



Newsletter

Week 2 – 17 - 01 - 25

F O R E W O R D



Dear Parents and Carers,

In school this week we have been thinking about challenge and how we can set difficult targets without them being impossible to achieve.

In the Junior School we had a visit from the Olympic medallist Beth Tweddle, which was really insightful. See articles below for more details.

At the Infants the children and the staff have been working hard at learning new approaches to the learning of phonics. We are running parent workshops next week to show you what we are doing and how you can support your child at home in general conversation and reinforcing what we are doing in school. Please see Diary Dates.

We look forward to seeing you around school soon.

David Masters

U P D A T E S

Week Attendance:

National Target: 95% +
National Actual YTD: 95.1%

FCVS Infants: 95.6%
FCVS Juniors: 96.2%

- **Attendance:**
We are really focusing on attendance this year and trying to make it as high as possible as this massively impacts learning. Decisions for authorising requests are based more on whether activities could be taken during the 13 weeks holiday we currently have.
- **Next Week:**
Our Phonics Parent Workshops are on Monday and Thursday. Please be aware that the morning and evening sessions are the same for each age band but different for each day.

On Friday we will be sending out your child's targets which will be discussed at our Parent Consultations.



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Diary Dates

Key	
<p>This is a working document and will change over the year, therefore we use this colour key to show how updated versions are the same or different to previously sent.</p> <p>It is intended to be a list of events so they can be saved in diaries. Alternatively, you can subscribe to our online calendar using this link: https://farnhamcommonjunior.secure-primariesite.net/diary/grid/2024/01/</p>	
	What has stayed the same
	What is new
	What has been changed from previously stated
ED	An 'Event Details' document will be sent home

Date/Time	Event
Spring 1 2024-25 Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February	
Monday 20 th January 9:00am – 9:45am 6:30pm – 7:15pm	Parent Workshop The teaching of phonics in Reception and Year 1 (2 repeated sessions)
Thursday 23 rd January 9:00am – 9:45am 6:30pm – 7:15pm	Parent Workshop The teaching of phonics in Year 2 (2 repeated sessions)
Friday 24 th January	Target sheet for parent consultations to go home
Tuesday 28 th January 2:00pm – 5:00pm	Parent Consultations Learning and Progress Based (All except Hawthorn – tbc)
Wednesday 29 th January	Parent Consultations Hawthorn and Linden – times tbc
Thursday 30 th January 4:00pm 7:00pm	Parent Consultations Learning and Progress Based (All except Linden – tbc)
Tuesday 4 th February 6:00pm – 6:45pm	Parent Workshop The teaching of phonics in Year 2 The same as previous for anyone who couldn't make last time
Thursday 6 th February	Parent Workshop



6:00pm – 6:45pm	The teaching of phonics in Reception and Year 1 The same as previous for anyone who couldn't make it last time
Monday 10 th February	Junior Choir to Young Voices at Wembley
Spring 2 2024-25 Monday 24th February Friday 4th April	
Monday 24 th February	Junior Book fair until 3 rd March
Wednesday 26 th February	Prospective Parents Open Evening
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (Dressing up) ED
Monday 14 th March	Junior Theatre Group in School The Jungle Book
Summer 1 2024-25 Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May	
Monday 12 th May – Thursday 15 th May	KS2 SAT's Week – Year 6
Friday 23 rd May	INSET Day – Schools Closed
Summer 2 2024-25 Tuesday 2nd June – Wednesday 23rd July	
Monday 2 nd June – Friday 13 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Test Window
Thursday 5 th June	Meeting about Secondary Transfer Test and applying for secondary school – Year 5's
Wednesday 11 th June	KS2 Celebration of Work Year 3 to Year 6 ED
Thursday 12 th June	EYFS and KS1 Celebration of Work Nursery to Year 2 ED
Monday 16 th June – Friday 20 th June	Year 6 River Dart Residential
Tuesday 24 th June	New Reception Parents Meeting
Thursday 26 th June	New Year 3 Parents Meeting
Thursday 26 th June	Junior Clock Sports
Thursday 26 th June	New Classes Letters to Parents
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day ED
Tuesday 1 st July	Transition Day
Tuesday 8 th July	Nursery Transition Afternoon
Wednesday 9 th July	Nursery Transition Afternoon



Tuesday 15 th July	Reports to Parents
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 4 to Oakwood
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 2 Show
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Show - Afternoon
Thursday 17 th July	Year 6 Show - Evening
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Year



Next Week's Menu

Week Three

W/C: 20/1/25, 24/2/25, 31/3/25

Meat Free Monday

- Vg Tomato & Basil Pasta with Peas
 - V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese & Baked Beans
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied by carrot sticks and cucumber
Fresh Fruit Selection

Tuesday

- * Pork Sausage, V Mash Potato & Mixed Vegetables
 - Vg Vegetable Sausage, V Mash Potato & Mixed Vegetables
 - V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied by a fresh, seasonal salad
V Jam & Coconut Sponge with Cream
or
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

- GF Roast Chicken, Vg GF Roast Potatoes,
Seasonal Vegetables & V GF Gravy
 - V Macaroni Cheese, Vg, Seasonal Vegetables
 - V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied by a fresh, seasonal salad
Fruit Fruit selection or V Yoahurts

Thursday

- * Beef Meat balls in tomato Sauce with Rice
 - Vg Vegetable Meatballs with tomato sauce with Rice
Peas
 - V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied by a fresh, seasonal salad
V Vanilla Ice Cream
or
Vg Fresh Fruit

Friday

- * Breaded Fishcake, Vg GF Oven Chips & Baked Beans
 - Vg Vegetable Samosa, Vg GF Oven Chips & Baked Beans
 - V Baked Potato with Grated Cheese & Baked Beans
Cheese, Tuna or Ham Roll
- All accompanied with sliced cucumber salad
V Caramel Wafer Biscuit
or
Vg Fresh Fruit

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A r t i c l e s :

1. Olympic Visitor:

This week, our school had the immense privilege of welcoming Olympic gymnast, Beth Tweddle, for an inspiring visit that left both children and the teachers in awe!

Known as one of Britain's most successful gymnasts, Beth shared her incredible journey, speaking passionately about her career highlights, including her bronze medal win at the 2012 London Olympics and her multiple World Championship victories.

Children also had the chance to ask a few questions and she emphasised the importance of perseverance, goal-setting and maintaining a positive mindset - values that resonated deeply with the children.

Most definitely a memorable experience for the school community!

See the attached to email link for information about access to local gymnastic clubs.





2. Supporting Your Child's Mental Health:

We are very pleased to announce that from this term, Farnham Common Village Schools will be part of the Buckinghamshire Mental Health Support Teams initiative. This means that we will be able to access whole school and individual support for some pupils through the programmes offered. Over the next few weeks, we will be having staff training and considering individual cases for referral.

We also hope to arrange a parent / carer meeting so that the Mental Health Support Team can talk directly to you about strategies and the help available.

In addition, attached is a leaflet giving details of online webinars which you are also able to sign up for. Please note that there is an error: *'Understanding Child Behaviour & Development'* will take place on the 23rd January 2025.

