

1 July 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Parent / Carer,

This Thursday, we have our Transition Day and we know that children are eager to be aware of their class arrangements for next academic year. We are delighted to have Mrs Marshall joining our Upper Key Stage 2 team in September. Mrs Marshall and Miss Gartshore are jointly teaching a class in this phase and they will have a full day with their class on Wednesday 17 July 2019. We hope that the current Year 6 pupils have a fantastic day at The Farnley Academy. Please remember that it is important for Year 6 pupils and parents to attend The Farnley Academy Intake Evening on the specific evening that you were invited. You are not able to choose between the two established dates.

Please be assured that we have taken great care in making our class and teacher arrangements for September. Additionally, colleagues work extensively together to ensure new class teachers have an extremely comprehensive understanding of the children they will be teaching from September.

Our next class assembly sees the turn of Fair Minded Firs on Wednesday 3 July 2019. They will be presenting their value assembly, and we would love families of this class to come along and enjoy the show. Our Catering team will be providing buns for you to enjoy whilst watching the assembly!

In terms of Trust support, I would like to thank Nicci Cornfoot (one of the Trust Partnership Directors) and her team. We enjoyed and benefitted from a fantastic and extremely high quality Continuous Professional Development day on Wednesday. It is an extremely complex task to organise such an event for 11 education institutions and in excess of 1000 professionals. Nicci also showed her commitment in doing this whilst on maternity!

As families, I would like to thank you for the support that you give your children in terms of completing homework. As you know, we very much promote an approach to homework that is about enjoying family time together. You only have to have a quick glance at the Homework Celebration Gallery on our website to get a clear sense of the investment many of you have made in support of your children's learning. This will make such a positive difference to your children.

I hope you have a lovely week.

Mrs H Townsley
Principal

Captains Café



Recent Events

On Thursday 27 June 2019, we had our annual Armley / Farnley Olympic event at John Charles Stadium. The event was as fantastic as ever and saw our pupils from KS1 and KS2 competing in a number of Athletics events. This was also helped by the fact that we were bathed in glorious sunshine all afternoon. As they always do, our pupils represented school with great spirit, effort and commitment. Unfortunately, we did not place in the medals this year, however still finished in the top half of schools, which was a super effort. There were some standout performances from Harvey and Bruno who were both event winners. However, the star performer of the day was Saffi who dominated every event that she was involved in. It was a lovely afternoon out for all, and the pupils had lots of fun and came back with smiles on their faces, which is the most important thing. Please visit our website for some more photos.



Future events

Fruity Friday

Now the weather is starting to get warmer the school council will be running the Fruity Friday shop again. The shop will be running on the following dates:

Friday 28 June 2019

Friday 19 July 2019

Smoothies made using the smoothie bike and ice-lollies will be on sale on the front playground as well as the second hand uniform shop. Smoothies will be priced at £1 each, ice-lollies 50p each and second hand uniform 50p per item.

Raving Reader Rewards: Waterstones!

We will be running our Waterstones trip to reward those children who have reached 200 raving reader points this year. The trip is scheduled to run on the morning of Thursday 11 July when our star readers will have the chance to enjoy a drink in the café and take home a book of their choosing! We will be totalling the final raving reader points on the afternoon of Friday 5 July. Only those children who have 200 or more raving readers on that day will receive one of our exclusive invites. Keep reading everyone!

General Notices

Being Internet Smart

Conversation is the best way to have confidence in what your child is doing online – Go ahead and ask the following question.... What will your child answer!

When you are making up a user name for email and instant messaging, you should:

- a) Always use your real name.
- b) Use a name that does NOT reveal your true identity.
- c) Use a name that gives good clues about who you really are.

Internet safety help and advice can be found on the school website or you can use the web address below for additional guidance.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Social, Emotional and Mental Health curriculum

As part of our Social, Emotional and Mental Health curriculum, we will be running the ‘Happy in My Skin’ programme in school. This is a 6-session intervention programme to increase pupil’s self-esteem that will be run by our Pastoral Officer, Mrs Hodgkin.

Your child may be selected for this programme if their class teacher feels it would be of benefit to them and will be sent home with a leaflet to explain more about this.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Hodgkin via the school office.

Spelling Strategies

We are very fortunate to have paired up with the digital team in the trust to produce a spelling video. It shows a number of strategies that parents can use at home to support their children with their spelling. Please do have a look - it will help greatly with any spelling homework that is sent home! It can be found on the school website under the curriculum tab. Just click the Phonics and Spelling link. Well done to our fabulous year six pupils who worked so well in front of the camera.

