



South Farnham School Summer Newsletter 2023

July 2023

We've had another incredible year at South Farnham School, marked by numerous achievements and successes. We want to take this moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to our devoted and supportive staff for their unwavering hard work. We also extend our thanks to all the families for their kindness and support. Before the end of term, we would like to celebrate this term's achievements.

We Need your Help



PTA and PFA - we are in need of your help!

We are incredibly fortunate that the school enjoys an active PTA (Infant Site) and PFA (Junior Site) which organises regular fundraising and social activities. Over the years, the money raised from the PTA and PFA have helped us develop the Swimming pool at the infant site and revamp all three libraries across the two sites.

However, we are looking for more volunteers to support our PTA and PFA as we have members moving on as their children are leaving the school. At the Infant Site we are looking for two particular roles to ensure that we can keep raising money to support the school. Please look through and see if you are interested in any of these:

PTA Co-ordinator: We are looking for somebody who is happy to work with the rest of the PTA team to ensure that events are coming together. They will work alongside the school directly to ensure everything is ready in the build-up to the event.

PTA Treasurer: We are looking for someone who is secure with numbers and ensure that floats are ready for events to ensure that stalls run smoothly. In addition to this, our Treasurer will work with the bank to ensure that money gets deposited after an event and withdrawn to give to the school.

Nevertheless, we are always delighted to welcome new members. Please volunteer; even just a small amount of your time or you are not necessarily interested in one of the above roles but would like to help it could make a huge difference. If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact Miss Whitbourn via the either school office.

We have many benches around the school (both sites) for the children to sit on during playtimes. However, several need a coat of paint. If you can spare an hour or two at any point over the holiday to help to smarten them up, please let the office know. We would love to see you.

Sport

Cricket

Over the Summer term, South Farnham has competed in 4 cricket events across different age groups. The Year 5 teams were unlucky in group matches but showed great determination and team spirit throughout the events. A Year 6 team had a close encounter with Waverley Abbey where the thrilling game went down to the final ball. Needing a wicket for victory, the Waverley Abbey batsman defended the ball which meant we lost by a single run. The boys should be proud of the attitudes they showed throughout and the efforts they put in. Another group of Year 6 boys played some wonderful cricket in their tournament and qualified for the county finals. After some tense qualifying games, they qualified for the main final which went to the last ball as well. Needing to restrict the other team from hitting a 6 the boys got a run out and were crowned county champions. Well done to all the individuals involved this term.







Year 5 & 6 Girls football

The On the 6th of June, 8 girls from South Farnham School represented Chelsea at the Premier League Primary Stars national title. The tournament began at the start of 2023 where 1700 teams entered, and the finals saw the last remaining 20 teams battling it out to become the national champions at Elland Road in Leeds. The girls progressed by finishing top of their group, beating Tottenham Hotspur, Southampton, Crystal Palace and Brentford, before overcoming Manchester United with a 1-0 semi-final win. This led to a final against Brighton where the girls showed real skill, determination and togetherness to win 1-0 and be crowned national winners. The girls should be extremely proud of all the efforts they've shown throughout the different qualification stages, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements as a school. The summer didn't stop there, as the girls took part in the district tournament. Showing an amazing attitude throughout the girls went on to win the final 2-0 and take home some more silverware. Well done to all the girls who have represented the school this year in football!



Rounders

Two teams of Year 6 students took part in a rounders event at Waverley Abbey School. All the children had a wonderful attitude and were able to showcase their sporting talents throughout the afternoon. They should be extremely proud of how they played and represented the school against tough opponents. Well done to all involved!



Tennis

Over the Summer months, groups of children have represented the school in a variety of different tennis events at Brightwells Tennis Club. A group of Year 4 and 6 children enjoyed practicing and developing their tennis skills in a range of activities which helped develop their skill set. Then four Year 5 and 6 children played in a competitive event and finished 1st out of the 4 schools competing. Well done to all involved!



Year 3 & 4 Girls football

Early in the summer term, two teams of Year 3 & 4 students took part in a friendly football tournament against St Polycarp's. The girls showed great skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship to be

very successful. They won each of their games and showed that girl's football is really thriving at South Farnham. Well done to all the girls involved.



Cross Country

In the summer cross country event, over 100 children signed up to represent South Farnham School. The sun was shining and the children competing were keen and raring to go at the start line. Each and every child who participated did such a fantastic job and should be proud of their efforts. The boys and girls both won a trophy leading to South Farnham winning the overall trophy which was down to everyone's grit and determination. Well done to everyone involved!





District sports

On Thursday 13th July, a team of South Farnham students took part in the annual district sports event. The children showed real sportsmanship and determination, carrying on through the rain and continuing to display an incredibly positive attitude. All the children's efforts resulted in a first-place finish. Well done to everyone involved!



