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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**



I do hope you all had a really enjoyable summer and that you and your children are looking forward to the busy term ahead as much as the staff and I are. It was lovely to welcome all the children back on Wednesday – as ever, they were brimming with enthusiasm and full of news - they looked super smart too! Thank you so much for your support in ensuring your children arrive on time and ready to learn.

I would like to officially welcome our Reception children and their families. What a happy and confident yet very settled start the children have made! We are all looking forward to getting to know them better over the coming days, weeks and months. A warm welcome also to the families who have joined us in other year groups; I hope your children are settling in well and are already enjoying being part of our school community.

We really look forward to seeing everyone continue to make a smooth and happy transition into their new classes / school ☺.

Going for Gold



We have so much to celebrate as we begin the new academic year!

Way back in July (Monday 8th) we were visited by an assessor from the Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) team as part of their re-accreditation process. I am thrilled to say that at the beginning of the summer holidays I was informed that the school has achieved Flagship Status – the highest level achievable in this award. This is testament not only to our inclusive ethos but also to the hard work of the whole staff team in going the extra mile to ensure the needs of all our children are met. Thank you to everyone involved in this prestigious award and particularly to Mrs Whitfield for ensuring inclusion remains at the heart of everything we do.

Still on the subject of Mrs Whitfield, it is always wonderful to celebrate the achievements of the staff team and it was fantastic to hear that Mrs Whitfield has successfully achieved the National SEN qualification. Congratulations! A double celebration following a year of hard work (blood, sweat and tears she would say ☺).

Miss Picton also has much to be proud of as she has worked tirelessly to ensure the school achieved the School Games Gold award – another early holiday announcement!

This award reflects the school's commitment to giving the children a range of sporting opportunities including competing at the local and regional level. We are very proud of the commitment that the children show to sport and of the level of support that you as parents and carers provide to enable access to such opportunities. Thank you all and well done Miss Picton and all the staff team.

Parent Governor Election

Next week you will receive by e-mail a letter inviting you to nominate either yourself or, with their permission, a fellow parent to the role of parent governor. The parent governor vacancy has arisen as Mrs Julia Royle has stepped down from this position owing to family commitments.

Although only a brief term of office, Julia brought a wealth of insight to the role and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution. We are now looking for a parent governor with the same desire to make a positive difference and a letter inviting nominations will be e-mailed to you in due course

Change to date of Bank Holiday

Attached to this newsletter is the current year's holiday dates. These are being reissued to reflect the change of the date of the May Bank Holiday. Next year the May Bank holiday has changed for the VE Day anniversary and has been moved back by four days for the whole of the UK to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day. **The Bank Holiday is now Friday 8 May 2020.**

Upcoming PTA Events and news

The PTA has lots of events planned for this half term!

Our first meeting is in the KS2 hall at 7pm on Tuesday 24 September. New members really are always welcome, please come along and see how you can help.

2p challenge - Friday 27 September

The 2p challenge is on again. Each class is competing to collect the most 2ps. There is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophy to be won. The 'lining up' will take place on 4 October by the pupils themselves. As well as having fun this is a chance for our children to show off their counting and measuring skills! This was so much fun last year that the children asked to do it again this year. Get raiding those money jars.

PTA 100 Club

At the foot of this newsletter you will find a 100 club order form. It would be absolutely brilliant if we can fill all 100 numbers as we have the past couple of years. Each number costs £12 for the year. Half of this money is used as prize funds and half goes to the school. The draw takes place once a month, twice in December and July. The draw takes place in a Friday assembly and we involve a year group for each draw. All forms must be returned to school along with payment by 27th September. If you require anymore forms these are located on the leaflet shelf in the school reception area. There is also a copy attached to this newsletter.

Remember, you've got to be in it to win it.



Glaramara

I would like to wish all the Year 5 and 6 children taking part in next week's residential trip to the Lake District a truly memorable experience. I know that the staff and volunteers accompanying the trip are really looking forward to it!

A reminder that the children will need a packed lunch for the first day. Please ensure this also includes a drink and a snack for the morning.

This week the 4 classes with the highest attendance are:



2M, 3H, 3O'G and 5S

All four classes achieved 100% attendance – a great start, well done!

