday, 7 October. All children in Years 1-6 will attend. The children will begin to walk down to Church from 9:00am. If you can support us by lining the route before and after the service, we would greatly appreciate it. If you are able to help with the walking, you will also be welcome to stay for the service. If you are able to do so, please arrive at the main entrance for 8:50am where you will receive a Hi-vis jacket. Sadly, due to limited space, we are unable to invite families to join us in the service

Could all children please bring a non-perishable item to donate to Widnes Foodbank? At present, they are particularly in need of the following:

- Small jars of coffee
- Jam
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned Potatoes
- Fruit Juice (long life)
- Toothpaste / Toothbrushes
- Chocolate or Treats
- Sponge puddings
- Long life / dried milk

... though all donations are gratefully received. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Tattenhall revisited!

Whilst I did write with feedback regarding the Tattenhall trip last week I feel it would be remiss of me not to include the following lovely words from Mrs Smither:

It was a joy to accompany Y2M on their Residential visit to Tattenhall.

The children were amazing from the moment they stepped onto the coach on Monday to the moment they returned to school on Tuesday.

The staff at Tattenhall were so complimentary about their maturity as Y2 children.

Without exception, they were polite and listened well, engaged in all the activities and were kind and caring and considerate toward each other...so important.

The activities weren't simple by any means, the instructions were complex. Erecting a tarpaulin shelter and hammock one day, climbing a very tall tree in a harness the next whilst the wind and rain was battering them weren't the easiest of tasks but they stuck at them and achieved amazing goals, far exceeding their personal expectations.

One more thing...It never ceases to amaze me just how wonderful Farnworth staff are. They give far above and beyond what is required; perhaps the children won't appreciate it but they are so blessed.

Outdoor PE Kit – an update from Mr Monteith

Following on from my comments on last week's school newsletter, I thought it was important to clarify a few issues that have been brought to my attention. Whilst it does say on our School Prospectus that outdoor P.E. will only take place once the children start Year 3, in my new role as PE lead it is my intention to take more advantage of our outdoor facilities. Following on from the David Campbell taster sessions, I do intend to try and encourage more external providers to come into school and do a number of taster sessions. This may mean, like the David Campbell sessions, that even Key Stage 1 will be expected to do the sessions outside. As a dad myself, I want to encourage my children to be active and explore all of the different sporting opportunities that I hope we will be able to provide over the coming years. What I do not want are for them to be unable to enjoy these opportunities because they are cold. Like with the David Campbell sessions, with the change in the weather on the Friday, the activities were moved inside for our Reception children, but also for some of our Key Stage 2 children. On the previous day, both Year 1 and Year 2 did these activities outside. As stated last week, I do not expect adults to go out and buy brand new clothes and trainers. Ideally, the outdoor kits should be grey, black or navy tracksuit bottoms and tops - not the outrageous illuminous green that I like to wear (☺). I do know that P.E. kits were mentioned by my Key Stage 1 colleagues during the Meet the Teacher sessions at the end of last school year, but this this may have been missed by one or two people. I hope this clarifies the school's perspective, but if you do feel the need to discuss with this me further, please ask our wonderful office staff to contact me and I will endeavour to speak to you.

I would also like to say a huge thank you for all the **Aldi stickers**. We have now completed the first poster which will enable us to enter into the prize draw but please do carry on sending your stickers in as we can start another poster which can be used for sports' kit draws.

This week the 3 classes with the highest attendance are:



4L 100%



4J 98.67%



2S 98%

A great week for Year 4! Well done.

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This half term we are valuing SELF-CONTROL

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope you have a lovely weekend.



Mrs J. S Stillings
Headteacher



Farnworth CE Primary School Parents' Comments Slip

Parents' / Carers' Comments Slip

I wish to make the following comments:

*Signed _____ Date: _____

*Print name: _____ Parent / Carer of: _____

(*Optional)