Nursery Places available

Do you or somebody you know have a child turning 3 before September? Come and see Mrs Barker to put their name down to secure their place in September. Mrs Barker will also be able to show you around the newly refurbished and extended nursery and show you the exciting new outdoor provision plans, which will be ready for September.

Fluency Reading Games

Speed Reading!

The desired reading speed for the end of KS1 is 90 words per minute, and for KS2 it is 120. To help improve reading speed, reread a short passage that you have already read aloud. Time yourself - how many words can you read in a minute? Try to beat your score each time!

Punctuality

As you all know, arriving at school on time every day is extremely important to your child’s education. School starts at 8.45am prompt and learning starts as soon as the children are in school. Early morning learning activities are often reading or writing and your child can lose many opportunities to learn these critical life skills by arriving late.

School starts at 08.45 am please arrive at school at least 5 minutes before this time

Minutes Late		
Class	Number of Children Late	Minutes Late
Happy Hedgehogs	1	12
Loyal Lapwings	4	231
Fair-Minded Firs	3	152

Honest Hawthorns	3	114
Wise Willows	3	146
Compassionate Chestnuts	1	71
Self-Believing Sycamores	3	110
Resilient Rowans	2	27
Persevering Poplars	2	128
Empathetic Elders	0	0
REMEMBER – EVERY MINUTE COUNTS		

ATTENDANCE

Friendly Frogs	94.8%
Happy Hedgehogs	95.4%
Loyal Lapwings	89.2%
Fair Minded Firs	89.7%
Honest Hawthorns	97.4%
Wise Willows	92.5%
Compassionate Chestnuts	89.2%
Self-Believing Sycamores	95.8%
Resilient Rowans	93.0%
Persevering Poplars	94.9%
Empathetic Elders	94.2%

PUPIL CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK
Super Star

Loyal Lapwings	Tyrique
Fair Minded Firs	Freya
Honest Hawthorns	Laurie
Wise Willows	Anne-Mari
Compassionate Chestnuts	Bella
Self-Believing Sycamores	Sam
Resilient Rowans	Laiza
Persevering Poplars	Aurita
Empathetic Elders	Oliver

Congratulations to Honest Hawthorns for the best attendance this week

97.4%

Year 1 to Year 6 attendance for 24 June to 28 June was:

93.3%

Year 1 to Year 6 cumulative attendance for the year to date:

95.6%

Our Target for Year 1 to Year 6 is

97%

SLT Praise Visits

Friendly Frogs	Sam Storm
Happy Hedgehogs	Tegan Olivia Declan
Loyal Lapwings	Noah Leland Drini Jodie

Honest Hawthorns	Isabella Darcy-Leigh Charlie
Fair Minded Firs	Bradley Alisha-Lilly Ruby
Wise Willows	Macey Reuben Riley
Compassionate Chestnuts	Jaiden Laura Rosie
Self-believing Sycamores	Michael Kendra Eva
Resilient Rowans	Joshua Jayden Brooke
Persevering Poplars	Toby Dane Milly
Empathetic Elders	Jessica Ellie James

Diary Dates to Remember

Wednesday 3 July	Fair-Minded Firs Value Assembly
Thursday 4 July	Transition Day
Monday 8 July	GORSE Shakespeare Festival @ TRGA - Year 4
Monday 8 July	Outdoor Learning day in school
Monday 8 July	KS1 Dragon Boat Festival @TMA
Thursday 11 July	Loyal Lapwings Value Assembly
Thursday 11 July	Waterstones Trip
Tuesday 16 July	Rounders Event at Stanningley
Tuesday 16 July	KS2 leavers assembly 2:15pm and 5:00
Friday 19 July	PD Ceremony at The Farnley Academy
Friday 19 July	100% attendance rewards Afternoon in school
Monday 22 July	Rebellious Ryecroft Day
Monday 22 July	KS2 Prom 6:00-7:30
Tuesday 23 July	Lightwater Valley Trip – 100% attendance award
Wednesday 24 July	Film with Principal Attendance reward Day – Wear your PJ's to school day
Wednesday 24 July	Academy Closes for Summer

Helen Townsley
Principal

Simon Hayes
Assistant Principal

Esafety <https://ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting/> There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents: <http://www.leedsiscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online>. *If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403*

Our Designated Officers for Child Protection are Mrs Townsley, Mrs Cattley, Mrs Hodgkin and Mrs Forrow.