Halton's Sporting Offer

At the foot of this newsletter you will find information on sessions/clubs that are held in Widnes. This is just a snapshot and more information on sports clubs can be found at:

www.activehalton.co.uk

Reminder

I recall saying last year how I chuckle when the head lice adverts begin as soon as schools return for the autumn term! Predictably, they have begun again and, with this in mind, please remember that long hair must be fully tied back for school; thank you. To maintain the high standards of presentation that we are all so proud of, please also remember that children should not come into school wearing elaborate hair ornamentation, nail polish or temporary tattoos. Again, thank you for your assistance.

Supporting Pupils at school with medical conditions

Still on the subject of reminders, please remember that only medicine prescribed by a doctor and generally with a dosage of four times a day should be brought into school for administration during the day. All relevant forms must be completed before school can administer medicine and these can be found appended to the policy on our website or directly from the school office. Under no circumstances should children be sent into school with medicine in their own bags and this includes cough sweets etc. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Twitter



As a school we have a Twitter account

This is: @FarnworthCEP

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We tweet as a means of rapid communication both with our parents and the world beyond so please follow us to keep up with news, events and other school information.

Please do not use Twitter to ask questions or raise concerns but contact school directly.

Next week you will receive further information about the class Twitter accounts.

Parents' / Carers' Comments Slip

For the benefit of our new parents and carers I would like to take this opportunity to outline the purpose of the attached comments slip. I feel that providing a regular opportunity for you to feedback any views / ask any question is a valuable means of communication. This is not intended to replace discussions with class teachers as the teacher should always be the first point of contact, particularly if the issue is pertaining to your child rather than being a whole school issue. I do hope you will find this useful and welcome all responses.

Class Newsletters / Forecast of Events

Next week the class newsletters will be available electronically on the website under the Curriculum Tab. They will also be provided to you via the ParentApp.

The Forecast of Events will be distributed via the ParentApp next week and, in the meantime, is available on the website Calendar. Any updates will be advised via this newsletter and also posted on the calendar so please do keep abreast of these by regularly accessing ParentApp / the school website.

Information about after school clubs will follow next week.

And finally...

Thank you for taking the time to read this rather lengthy newsletter. Could new parents and carers please note that this is a weekly communication which is circulated via the ParentApp and placed on the learning platform. A limited number of paper copies will be placed in the school foyer for the benefit of any parents who do not have access to the internet or, when needed, printing facilities.

Enjoy the 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)



Farnworth PTA 100 Club Lottery

Dear Parent / Carer,

Farnworth PTA will again be running the '100 Club' lottery for this school year. For the contribution of £12, just £1 per month, you will not only be supporting the School but also giving yourself the chance of winning a monthly prize.

Full lottery rules are available on the PTA page on the school website. Printed copies are available in school reception. The basic features of the lottery are as follows:

- For a payment of £12 each year, you will be allocated a Draw Number, which will be entered into 12 draws.
- Half of the total proceeds will be allocated as prizes
- The prizes each month are 1st £25, 2nd £15 and 3rd £10 (pro rata if more of less than 100 entries)
- Participants must be over 16 years of age.
- You can buy more than one draw number.

If you wish to participate please complete the attached form and return to school by Friday 27th September 2019 to ensure that we can allocate Draw Numbers in time for the first draw on the 4th October 2019.

Cheques should be made payable to Farnworth PTA or payment can be by bank transfer using the details on the attached form. All documents should be put in an envelope and return to school clearly marked for the attention of Farnworth PTA.

Additional forms are available in the foyer.

Many thanks for your continued support and remember; you've got to be in it to win it!

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Farnworth PTA



100 Club Lottery Registration Form

Name

Child's Name.....

Child's Class/year

Email

Your email address will only be used to contact you about the 100 Club

I wish to buy (enter number) subscriptions to Farnworth PTA 100 Club at £12 each per year.

I enclose a cheque made payable to Farnworth PTA for £..... to cover the cost of my subscription to Farnworth PTA 100 Club Lottery. Cheques can be post-dated to September 2019.

