
Farney Close Newsletter Summer 2011



Message from the Head (Barry):

Another term has flown by with us seeing the present year 11s take their exams and move on to either college or work. I wish them all the very best for a happy and successful life, we will miss them. The rest of the school has enjoyed a summer term with unpredictable weather but still able to enjoy the lighter evenings. This has meant that there has been a wider range of more active offsite activities. My congratulations go to the year 10s who had successful work experiences and has resulted in many of them being offered Friday Work experience for September as they move into Year 11..

Whilst little has changed over the course of this short term, it is with much sadness that as we approached the end of term we lost the schools Company Secretary and Estate Manager, Peter Copperthwaite. Peter who dedicated much of his life to the school, past away on 28th June 2011. More details of this sad loss appear on the schools website. Our thoughts are with his family.

On a somewhat lighter note, let me say how much I am looking forward to seeing those of you who are able to attend on Wednesday and wish those who cannot a very happy summer. We will be welcoming several new pupils into the school during September and look forward to their arrival.

Message from the Care Manager (Sara):

It seems like no time at all since our last newsletter but given the late Easter break and the different bank holidays this has been a very short summer term. As a result of this our newsletter will be smaller than our usual ones. It has been a busy term with us having our own royal wedding celebration starting the new term off. Activity week has been a great success as usual, as has the year 10 work experience but I'm sure Angie will go on about that more in her section.

Summer evenings have meant that Fishing has been able to take place as well as other outside activities such as mountain biking, strawberry picking, go-karting, Stunt Kite flying and kayaking being just some examples.

I look forward to seeing those that are able to attend the schools open evening on Wednesday 13th July and wish all those who can not make it a really happy summer.

Sara

Don't forget to check out our new website which not only gives you general information about the school but also relays up to date news about events concerning the school

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This newsletter consists of the following news items:

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Message from the Deputy (Angie):

This term has flown by, probably because its been such a busy term.

We've had a full compliment of external exams for our Year 11s, the results of which we will report in the Autumn newsletter.

Work Experience took place for all of our Year 10 pupils and the reports as well as well as the photos taken would indicate that the week was not only successful but very enjoyable as well.

While our Year 10s were on work experience all those left in the school ~ Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in activities week. They had a fantastic time and were very well behaved. Lots of varied activities well held and two groups went off camping during the week as well.

Sports Day for Years 7 ~ 10 was held on 6th July. We sent a team of approximately 20 and as always we did very well, winning numerous races and field events. My congratulation goes to all who participated.

The Army Live Exhibition will also be taking place this term and another 4 pupils will be attending this.

Our Leavers Assembly was again very moving with the choir singing a number of songs and some of the pupils played both the guitar and the drums. It was an excellent performance that was added to by some very nice leavers' speeches. The staff and pupils wish our Year 11 leavers all the best.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer holiday.

General Information:

All of the Children are due back to school for 9am on Wednesday 7th September 2011. For those of you who have Year 11 children in September please be reminded that as of our return to school in September they will be travelling home to you when school finishes at 4pm on Thursdays to attend work experience in their home area on Fridays.

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. Pumps are not allowed as school shoes.

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.

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.

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