Year 5 & 6 football tournaments

This summer term saw a team of Year 6 boys represent the school at the annual Borelli Cup football tournament at Waverley Abbey. After playing with an amazing attitude all day the boys were eventual winners of the tournament. All the boys can be extremely proud of the way that they played and they were a real credit to the school. Year 5 also had a successful football tournament this term and were able to showcase their talents before the league season next year. Well done to all the children who have represented the school this year.



Rugby

Earlier this term two year 4 teams competed in an exciting rugby festival held at Farnham rugby club. Throughout the fast-paced, high-energy games the teams showed great skill, teamwork and committed until the final whistle. Both teams progressed through their group stages to different finals, with South Farnham A crowned the overall winners of the tournament. Well done to all players involved!



Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is a crucial role in schools. They are responsible for promoting the welfare of children and ensuring that appropriate safeguarding measures are in place. The DSL acts as the main point of contact for staff, parents, and other agencies regarding any safeguarding concerns. In the absence of the DSL, the deputy DSLs are responsible for safeguarding and child protection matters. These staff members receive additional training to support the DSL in their duties. The image below shows the DSL and DSLs for the school. If you have any concerns regarding your child's safety or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact the DSL or one of the deputy DSLs.



Attendance

Outstanding school attendance is a top priority at South Farnham School, as attendance has been shown to be a key component in positive academic, social and well-being outcomes for children. At our school, 100% attendance is the expected target and dedicated staff are in place to support you with any issues that might impact your child's attendance. The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and it is our duty as a school to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment. The Department for Education states that missing school for even a day can have a negative impact on a child's progress, which can have a damaging effect on their attainment levels. This year, across the school our attendance has been 96% and whilst this is very good it is still 4% off the DfE expected target. As a school, we want all children

to be in all the time so please let us know if there are any reasons causing attendance worries and we will support you through this process.

You said, we did

As a school we are always looking for new ways to improve. Whether the reasons are academic, sporting, performance or how we can make areas of the school life more convenient for our parents, we want to listen to our community to improve our school.

In the Spring Term and again last week we sent out a parent questionnaire and we were and are so happy with the positive feedback that we received; it was wonderful to read. Whilst that is always pleasant to see, we also saw some really useful suggestions and recommendations and we are pleased to add to our 'You said, we did...' section of the newsletter.

Please see below just some of the actions we have taken after the suggestions you have made:

You Said - We Did

1) More sporting opportunities - This year we are so pleased to say that our sporting provision grew by 26% across the school. In doing this we have been able to give over 200 more children the opportunity to represent South Farnham School in comparison to last academic year.

2) To continue to develop the whole school ethos across both sites - For our KS1 production our junior siblings travelled to the Infant Site to watch their younger brother or sister perform in this year's fantastic production of Madagascar.

3) Larger number of children participating in the Summer production - This year our Junior production saw our cast grow to over 100 children with members of the cast, dancers, musicians and choir all collaborating to create the spectacle that was The Lion King. We also built upon the success of last year's debut Infant Summer Production with larger ensemble across Year 1 & 2. We are so pleased that every child who demonstrated an interest in being part of our two productions were all offered a role within them.

4) More cookery clubs - At the Infant Site we have doubled the amount of cookery clubs over Summer Term.

These are just some of the changes that we are making to ensure that South Farnham is a school that supports everyone. Thank you to everyone with their useful suggestions.

Performance



Madagascar

Children from years 1 and 2 enjoyed putting on an amazing summer production last week; they did a fantastic job and we were very proud of their efforts. They joined the animals in their escape from Central Park Zoo to the shores of Madagascar and back again. Singing, dancing and laughing all the way.

The Lion King

Our largest ever cast and choir of Junior children took part in our summer production of 'The Lion King' and delighted audiences with their singing, acting and dancing talent. The performances were a wonderful way to celebrate the end of a fantastic school year. Many of you came along to enjoy the wonderful performances from our talented children and we thank you for your support. Digital downloads capturing children from the show are still available; please contact the school office. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their parts and were dedicated and committed throughout the process. Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work and to you, the parents, for helping your children to embrace this opportunity. We hope you enjoyed watching the final production!



Carnival

We are thrilled to announce the success of our Carnival performance inspired by Matilda, the Musical. The Infant and Junior children worked very hard preparing for the 'Love of Reading' theme and gave a captivating performance, earning the prestigious gold award. Thank you all for your support and for being part of this incredible event





Celebrations



Science Fair

Year 6 had a wonderful afternoon presenting their experiments and investigations! They have all worked so hard to research a variety of scientific information and produce incredibly beautiful displays. Well done, Year 6!





