

11th September 2023

Dear parent or carer,

It has been delightful to welcome back all the children after the summer holidays and enjoy some good weather for a while! A special congratulations goes out to all our new children, especially those who have joined us in Reception and Year 3. They have swiftly become part of the South Farnham School family and we are extremely proud of how well they have transitioned to their new classes.

Partnership

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure all our children can achieve their highest potential in every aspect of their school life. We recognise that close partnership with parents and carers helps promote positive outcomes for our children. As part of our offer, we occasionally hold information workshops and coffee mornings to share information and listen to feedback and ideas.

Following the success of last year's coffee mornings, I would like to again invite parents to join us following drop off until 9:30am on the scheduled days in the school hall (Infant or Junior Site). You will have the opportunity to meet the class teachers and ask any questions you may have.

Reception: Tuesday 12th September
Year 1: Wednesday 13th September
Year 2: Thursday 14th September
Year 3: Friday 15th September
Year 4: Tuesday 19th September
Year 5: Wednesday 20th September
Year 6: Friday 22nd September

For those unable to make these dates, Parents' Consultation meetings are to be held on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October and this will be the opportunity to discuss individual children's progress with their class teacher.

Please be aware that our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy (alongside other relevant policies) is available on our school website, [here](#).

Open Evening

I would like to extend a very warm invitation to Year 2 parents to visit the Junior Site of South Farnham School to see the range of facilities available and meet some of the children and their teachers in their classrooms. This will take place on **Monday 18th September** from **7pm**.

If you are unable to attend this open evening, feel free to contact the school office (01252716155) to arrange a tour at another time.

There is also an Open Evening for new parents at our Infant Site on **Monday 25th September** from **6pm**.



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✉ Infants: School Lane, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 3PE
☎ 01252 716398, infants.southfarnham@sfet.org.uk
✉ Juniors: Menin Way, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 8DY
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Headteacher: **Miss Esther Whitbourn**

Drop off and pick up

We respectfully ask, that you are mindful of our neighbours (not blocking driveways or sitting/standing on their property). At the Infants, there is no parking available on school grounds or School Lane. At the Juniors, we ask that you do not stop or park on any zig zag markings as these areas allow flow down Menin Way – it really makes a difference when they are clear. We ask, where possible that you walk to and from school or 'park and stride'. We have really noticed many positive benefits for the children who have enjoyed a brief walk to school with fresh air and meeting new friends on the way. Thank you for your understanding.

Uniform

Please ensure everything your child brings into school is named – that way it will be returned to your child. This can take a little time as you will be amazed how many items are dispersed around the school grounds each day. If you would like to stock up on spares, our PTA (Infants)/ PFA (Juniors) run second hand uniform sales at the coffee mornings and parent consultation evenings, where good quality items are sold for a fraction of the price of new items.

We also ask that children do not bring things into school that are precious or valuable to them.

Some children have had their ears pierced over the Summer. The school's policy is that the wearing of jewellery, including metal or plastic earrings, is not permitted on safety grounds. Plasters over earrings are not acceptable alternatives to removing them and teachers are not able to remove earrings or take responsibility for them.

School Council

The School Council have been working hard to encourage healthy eating habits and we appreciate your cooperation with this. Please provide healthy snacks for your children at breaktime (no sweets) and if should you wish to bring in a birthday treat for your child's peers, please do not send in sweets. We have several children with severe nut allergies at both sites so please ensure products containing nuts of any kind are not brought into school.

Finally, we would love to hear from you if you have some time to spare and can support the school in any way. This could mean anything from helping children with their reading, joining us on school trips, taking care of the school garden, or talking with the children during our 'Bright Futures' assemblies. Also, keep in mind that our PTA/PFA has some exciting social events in the pipeline and are looking for new recruits (sign-up sheets will be available at the coffee mornings or contact the school office if you are interested). Every penny we raise goes directly back into resources for the children, and we have got some fantastic projects lined up for this year. Your participation means a lot to us!

Yours sincerely

Esther Whitbourn
Headteacher



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