

Farney Close School Easter 2007 Newsletter

From The Head

Yes it is that time of the term again! It has been a very quick but busy term with our year 11s preparing for their final exams and moving on from us. They have been attending college interviews and most of them have now secured places for September with some of them also gaining work places through their Friday work experience places. We wish them luck in whatever path they choose.

The year 9s have also been sitting mocks for their SATs that they will take in May. The results of which have been pleasing.

Wishing you all a happy Easter and advising not too much chocolate!

**Regards
Barry.**



From the School Forum

The School Forum consists of a young person from each House group (10 in total) who liaise with the other members of the group and bring their views to each meeting. Angie (Deputy Head), Sara (Care Manager), Sharon (Schools Independent Counsellor) and Sue (Head of Catering) are the adults who sit on the Forum. The Forum brings further opportunity for the views of the young people to be heard. The Forum has been running for approximately two years now and has resulted in positive changes as suggested by the young people. Examples of this are the introduction of fruit at break-times, changes to the menus, review of bullying issues, discussion about break-time activities and nominations of what fundraising money should be spent on.



Our plan is in future to get one of the young people to write a piece for the Newsletter looking at issues that the Forum have discussed and any changes that have been made as a result of this.

From The Care Manager

Isn't it nice to have the lighter evenings with us! We are looking forward to returning after Easter and being able to start Fishing and Mountain Biking as well as all those other summer activities that everyone so enjoys. However we have been able to offer lots of activities that have well received by the children. In particular Bouldering has become a new popular pastime. We took our annual trip to the Panto in January (Oh no we didn't – Oh Yes we did!) and we also sent a group to a Hip Hop Theatre experience.

One of our older pupils have gone through to the finals of the West Sussex Youth Clubs Pool competition, to be held in May in which we are obviously routing for him. Several of our older lads have been playing for Sussex U17 Special Schools Football team with two of them being selected for England trails. One of those was successful and is off for training and matches for the team over the Easter holidays.

One of the highlights of the term was the school snowball fight that took place on the front lawn with nearly the whole school involved (adults and children). Good fun was had by all.

Our Summer Open Day is fast approaching. This year we are holding it on Saturday 14th July from 11am until 2pm. The children will all come home on Friday as usual and then attend the open day which will consist of meeting teachers and care staff, as well as fund raising events and our yearly prize giving. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

I also want to make you aware that we will be focussing on healthy eating next term. Obviously we always ensure that the children follow a healthy eating regime but feel that we want to empathise the importance of this over the next term. Your support in this matter will be appreciated.

The children will then journey home with you to return to school on the Monday with term ending at 2pm on Wednesday the 18th July.

**Happy Easter,
Sara**



From the Deputy Head

It has been a busy and sometimes difficult term with lots of mock examinations and tests taking place. Many exams have now started in earnest and pupils, especially the year 11's, have been feeling the strain. The onset of British Summer Time had already seen a change in the weather and hopefully will lead to a warm and sunny summer term.



We wish all of those pupils taking examinations all the best of luck – don't forget to revise!

Several of our pupils have been following vocational courses and reports on both progress and behaviour have been excellent. It's hoped that as time goes on this programme can be extended to cater for more students who want to follow vocational routes.

Work experience for our Year 11's has gone well and almost all of our Year 10's have placements for their upcoming opportunity. Both of our new teachers have settled well into school life and their classes are going well.

It is hoped that the summer term will see the start of some new after school clubs, involving sport, ICT and cookery and that pupils participation will be high as these are clubs that they have requested through the School Forum.

Year 9 face the upcoming task of choosing their options so a lot of thought will need to go into their choices – be sure to talk to parents / carers about those important decisions.

Activity week will also soon be upon us with Years 7,8 and 9 getting out and about the South East while the Year 10's are on work experience and the poor Year 11's have their exams to sit.

Despite the ending of a hard term everyone is looking forward to what is often the nicest term of the year. The weather is good, it's always busy with the long days and exciting activities and there is the long summer holiday to look forward to.

Have a great Easter and come back ready to join in the fun.

Angie.

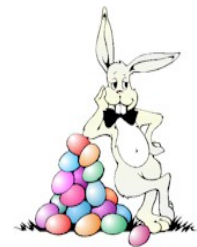
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Dear Parents / Carers,

All of the Children are due back to school for 9am on Thursday 19th April 2007



Could you please ensure that your child returns to school with full uniform and that school shoes are checked to ensure that they still fit and are in a wearable condition.

Please remind your child to hand in their mobiles as soon as they get into school, if they bring them back with them, and to ask staff to look after any valuables they have.

We have had some incidents of Head lice in the school this half term which we have treated. To ensure that we do not have further incidents we would ask that you check your child's hair before they return. I have enclosed information regarding what to look for when searching for Head Lice and how to deal with them.

Can I also ask that you do not send your child in with a casual top to wear instead of a coat. Our definitions of casual tops are hoodies and sports jackets. We do not allow casual tops to be worn during the school day so they will need coats to keep them warm during break times. They can wear their casual tops during the evenings.

Thank you for your support with these matters.

Sara

Farney Close Easter Word Search.

Something to keep the children quiet on a rainy day! Words run up and down, as well as across, diagonal and backwards.

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