This week, our governor, Chris Burden had the privilege of awarding members of year six with the 'Burden Award' for curiosity of natural phenomena. Mr Burden was blown away by the creativity shown at the Year Six Science Fair this year and thanked all pupils in year six for their engagement and collaborative work shown on the day. We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful governor for his dedication and commitment to support our school in every way possible.

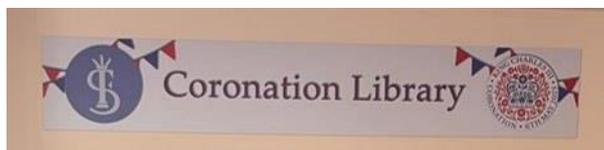




Library opening

On Monday 3rd July, South Farnham School welcomed parents and governors to the opening of the brand-new Library at the Infant Site. In spite of the weather, which threatened torrential downpour at times, Mrs Ross was able to deliver a wonderful, commemorative speech before cutting the ribbon with the renowned golden scissors and officially opening the facility to teachers and children of South Farnham School. Boasting a new upstairs and downstairs open plan, with comfortable seating areas, numerous cuddly toys (names pending approval) and a plethora of reading material to choose from, we're excited to see how much our Infants' children enjoy their new library known as the 'Coronation Library'.







Summer Fair

Many thanks to all who helped to make our summer fairs at the Infants and Juniors such a success! The glorious weather also helped to make both events memorable. We are grateful to all the volunteers who worked so hard and to parents and children for a fabulous turn out on both days. Heartfelt thanks to the PFA and PTA teams for all their hard work and effort behind the scenes in ensuring the days ran so smoothly.





Trips and workshops



Year 3

The Year 3 children had a wonderful time at RHS Garden Wisley exploring a wide variety of plants. The children thoroughly enjoyed applying their learning from their Science lessons and the staff commented on how impressive their discussions were in the workshops.





Marchants Hill

Embarking on their first residential trip, Year 4 made the journey to Marchants Hill this year to indulge in three days-worth of outdoor activities in the glorious June sunshine. The children took to the entire experience with enthusiasm, keenness and gusto and supported each through various activities and social endeavours. Highlights of the trip included archery, Jacob's Ladder, the zipline, orienteering and Mrs Fares' perseverance on the Giant Swing – also a favourite. Some children were even able to land their very first bullseye!



Preston Montford

The Year 6 students experienced an exciting residential trip to Preston Montford Field Centre. The children thoroughly enjoyed a canoeing adventure along (and in) the River Severn followed by a visit to Jackfield Tile Museum, where they designed and created their own tile. The trip also included a delightful day spent at Blists Hill, a living museum that transported the students back in time to the Victorian era. They relished the opportunity to experience life as it was during that period, engaging in hands-on activities whilst interacting with costumed characters.



Reception trip to Juniors

We were delighted to welcome our Reception children to the Junior Site for a mini beast hunt. It was truly wonderful to watch them exploring the grounds, Little Pond and having lunch in the Main Hall. 4P were also excited to provide a personal performance of their class assembly ' Our Planet' for the Reception children in the afternoon. Teachers and children thoroughly enjoyed it.



Osmington Bay

Year 5 visited Osmington Bay for their residential this term and thoroughly enjoyed a study of the River Wey, fossil hunting along the Jurassic coast and the Giant Swing at the top of the site overlooking the spectacular Portland Bay.



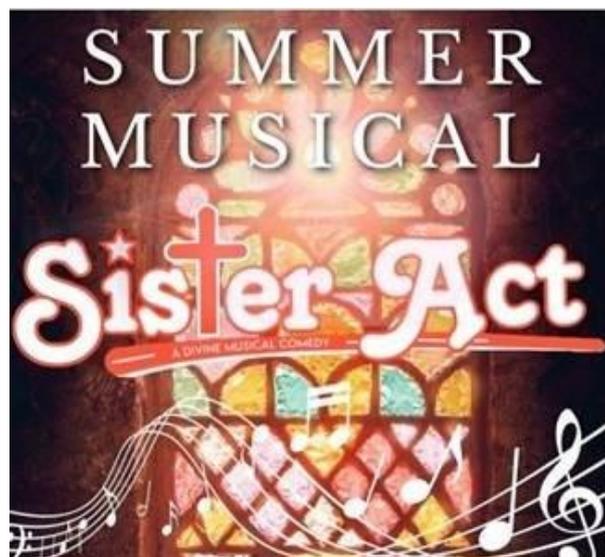
Year 6 workshops

During this term, Year 6 enjoyed two historical workshops: Victorian and WW2. In the Victorian workshop, our students stepped back in time, exploring the fascinating period of history through immersive activities, engaging presentations, and intriguing artefacts. They gained valuable insights into the lives of people during that era, from the rich to the working class. During the World War II workshop, our pupils learned about the courage and sacrifices made during this significant historical event. They discovered the challenges faced by civilians and soldiers alike, and the spirit of resilience that prevailed during those challenging times.