Or

I have paid via Bank Transfer (please use your name as reference)

Sort code: 090129

A/C: 14053597

I confirm I am over the ages of 16 and agree to the Farnworth PTA 100 Club Lottery rules.

Signature: Date:.....

You will be advised of your DRAW NUMBER as soon as registration is complete.

This completed form and cheque should be placed in an envelope clearly marked for the attention of Farnworth PTA 100 Club and returned to school.

Good Luck!

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Farnworth PTA 100 Club Lottery Rules

The following will be the Club Lottery Rules:

1. The '100 Club' will be operated under The Gambling Act 2005, which deals with a Small Society Lottery. The promoter will be the Farnworth PTA.
2. The club reserves the right to alter the rules of the '100 Club' from time to time, as may be necessary. A copy of the current rules is available in the school foyer.
3. All profits made by the '100 Club' will be used to support the school and its objectives.
4. The subscription will be £12 per year, payable by cheque or bank transfer by the 28th of September 2018. On receipt of a single annual payment the applicant will be allocated one Draw Number. For each additional £12 paid, an additional draw number will be allocated.
5. A draw will take place every month from September to July, except December when there will be two draws.
6. Winners of prizes drawn each month will be published on the Farnworth PTA Facebook page and any other media the PTA deems suitable.
7. 50% of the total annual subscriptions will be paid out as cash prizes. For this purpose the '100 Club' year runs from 1st September to 31st July. There will be 12 draws in total, 1 per month except for December when there will be 2.
8. The draw will generally be conducted by a senior staff member in an assembly at the end of each month. When the month end fall within school holidays the draw will take place either on the last Friday before school closes or the first Friday back. A list of proposed draw dates will be made available in advance. In the event that the draw cannot be conducted in an assembly it will take place in the school office.
9. No '100 Club' participant will be included in the draw if the appropriate subscription has not been received. The promoter reserves the right to reallocate any Draw Number where payment has not been received on time.
10. Prizes will be paid by cheque or bank transfer and only to the person holding the winning number.
11. In the event of there being less than 100 participants, prizes shall be awarded on a pro-rata basis of the actual number of members at the time of the draw.
12. In the event of there being more than 100 applications to join the '100 Club', the club will issue the required number of Draw Numbers to satisfy demand and prizes will be awarded on a pro-rata basis of the actual number of members at the time of the draw.
13. Each number purchased will be entered into the monthly draw but can only win a maximum of one prize. eg if your number is drawn first, it will not be re-entered for the second or third prizes.
14. Participants can cancel their entry in the Lottery at any time by giving one month's written notice to the PTA. Any decision by Farnworth PTA to wind up the '100 Club' will also be by one month's written notice.
15. Numbers allocated will be notified by email.
16. Any persons wishing to join the '100 Club' after the September deadline has passed will be admitted in the February 2019 draw provided the £6 fee has been paid before 9th February 2019.

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Sport 4 All a club making a difference for children in Halton.

The sports 4 all sports club gives young people with a disability the chance to join in various sports on an equal level.

The club is for young people age 5-18 from Halton and operates from both Widnes and Runcorn.

The club promotes and develops sports skills and no prior experience is required, it also supports those who wish to join local sports clubs.

Volunteer support is utilised within the club in supporting those members who need extra support to take part and all volunteers and coaches receive assistance guidance and coaching qualification opportunities within the club.

The club is based on the key principles of every child matters charter and we have policy documents on all the key areas needed for the running of a club.

A variety of sports are available and all members take an active role in choosing the activities on offer to them.

All sessions are coached by qualified coaches and all hold a valid CRB check. Many partners have been involved in this project including Sport England and Halton Partnership, who currently provide some funding for the club. The club

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also receives ongoing support from Access to Sport Forum and Halton Borough Council.

Seasonal times

- **Saints Peter and Paul Catholic College Widnes Monday evenings 6.15pm to 7.30pm term time only. Holiday activities subject to availability and funding.**

If you would like more information and an application form please contact me on **07519 364982** for more details

I look forward to seeing you soon,

Ian.

Ian Johnston

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Starts 2nd October
Kingsway Leisure centre
6.30 - 7.30pm

£2 per child
for ages 9+



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