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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**

Election of Parent Governor(s) at Farnworth CE Primary School

I am pleased to inform you of the result of our election for the position of parent governor.

Elected: Mr Richard Bragg

On behalf of the Governing Body, staff, children and parents I would like to welcome Richard to this role and look forward to working with him during his four year term of office.

We would like to thank those who put their names forward and we are sorry that there were insufficient places for those interested this time. Details of the actual number of votes cast can be obtained on request from the school office.

Tempest Photographer

Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 23 October to do individual and sibling photographs. Parents who wish to have sibling photographs to include children who are not at Farnworth are invited to come into school before the school day starts from 08.15-9.00 am. The photographer will be situated in the Key Stage 2 hall via the main school entrance.

Cancelled Clubs

Owing to the school Open Day on Tuesday 22 October and school photographs on Wednesday 23 October there will be no Sports Hall Athletics or Choir next week.

Book in a Bay

School has been a hive of activity this week as the staff and children have worked hard to display the work resulting from this half term's text foci. It has been absolutely wonderful to witness the creativity of the whole team and also to read the powerful writing produced. Thank you to everyone involved – including our wonderful Wizzies who have also been lending us a helping hand!



Parents' Evenings

Owing to Forest School training week commencing Monday 4 November, Miss Sutton's Parents Evening has had to be rearranged. The dates for Parents' Evenings are therefore as follows:

Dates: Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 November (All classes, excluding Miss Sutton's Class 2S)

Dates: Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 November (Miss Sutton 2S)

Times: 16.00 – 19.00 pm. (10 minute slot per child)

Bookings: New booking system via Parentapp

The booking system will open on Monday 21 October for all classes with exception of 2S (this will be communicated to parents in due course). It is a really simple form (see below) which asks you to select the class teacher and an available time slot via a drop-down menu and then complete the remaining fields with the requested information. Please ensure all fields are completed before pressing the submit button.

Teachers Name *

Miss Picton (RP) ▼

Miss Picton (RP) available time slots *

16.40pm ▼

Parent/Guardian's Name

Contact Phone Number

Contact Email

Child's Name *

Submit

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Year 4 Artist in Residence – report by Miss Jenkinson

Well, what an absolutely fantastic three days we have had here in Year Four. Our resident artist, Andi Taylor, has been working with us on our project 'Rivers of the World', creating a range of artwork including painting fish on to driftwood which was found by the River Mersey itself! We have also used an array of techniques such as Brusho to create beautifully coloured booklets in which we have housed our felt creations! We created felt using soap- an old technique which was inspired by factory workers at Gossage's Soap Factory at the chemical works in our own town of Widnes.

I have to say how very proud myself; Mr Jones, Mrs Love and Mrs Case have been of all of the children in Year Four whilst they have been harnessing their new found passion for art. One child commented that they 'did not want the day to end' because they were enjoying themselves so much! Not only have the children picked up a range of skills which they can use in future art lessons, they have also learnt so much about our local environment and what we can do to help sustain the rivers of the world.

Andi has commented herself on how impressed she has been with our budding Monets and Van Goghs. It is an absolute pleasure to see such passion for this subject shining through.

We cannot wait to see this artwork displayed in our school...watch this space!



Harvest 2019

We, up at St Luke's, were super thrilled to welcome the children to church to celebrate their Harvest Festival with us.

A huge thank you to everyone, especially the Ethos group who wrote the service and led it with such confidence.

The choice of Harvest themed songs echoed the message of God's generosity and bountiful gifts; the children's beautiful voices soared, filling the church with such joyful praise. It was fantastic!

A special mention to all Farnworth CE School parents and carers for their more than generous donations to Foodbank. It is a sad fact that one in ten local families need the support of Foodbank to put food on their tables so these supplies will definitely help them. A poster is attached to the end of this newsletter showing what a difference our donations will make.

We always enjoy having the children join us in church.

For your information:

St Luke's has an 'Open Door' every Wednesday from 10.30am to 4pm, parents, carers and children are more than welcome to join us any time...there's a chance to look around our historic church and tea, coffee, juice and biscuits are always available. (Sue Smither)

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Reminder - Open Day – Tuesday 22 October – 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm

As previously advised, we will be holding an Open Day for prospective parents on Tuesday 22 October. The intention is to give parents and carers of children who are due to start school in September 2020 an opportunity to see our school in action and to meet the staff and children.

Once again, as well as sessions in the school day, we will be providing an opportunity for people to view the school in the evening and would really appreciate it if your child(ren) could join us at this event. The children will be in their classes where they will take part in a variety of activities designed to give new parents a flavour of all that the school has to offer. In order to support the staff with their planning we will need to know in advance which time slot your child will be choosing so would appreciate it if you could complete and return the attached slip no later than Friday 18 October. If your child wishes, they are more than welcome to stay for the two hours – particularly though not exclusively children in Year 6 who will be taking on the role of ‘tour guides’.

As the event takes place after school it is not compulsory but we do hope that a number of children will be able to support us in showcasing the school in this way. The feedback we have received in previous years following this event has been tremendously affirming and the children have always been fantastic ambassadors for us. All children will be required to wear their school uniform and must be collected by a named adult at the end of the event.

If you have friends or relatives with children who will be starting school next year please do encourage them to come along!

This week the 3 classes with the highest attendance are:



3H 100%



1S 100%



RP 99.33%

2M 99.33%

4J 99%

Parking and drop off

Can we respectfully remind parents and carers dropping children off at school or Wizzkids by car that entry to the schools car parks is strictly for staff and visitors only.

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PTA AGM

The PTA held their AGM on Tuesday evening and we were all really pleased with the number of people who attended – thank you to everyone who took the time to attend this meeting. The PTA elected the following positions:

Chair	Alan Grimshaw
Vice Chair	David Green
Treasurer	Rebecca Foster
Secretary	Stephanie Robinson

As may be seen, in each case this was a re-election which is wonderful in terms of both continuity and commitment. Once again, thank you to all four PTA members.

Aldi Stickers

Thank you for your generous support of the recent Aldi promotion. We have now closed our involvement with this initiative as we have filled two posters! Time will tell if we are successful in the £20k prize draw...

And finally... I hope that all the children have got their dancing shoes ready for later! Thank you to the PTA for their ongoing support of the school; it really is appreciated.

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)

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A big

**THANK
YOU**



for supporting Widnes Foodbank. Your recent Harvest donation was the equivalent of 58 meals, WOW!!
Fantastic!!

Your support is making a BIG difference
to local people in crisis.

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