

'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly' John 10:10

THRIVE IN THE GIFT OF LIFE

FARINGTON MOSS ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022



Headteacher



Hello everyone.

I write for the final time in 2022 with positive wishes after a more settled year. This half term has flown by and we are now in our assessment week. Children have been taking our usual end of term papers in Reading, Grammar and Maths and these, alongside teacher judgements, will indicate the progress made during this term. A one-page progress report will be issued next Thursday to update you of this. The final week of term sees our Christmas discos for all children, kindly funded by our FOSPS team, our Christmas lunch (with the obligatory Christmas jumper) and our final awards service on Friday morning at 9:10am (Parents of winners will be informed to attend). Please take the time to read the following messages. Thank you.

Ofsted Parent View

I have now been in permanent post as headteacher since June last year and I would like to seek the views of the parents and guardians. Ofsted Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think of your child's school, including: how happy your child is at the school, how the school manages bullying or challenging behavior and if your child has special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), they will ask how well the school supports them. I would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire by next Thursday 15th December. Thank you. The questionnaire is anonymised

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Advent

We have started the season of advent in style with KS2 children performing songs from famous Christmas movies and we were treated to a fantastic performance from our wonderful school choir. Thank you to all the staff for staging such a lovely event and for the generous donations received to support Church and school funds.

Nativity—Lights, Camel, Action!

What a wonderful Nativity we have enjoyed this year. The 'Strictly come dancing' theme really inspired the children and they performed magnificently. The singing with actions was amazing and I've learnt one or two moves myself now! Well done to all the KS1 and reception children. Once again, thank you for your generous donations. We have raised £241.06 for St. Catherine's Hospice.



Diary Dates

• Tuesday 13th December

KS2 Disco 1:30—3pm

• Wednesday 14th December

KS1 Disco 1:30—2:30pm

• Thursday 15th December

YR 5 Theatre Trip 1pm—4:45pm

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

—All school

• Friday 16th December

Awards Service—9.10am

Finish for Christmas Break— 1:10pm

• Tuesday 3rd January

School re-opens 8.50am

2023 ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

•Primary School Applications

Closing Date: 15th January 2023

Headteacher



Worship Theme—Courage

We start the new year looking at the value courage and children will understand what it means to be courageous. Whole-school and class worship will focus on this theme alongside Candlemas on the first Sunday in February (Candlemas is when Christians remember the time the infant Jesus was taken by Mary and Joseph to the Temple 40 days after his birth to be presented to God). Each month teachers also deliver a current topical worship using the excellent Primary Picture News resource we subscribe to.

Cake Sale

Well done to our Y6 pupils for organising a Christmas cake sale this week. There was plenty of tasty cakes on offer and everyone enjoyed one during break time. Overall they raised £101.21 for Derian House Children's Hospice in Chorley. Thank you for all the cake donations

FOSPS Sponsored Christmas Danceathon

Children thoroughly enjoyed grooving away last Friday morning to Christmas songs whilst wearing reindeer antlers—we have some amazing dancers. Well done to everyone for making this a super event. Thank you to Mrs Almond for leading the dances, the FOSPS team for organising and supporting the event on the day and for all our parents and guardians for sponsoring your child/children. All funds raised will help support the Forest Schools project. Thank you.

Forest Schools Project update

Mrs Parker, Mrs Almond and Mrs Braddock have successfully passed their practical course which involved campfire management, using a range of woodland skills, and how to maintain tools. They all came back from the training full of enthusiasm for the project ahead. The team development team also includes Mrs Benson, our FOSPS chair, and Mr Wilding. We are in the stages of sourcing our camp fire shelter and a shipping container as a storage/changing facility. We have sourced tree saplings from the Woodland Trust which should be with us in March and we hope to start the development around this time. We will need a supply of logs (for the campfire) if anyone can recommend a good source. Thank you. We are also carefully looking at our curriculum and how Forest schools will be embedded in our offer.

School Uniform

The vast majority of our pupils wear the correct school uniform and we receive comments from visitors into school about how smart and well-presented they look. Please continue to wear the correct uniform, including the school shoes. We have seen a number of boys wear black trainers which are not shoes. Trainers may be worn for PE and to change into at break and lunch time for playing football but should not be worn during the rest of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns do please get in touch with the office, your class teacher or myself.

On behalf of the St. Paul's team I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all.

Best wishes,

Mr J Eccleston

Head Teacher