



Farington School Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

I'd like to start by welcoming everyone back to school for the new academic year. The children look fantastic in their new uniforms and have come in with many smiles on their faces...and I dare say that a few parents dropped off today with similar smiles! I'd also like to say a special welcome to all of our new children. I sincerely hope that their time at Farington School will be both happy and successful. Please do feel able to get in touch with any questions, concerns or positive comments. A close relationship between home and school can make a huge difference.

For those that are new, newsletters are sent out each Tuesday. This newsletter has been sent out in paper form and electronically, but ordinarily will be sent via e-mail. A copy will also be placed on the website and on your ParentPay account. Please do take the time to sign up so that you continue to receive all the key information.

Parents' Information Evening

We will be holding a Parents' Information Evening next Wednesday at 3:30pm and 5pm. This is an opportunity for your child's teacher to tell you more about what your child will be learning and how you can support at home. Please do come along if you are able.

F.A.S.T (Before and After School Club)

F.A.S.T has been brought 'in-house' and will from this point on be run and managed by Farington Primary School. There will be very few changes to the service offered and the point of contact will remain Emma Roberts. A separate e-mail has been sent out to all parents with children in Years 1-6 with further information.



School Diary Dates

Star of the Week - this Friday 2.50pm



Tues 10th Sept—Y5 Swimming Lessons Start
Wed 11th Sept—Parents' Information Evening 3:20pm/5pm
Fri 13th Sept—Blue Leopards—Non-Uniform Day
Mon 16th-Thur 19th Sept—Year 6 Patterdale Residential
Wed 18th Sept—Year R—Phonics Workshop 3:30pm
Wed 25th Sept—Years 1-6—Vocabulary Development Workshop—5:30pm
Tues 1st Oct—Friends of Farington Meeting—7pm
Wed 2nd Oct—Individual Photographs taken
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)

Water Bottles

For cost and hygiene reasons, we have taken the decision to not issue water bottles this year. Children are however still permitted to bring in water bottles (clearly named) into school.



These should only be filled with water which can be done at school if preferred. Water bottles will be sent home on a Friday for washing. If the water bottle is a disposable one, they can be recycled at school at any point.

We do have water fountains around the school and children are free to use these and therefore do not need to have a water bottle if preferred.



Contact Information

As a new school year begins, please could we ask you to ensure that your contact information is up to date with school. This includes emergency contacts and changes of address.

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.

Year 5—Swimming Lessons



From next week, children in Year 5 will start their swimming lessons, which will take place each Tuesday morning at Leyland Leisure Centre.

Children will require the following:-

- Swimwear (1 piece for girls, trunks/short trunks for boys)
- Towel
- Swim hat (If you haven't got one already, these can be purchased at the first lesson—they are priced at
- Snack for after (Children will arrive back after the school tuck shop has finished)

From time to time, children will be asked to bring in pajamas or a t-shirt and shorts for water safety lessons—you will be advised of this in advance.

If you have any questions, please speak with Mrs Capstick.

As this is a core curriculum activity, you have already provided consent when your child started at the school, so you do not need to provide consent via ParentPay.



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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—
- Class 1—
- Class 2— **First Awards Made**
- Class 3— **This Friday**
- Class 4—
- Class 5—
- Class 6—

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.

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.

First awards made this Friday

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!



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.

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, aunts/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.



Lucky Numbers

Our next Lucky numbers draw will take place at the end of the half term. Entries can be made via ParentPay.

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