

Farncombe Church of England Infant School

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Newsletter 2

17th September 2021

Early Autumn Dates

September

- 17th Friends Association Coffee Morning*
- 18th School Open for Heritage Weekend
- 22nd Apple Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*
- 23rd Lime Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*
- 24th Beech Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*
- 27th Willow Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*
- 27th Bedtime Stories from The Friends**
- 28th Sycamore Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*
- 29th Oak Welcome Meeting, 9.05am*
- 30th Harvest Services (donations please)**

October

- 8th Values Day
- 11th Lime Grandparents' Tea Party, 2.15pm
- 12th Apple Grandparents' Tea Party, 2.15pm
- 15th Sycamore Grandparents' Tea Party, 2.15pm
- 18th Beech Grandparents' Tea Party, 2.15pm
- 19th Willow Grandparents' Tea Party, 2.15pm
- 20th Oak Grandparents' Tea Party, 2.15pm

Next INSET: 22nd October

* = Parents invited to event

** = More details to follow

Friends Association News

Thank you to all the parents who helped pick apples last Saturday. I understand that the event was popular and successful and provided a good way for new parents to meet other school families. Thank you also Friends for today's coffee morning and for organising so many lovely events for this term.

Harvest

Our school harvest services will take place on Thursday 30th September. All children should bring in a contribution of food to donate (one item per child, please). This will be passed on to the Godalming Food Bank, so non-perishable items such as teabags, biscuits, rice, pasta and tinned foods are best.

The children will be singing Harvest songs, saying a prayer and listening to James in St John's Church. Thank you in advance for these kind contributions.

Collective Worship Monitors

Year 2 children are invited to apply to be collective worship monitors. The positions involve meeting with me twice each half term, leading some aspects of assemblies (including visiting the YR and Y1) and evaluating assemblies. If your child would like to be a collective worship monitor, please help them to write a letter of application to me by Friday 24th September.

School Office Vacancy

Jules Mason, our school assistant will be leaving later this half term. Jules will continue to work as clerk to our governing body, but will not maintain such a regular presence in the school office. Parents and members of the local community are invited to apply for this vacancy. The role involved two full days and one half day in the office, organising records, letters and general paperwork, placing orders for resources, assisting with first aid, greeting visitors and enabling efficient communication in and around school. Please email the school office if you are interested. Please note that Farncombe School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Safer recruiting is an important part of our strong safeguarding culture.

School Lunches

We are very fortunate at Farncombe to have an experienced cook, Dee, working on-site each day in our kitchen to produce carefully planned and freshly cooked meals. Dee is ably supported by her catering assistant Clare, who has a real skill in creating delicious desserts for our pupils. Lunches vary, but in general the pattern includes pasta or rice once a week, a roast dinner on Wednesdays and fish with potatoes on Fridays. There is always two kinds of vegetables added to the main meal as well as a portion of salad (usually chopped cucumber, peppers and tomatoes) and a piece of baguette. Daily menus are listed in the canteen window.

Genny Purchase supports the children in the canteen as they dine, and often awards ink stamps on hands for those who have eaten well.

Children are encouraged (but not forced) to try everything on their plate and to find at least one element of the meal to eat.

All children are invited to bring in a supplement, to be eaten after lunch is served, if they are not likely to eat much. This can be a small bread roll, mini sausages, some fruit or crackers and cheese. Obviously, no nuts can be brought on-site. Thank you.

Photographs of lunches are often shared on our Instagram page.

Our Wider Curriculum and Clubs

Each morning every child has a Letters and Sounds session. In Reception and Year 1 this focuses on learning phonics; the building blocks of reading and writing. By Year 2, there is a recap of phonics and then children move onto grammar and spelling rules.

In general Literacy and Maths lessons take place four days a week, with the fifth morning reserved for Science. Afternoons are filled with PE, Art, PSHE, Music, History, Geography, DT and Computing. These are often taught in small groups, with children in a 'carousel' rotating around. Reception children have time to learn through play, as well as being involved in adult led activities.

There are several times in the week when additional adults provide extra support for children's reading, language and social skills, as part of our timetable.

This year, we have been able to use of our Sports Premium fund to arrange extra sport for Year 2 children. This is taking place each Thursday, led by staff from SCL.

More information specific to your child's class will follow in the class welcome meetings later this month. Please do make every effort to attend these meetings.

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'Let all you do be done in love' is our guiding vision for our speech, deeds and thoughts. This enables us to create a nurturing and inspiring environment in which everyone can have life in all its fullness.

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