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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

"Keeping Safe" Week

During our 'Keeping Safe' week this week, the children have been exploring how they keep safe in a variety of ways. They have proved that they are very knowledgeable and safety conscious about themselves and other people. Our Christian core values of friendship and trust have been highlighted in their learning and they have been able to make important links. One of the key concepts that has been a focus this week is online safety. In an ever-changing world with increased dangers on social media, etc, it is crucial that we protect our children from a very young age and support them in accessing the internet safely.

Sadly the meeting for parents about online safety did not go ahead on Wednesday evening as no one came along except for staff and governors. Another session will be arranged in the Autumn Term and we hope that it will attract more interest.

PTA Summer Fair: Saturday, 30 June from 11am-1pm

Tomorrow we look forward to one of our major fundraisers of the year - our Summer Fair. The PTA has been working very hard behind the scenes to make this event a success. It is also a lovely opportunity to mingle with our community and get to know each other socially. The children enjoy seeing their friends in a different context and having fun.

Many thanks to the PTA for all their fundraising efforts during the year. Now more than ever, due to public funding cuts, we rely on these additional funds to help secure additional resources, eg, whiteboards, a new library, new books, etc. In light of this, we will be asking parents, as part of our end of year questionnaire, for thoughts and ideas on how we could increase our funding. Your input is very valuable and we are seeking your ideas and responses in these important decisions.

Haslemere Confederation Sports Morning

Thank you to the parents who took their children to the Confederation Sports morning on Tuesday. The children enjoyed participating in a competitive festival and mixing with other local schools in the area. Well done to the children who took part - they represented our school well and we were very proud of them.

Farnham Library - Summer Reading Challenge

Our local library staff have been telling the children how to take part in *Mischief Makers*, this year's Summer Reading Challenge.

All the children need to do is register at their local Surrey Library, read 6 library books and visit the library regularly over the holidays, collecting stickers and incentives along the way.

Children's reading can 'dip' during the holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure. There is no other free reading activity that involves so many children, introduces families to their library, encourages children to choose books freely and independently, and is endorsed by parents, teachers and the Department for Education.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up over the holidays and see the difference the summer reading challenge makes for them.



Attendance

Attendance is a key issue for schools as the Local Authority, Government and Ofsted continue to use attendance data to monitor schools. It is also vital for children to have good attendance in order to access full learning sequences, not to miss elements of the curriculum and ensure that their progress remains on track. Children with poor attendance fall behind and miss learning opportunities.

Our school attendance is lower than expected, mainly due to the number of children being taken out of school during term time for holidays. The Local Authority Education Welfare Officer is monitoring our school very closely and we hope that there will be an improvement in attendance, especially from the start of the new academic year.

More information will be given out at the start of the Autumn Term. Letters are now being sent to individual parents if there is a concern about attendance and meetings could be arranged with the Educational Welfare Officer in the future. If you would like to discuss any concerns about school attendance, please come and talk to me.

Medicines

As part of our policy on supporting children with medical conditions, we will administer prescribed medicines with in date pharmacists' labels assigned to the child. This means that children should not under any circumstances bring their own medicines into school. Please can you bring the medicine to Mrs Marshall at the office desk and she will be able to provide a consent form for you to complete. At the end of the day, if the medicine needs to go home, please collect it from Mrs Marshall. Thank you for your help.

Sports Day - Tuesday, 10 July

Our Sports Day is approaching and we are looking forward to as many of you as possible joining the children for a picnic lunch at 12 noon on the school field before the events. In the light of the current warm weather, if any of you are able to bring along a gazebo that you could use for your picnic and help us to protect the classes from the sun in the afternoon, please could you let the school office know. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and see you at our Fair tomorrow!

Best wishes
Gillian Morris

Dates Box:

Tues, 3 July	9.15 - 11.30am 1.30 - 2.40pm	South Farnham School Induction Session Waverley Abbey School Induction Session
Tues, 10 July	Lunch + pm	Sports Day and picnic
Wed, 11 July	Lunch + pm	Sports Day and picnic Reserve 1
Tues, 17 July	TBA	Art Exhibition - further details to follow
Wed, 18 July	2.00pm	Helpers' Tea Party
Thurs, 19 July	pm	End of year class parties
Fri, 20 July	9.00am 2.00pm	Leavers' Service - further details to follow School finishes for Summer holidays
Mon, 23 July	School closed - INSET DAY	
Tues, 4 Sept	School closed - INSET DAY	
Wed, 5 Sept	School closed - INSET DAY	
Thurs, 6 Sept	8.30am	First day of Autumn Term
Tues, 2 Oct	9.30 - 11.30am	Open Day
Wed, 10 Oct	1.30 - 2.30pm	Open Day
Wed, 17 Oct	9.30 - 11.30am	Open Day
Fri, 19 Oct	End of half-term - school finishes at normal time of 3.00pm	
Mon, 29 Oct	First day of 2nd $\frac{1}{2}$ Autumn Term	
Tues, 30 Oct	1.30 - 2.30pm	Open Day

News items for this week:



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