



## Allfarthing Newsletter – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

### From our Headteacher, Tom Holmes

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a good summer and have settled back into the routines of term time. The two summer clubs (Mr V's Sports Club and Sarah Flind's Drama) provided an excellent out of school time provision and it is very positive to hear our wrap around care is almost full to capacity after school. We welcome all new children and families into the school, whether in nursery and reception or older years.

We are very pleased with the way children have settled into the new academic year. From getting accustomed to their new class teacher or coming in a more orderly manner in the morning with all children coming through the front doors.

**A few reminders please:**

-shoes should not have any white on them. Plain black trainers are acceptable. If there are any reasons for your child not to be wearing the correct footwear to school (medical or waiting to buy a new pair) a note/email must be sent in and given to the class teacher.

-we are a totally **nut free** school. This is particularly relevant for pack lunches where we had Nutella and even nuts in the first few days back.

A reminder that clubs start next week with 'tuition' starting the following week.

We have had three 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and look forward to the following next week- Y4-Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>, Y5 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Y6 Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.45pm. You will shortly be receiving the termly letters covering the curriculum. We have altered these from half-termly to termly and ensured they are more concise and have all the appropriate content within them.

The school has embarked on a journey to further develop and improve our teaching by using video reflection of our teaching and children's responses. Attached to the newsletter you will see a letter from the company whose software we are using. It explains all the GDPR compliance and how we are seeking for individual staff to use this as an invaluable tool to develop their practice. I have already used the software and explained it to children in assemblies so they will be accustomed to it when teachers use it in the room.

We are once again combining the PTA's Macmillian coffee morning with my vision presentation for the upcoming year. The presentation will be from **9.05-9.30am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** with the opportunity to ask questions at the end. The coffee morning will then take place in the KS2 hall from 9.30-10.30am with all money raised going towards Macmillian Cancer Support.

The school's open mornings for future reception admissions have all been set. If you know of anyone who may wish to attend, please ask them to call the office to book a place. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December all from 9.30am.

[head@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:head@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk).

### Communication

A reminder of the communication if you wish to speak to a member of staff. Class teachers are in the playground at the end of the school day with KS1 and Early Years teachers available before

school. If you wish to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher please do so via the office and they will liaise for you. We do not give out teachers' email addresses and don't expect them to liaise through them.

If you wish to speak to someone more senior, there are three phase leaders: Mrs D'Souza (EYFS), Mrs Childs (KS1) and Miss Donegan (KS2).

Either Mr Heale (Deputy Head), Mrs Kimber (Assistant Head) or Ms Flitter (SENCO) will be on the door in the mornings as well as being a regular presence in the playground. Mr Holmes will be in the playground before school and after school every day if you wish to mention/ask something minor. Mr Holmes is happy to meet with parents to discuss more serious issues/further discussion after speaking to the class teacher/secondary school transfer or any other matters. Please contact Ali Good in the office to make an appointment with Mr Holmes.

## Roles of Responsibility

After some nerve wracking speeches from the short-listed candidates, the head boy and head girl for this academic year were voted for by children in Y3-Y6. Congratulations to Cooper Hoad and Esther Ogunsola. Well done to all those Y6s who put themselves forward for nomination; they demonstrated they were excellent role-models and the pride they had in putting themselves forward for the positions.

We have also decided our House captains:

Barmouth- Emily Widarto and Hannah Widarto

Rosehill- Rex Rowden and Mia Foote

Swanage- Gabriel Olmi and Lacey Ditch-Debbaoui

Westover- Amari Evans and Eva Scarth

We have also created a 'sports captain' for the year, congratulations to James Parslow.

Congratulations also to our school councillors who have been voted in by each class:  
Y2 - Blake Campbell and Zac Botsaris; Y3 - Elizabeth Pike and Elsie Burke; Y4 - Khalid Amankwa, Sam Kelly and Ayla Manley; Y5 - Ella Brander Bery and Shayan Johnson; Y6 - Charlotte Paley and Bella Schmetzer.

## SATs Results

We have had confirmation of our SATS results having waited for the KS2 greater depth threshold statistics to be confirmed last week. The results are up on the website under the tab 'Our School' and attached to this email.

