



## Farnworth CE Primary School

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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**

### Open Day and Evening

I would like to say a really big thank you to all the children who returned to school on Tuesday night to take part in our Open Evening for prospective parents. We carried out exit questionnaires throughout both the day and evening and the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive (I have attached an excerpt from an email I received to the end of this message which gives a flavor of the responses from our visitors). The children themselves were commented upon both verbally and through the questionnaires with their knowledge, confidence and friendliness drawing particular praise. They really do embody our school values and we are all really proud of them - they certainly are the best ambassadors and advocates we have.

I would also like to thank the staff (both teaching and support), governors and our new head teacher, Mr Redman, for their input into the event. Two governors were in attendance at two of the sessions ensuring prospective parents were aware of the support the school receives and the important role governors play. Mr Redman's presence enabled prospective parents to ask any questions they may have regarding his hopes and ambitions for the school. Finally, a big thank you to Nicky and her team at WizzKids for extending the club opening times and giving visitors an insight into the wraparound care offered.

Email following Open Evening:

Dear Mrs Stillings

I would like to take this opportunity to thank yourself and your staff for a lovely experience at your open evening tonight. From the moment we set foot through the door and were greeted by yourself, staff and governors, we had a good feeling about your school. Every member of staff that we met were so welcoming.

The school is wonderful and it was well showcased tonight. The displays of work are brilliant and show great pride in the children's work.

... Every member of staff we met made an effort to talk to myself, husband and little boy, Ted. He loved his first glimpse into 'big school' life! The children are an absolute credit to you all. They were polite, courteous and very complimentary. Both staff and children seemed very proud of the school, and it was clear to see why.

### PTA Christmas Cards

This week your child will have brought home their Christmas Card artwork. Price lists are included with the cards and completed order forms need to be returned to school with monies by Friday 8 November at the latest. Thank you.

### Secondary School Applications

A final reminder that the deadline for applications to secondary school is fast approaching! If you have a child in Year 6 please ensure your application is made **no later than Thursday 31 October**.

## Scholastic Book Fair



When we return after the holiday, we will be holding our annual Book Fair. This will run from Wednesday 6 November to Friday 8 November and will be held in the main entrance area. The fair will be open from 3.15 pm to approximately 5.00pm. Whilst technological gifts may be on the top of your child's Christmas list, there really is something special about giving and receiving books. Moreover, by purchasing at the book fair you will be helping us to replenish our library stock as every book sold earns us commission in books so please do try to support this fair.

For the full range of books available, please visit: [www.scholastic.co.uk](http://www.scholastic.co.uk)

### PTA 2p Challenge

The children had lots of fun taking part in today's PTA 2p challenge and it was lovely to see the team work on display as all classes worked together not only to accumulate the 2ps but then to line them up so that the PTA could measure them. The event raised a grand total of £339.00 and the winning classes were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place 4JJ

2<sup>nd</sup> place 3H

3<sup>rd</sup> place 3O'G

Thank you for your support of this event.

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This week the 3 classes with the highest attendance are:



RP 100%



1S 99.33%



5P 99%

A wonderful way for all three classes to end the half term! Well done.

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### **Beaconsfield Road Parking issues**

We have received a complaint regarding inconsiderate parking at the junction of Pit Lane and Beaconsfield Road. Please may I remind you that parking is available at the Cricket Club so there really is no reason to park near to junctions and endanger the safety of pedestrians and drivers alike.

### **Christians against Poverty (CAP) Money course**

One of our parents has asked if we could publicise a CAP Money course that is being held at the Foundry on Thursday 14 November. For further information, please refer to the poster at the foot of this newsletter.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. I hope you and your children have a restful holiday after what has been an exceptionally busy half term including: being joined by our new Reception intake; two fantastic residentials; a PTA Coffee morning; Harvest festival, Open Day and the appointment of a new headteacher – not to mention all the wonderful learning that has taken place! (Pheww!)



Mrs J. S Stillings  
**Headteacher**



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A free course to help you manage your money better and learn to budget, save and spend well.

Course Info	budget. save. spend.
<b>Starting:</b> Date 14th November 2019	<b>Time:</b> 10:30 am - 12:00 Midday
<b>Venue:</b> The Foundry Church Lugsdale Road Widnes WA8 6DA	
<b>Book by calling:</b> Rachel 07990 921 648	<b>Run by:</b> The Foundry Church

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