



Allfarthing Newsletter – Friday 27th September

From our Headteacher, Tom Holmes

Dear Parents,

A full range of activities have been happening in school over the past two weeks - from trips to the Co-op Paradise (see below) to author visits to the start up of clubs. The Chamber Choir has started again and now has a strong membership with 45 pupils from Y3 to Y6.

Thank you for your support in helping with consistency and our expectations, virtually all children are no longer wearing white trainers as school shoes. A reminder that hair needs to be tied back if it is below the neck.

Also a reminder that coats need to be brought into school as we try to keep the children outside as much as possible, particularly in KS2. However, without coats children have to stay under the shelter when it's raining.

Thank you to those who attended the vision meeting this morning and the presentation will be emailed out. There were 'new parents' drinks last night organised by the PTA, with a further PTA event on Tuesday 1st October on child nutrition; the community part of the school is clearly thriving.

Our Year 6's have been on their school journey to a PGL camp this week in Osmington Bay, Weymouth and you might have seen from the pictures on Twitter that they have been having an amazing time. This is our first venture into a September Y6 school journey with the advantages being the bond they form with each other and their class teacher and a substantial saving on costs. I would like to thank the staff who gave up their time to take them this year - particularly the three who have been on two school journeys in this location in the last three months!

Have a good weekend

head@allfarthing.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Black History month

Black History month starts on the 1st October and we would welcome any parent visitors to the school, whether it is to read a story or speak to a class/key stage. Please contact the class teacher initially. As well as our usual focus within assemblies, each year group will focus on one particular aspect of black history - information will follow in weekly talking homework letters.

RE

We have had questions about what our RE curriculum covers and the breadth of the curriculum. We are currently altering our long term planning from a two year cycle with all year groups covering the same religion at the same time.

Moving forward, KS1 will be looking at themes such as leaders or places of worship, with a focus on key beliefs of Christianity and other world religions.

In KS2 children cover the same core questions in Y3 & Y5 and then different ones in Y4 & Y6. Within these they cover a range of world religions, including Christianity. More details will follow in the Spring term curriculum letters.

Musical instrument lessons and sports fixtures

A reminder that children in years 4 to 6 who learn a musical instrument will have a choice if a sports fixture clashes with their lesson. If they choose to go to the sports fixture we will have to charge parents for the music lesson and won't be able to reimburse.

Sports results

Our formal fixtures kicked off this week. Unfortunately our Y6 residential coincided with the start of the netball league and the girls & boys annual Trinity Fields grass tournaments. Our Y5's had lots of good experience playing in a tournament setting against older children, but unfortunately were not victorious.

School Trips and events

20/9. Y3 Butser farm

Year 3 visited Butser Ancient Farm as part of our topic. Everyone had a fantastic day as we experienced what it was like to live in the Stone and Iron Ages. We made wattle fences and a wall using daub. We also used cordage and experienced being archaeologists by digging for artefacts buried in the ground.

Tabitha (3KG): I enjoyed Butser Farm because I could imagine what it was like to be a child in the Stone Age. I could compare this to my life now.

Zane (3KG): I learned how cow faeces were used to make walls.

Tien (3KG): I liked all the activities because they were interesting and fun and I learned a lot.

Vivienne (3B): I loved Butser Farm because it was very interesting. I learnt about how people in the Stone Age did lots of gruesome things like reuse their wee and poo and squished animal brains.

Ben (3B): Butser Farm was amazing, I loved doing the activities, it made me feel like a boy in the Stone Age. My favourite part was making the Wattle fence.

19/9 Y4 Co-op paradise:

We took part in a battle where each team (Rome and Carthage) fired sponge balls (wet) at each other with a giant sling shot - a Roman ballista. We also took on the challenge of building an aqueduct which transported 30 litres of water using guttering and wooden frames. Some of us got a bit damp to say the least!

Joe (4JG): I really enjoyed the fun sponge ball fights using Roman-style slingshots.

Warda (4F): I liked when we built the aqueduct because it was fun pouring the water and seeing the bucket at the end fill up. It was hard to keep it up though!

Jolie (4G): I liked it because we could experience how the Romans fought in their time.

Before and After School Clubs



Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Cheerleading club with the outside provider, as there were not sufficient numbers. Pleasingly the other clubs with low numbers have had an increase and are able to run. We will continue to explore more options if there is demand.

Community & School Events

We don't usually publicise individual school open days as they are available on school websites or on the Wandsworth admissions page. However we have been contacted by a new independent secondary school, Northwood School (near Tooting Common), to request we notify parents of its opening in September 2020 and an upcoming open morning on Friday 11th October.

2019-2020 Academic Year – Autumn Term

Wed 2 nd Oct	Year 2 Great Fire of London workshop 3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground
Tues 8 th Oct	Year 4 to Benjamin Franklin House
Wed 9 th Oct	3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground Year 5/6 cross country run
Thurs 10 th Oct	Harvest Festival Assembly – Food Bank Collection
Fri 11 th Oct	Year 6 Viking workshop Year 5 Junior Citizenship Scheme – Southfields Academy
Wed 16 th Oct	3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground
Thurs 17 th Oct	School Photo day – Individual & siblings PTA Quiz Night
Fri 18 th Oct	Break for half term
Mon 28 th Oct	INSET Day – staff only
Tues 29 th Oct	Children back
Wed 30 th Oct	Year 2 trip - London Philharmonic Orchestra 3KG Swimming – meet 8.50am in KS1 playground
Fri 8 th 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 99.4%		Ladybird 4	Bumblebee 4	
Year 1	Hedgehog 95.2%	Squirrel 98.8%		Hedgehog 5	Squirrel 3	
Year 2	Seahorse 94.4%	Dolphin 97.4%		Seahorse 12	Dolphin 6	
Year 3	3B 96.1%	3KG 98.3%		3B 5	3KG 8	
Year 4	4F 97.7%	4JG 99.1%	4G 93.9%	4F 19	4JG 1	4G 17
Year 5	5M 97.8%	5C 98.3%		5M 15	5C 15	
Year 6	6D 99.0% 	6H 98.4%		6D 9	6H 5	

Last week's totals/running totals	KS1		KS2	
Barmouth	132	244	137	314
Swanage	106	180	128	252
Rosehill	134	199	139	259
Westover	132	203	113	243