We are very pleased and proud of our results this year and thank all the staff and our pupils for their hard work. We have maintained our high standards and are above national at EYFS and KS1, whilst showing substantial improvement in KS2.

The results show improvements at expected and greater depth; demonstrating improvements for all children, including the more able (greater depth)

Some key headline figures are:

-EYFS and KS1 remain on average 8% above national.

Improvements from 2016/2017 to 2019:

-Y1 Phonics 77% to 90%

-KS2 Maths expected 69% to 91%

-KS2 Maths greater depth 23% to 48%

-KS2 Reading- 73% to 83%

-Reading, Writing and Maths at Expected 58% to 84%

-Reading, Writing and Maths at Greater depth 15% to 20%

These will be expanded on further at the Headteacher's vision meeting on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

## Staffing News

We welcome three new members of staff to the school. Ms Carly Flitter joins us as SENCO from Wimbledon Park Primary School and is working four days a week from Monday to Thursday. Mehreen Niazi and Pamela Gantier join us as teaching assistants, working in Y3 and Reception respectively.

We also congratulate Mrs Pickford on her pregnancy and we anticipate her leaving us at Christmas to start her maternity leave.

## School Trips

Our year 6 children will be our September PGL pioneers. A week on Monday, the 2 classes will head off to Osmington Bay for their school journey, a week filled with outdoor activities encouraging the children to take on things outside their comfort zones and test their nerves. We wish them a great trip.

## Before and After School Clubs

There are still many places on a large number of school clubs; if we do not have sufficient numbers we may have to cancel those clubs with low numbers.

Tutoring-please note if you wish to sign up for tutoring please email the office and let them know; sessions will start the w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> September as we are still trying to finalise groups. There are different options with the tutoring either the sessions we were doing last year, which were English and Maths (Y3 to Y6), or Non Verbal and Verbal Reasoning specific practice (Y4 & Y5). If you have already contacted the office about this, there is no need to do so again. Due to teachers' availability the sessions will be on a Tuesday or Thursday and we will inform you of this next week.

## Community & School Events

### Harvest Festival:

We have decided to donate our Harvest Festival donations to St Mark's Church Foodbank again this year. A letter will be sent home towards the end of the month with full details.

### Library Vacancy:

<https://www.better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth/balham-library/news/black-history-month-in-wandsworth-libraries>

### A notice from Southfields Academy:

We have a term time only role available for a receptionist, 8am-4pm, 35 hours per week and wondered if you have any parents who you think might be interested? If so, would you mind pointing them to our website for full details and how to apply

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/employer/southfields-academy-1065483>

Last week's totals/running totals	KS1		KS2	
<b>Barmouth</b>	112	112	170	170
<b>Swanage</b>	74	74	125	125
<b>Rosehill</b>	65	65	143	143
<b>Westover</b>	81	81	129	129

## 2019-2020 Academic Year – Autumn Term

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 Wandsworth Tests Year 4 visit to Paradise Coop - Romans
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 3 to Butser Farm
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 6 on school journey – meet 7.30am in KS1 playground
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop 3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 4 to Benjamin Franklin House
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground Year 5/6 cross country run
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 Viking workshop Year 5 Junior Citizenship Scheme – Southfields Academy
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break for half term
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	INSET Day – staff only
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Children back
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 2 trip - London Philharmonic Orchestra 3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3 trip – Royal Opera House

Results from last 2 weeks	% Attendance YTD* % – 96.5% School YTD target 97%		No. of Lates			
Reception	Ladybird 100% 	Bumblebee 97.6%	Ladybird 0	Bumblebee 1		
Year 1	Hedgehog 96.1%	Squirrel 97.5%	Hedgehog 0	Squirrel 2		
Year 2	Seahorse 90.3%	Dolphin 98.6%	Seahorse 4	Dolphin 3		
Year 3	3B 97.4%	3KG 98.6%	3B 1	3KG 2		
Year 4	4F 95.2%	4JG 100% 	4G 92.7%	4F 6	4JG 4	4G 8
Year 5	5M 96.7%	5C 96.7%	5M 3	5C 8		
Year 6	6D 94.5%	6H 97.5%	6D 8	6H 6		