Year 6 Weydon trip

Our Year 6 pupils had the privilege of attending a wonderful performance of Sister Act, presented by the students of Weydon School. The show captivated our students as they were transported into the world of music and laughter; the cast delivered an outstanding performance, showcasing their exceptional talents. Indeed, many were previously students at South Farnham. Our pupils were inspired by the dedication and skill of the performers, making this performance a truly memorable one. Thank you to Weydon School for providing such a fantastic opportunity for our students!



Science Show

A couple of weeks ago on Monday, Professor Brainstorm visited Year 6 to show us some of his exciting experiments, we were all amazed by all the experiments and our particular favourite was his potato gun. He used a pressurised copper pipe to force the potato out the other end and it ended up on the other side of the gym!

One of his other experiments showed us that even though one small balloon was forced on many different sharp objects, its distribution of pressure meant that the balloon never burst. Finally the experiment using liquid nitrogen has changed our perception of boiling points as the liquid nitrogen evaporated at room temperature.





Year 6 Drumming workshop

Our Year 6 students enjoyed a fantastic Caribbean Drumming workshop, exploring percussion, learning techniques, and embracing the rhythm-filled experience. It was a fun and educational session that fostered teamwork and creativity. We thank the instructor for his expertise and we're excited to see our students' musical talents grow!



Rainforest Roadshow

Year 6 also experienced wonderful interactive session at the Rainforest Roadshow workshop, which provided a captivating and educational experience, immersing our students in the wonders of rainforests and their diverse inhabitants. The children had a unique opportunity to interact with and hold some fascinating rainforest creatures. This hands-on experience brought the learning to life and made it a truly memorable day for the children.



French Exchange

Bienvenue en Angleterre!

A very big 'MERCI!' to all the wonderful host families.

The lovely French exchange pupils from the Lycée Multilingue de Lyon in France had a very enjoyable and educative experience during their stay in England. The children settled into the school routines extremely well and formed strong friendships with their exchanges (with discussions for return visits to France). We look forward to the next French exchange!



Farewell

We say a farewell and extend our gratitude to some members of our staff who will be leaving us this term. It brings us great joy to share that Miss Allan has been appointed as the Headteacher of St Mary's in Frensham, a fantastic achievement that strengthens the already strong connection we have with St Mary's. We are immensely proud of her accomplishments and eagerly look forward to further strengthening our connections between the schools. It is worth noting that Mrs Downing, the recent Headteacher at St Mary's, was once a teacher here at South Farnham School, and we are delighted to see her return as a Headteacher within our Trust. Additionally, we extend our best wishes to Mrs Walters, who has been appointed as the Headteacher of All Saints in Tilford. We are proud of her achievements and have full confidence that she will make a significant impact in her new role. We value the contributions of both Miss Allan and Mrs Walters and are grateful for the positive influence they have had on our school community.

We also want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude and bid farewell to some teachers. Mrs Lapworth, Mrs Hatter, Ms Shiels, Mrs Jones, and Miss Brockman have been a fantastic addition to the school and we are very grateful for all they have done to support the children. We wish them the very best in their next stage and look forward to seeing them again when they visit.

We would also like to express our gratitude and best wishes to our dedicated Teaching Assistants: Mrs Beadel, Mrs Saich, Mrs King, Mrs Connett, Mrs Bunner, and Miss Puttick. They have been invaluable members of our team, supporting various aspects of the school and providing support to both teachers and children. We thank them for their hard work and we wish them the very best in their next adventures (including Australia and France!).

Year 6

Throughout the last few weeks Year 6 have been enjoying the traditional activities that celebrate their time at South Farnham.

We have enjoyed seeing the fantastic projects they put together for the Science Fair. With everything from slime and volcanoes, to elephant toothpaste and food-dye flowers, and even some hypnosis. It was such a delight to see all their wonderful ideas, driven by their scientific curiosity, come to life and shared with their friends!

Year 6 children have had not only the traditional end-of-year ice-lollies, they have also received their Leavers Hoodies in a wide array of colours; thank you to all of you who participated in the organisation, the children are thrilled!

During the final days the children have been practising for their leavers assembly, have been reminiscing with their yearbook at photos from throughout their time at South Farnham; leaving each other messages of luck, thanks and friendship. Not to forget the time-honoured traditional of shirt-signing and the Leavers Party!

We say goodbye to our magnificent Year 6 children. What a pleasure it has been to see you grow and develop into young people of whom we are very proud. Wishing you the very best of luck and please know you are welcome back to visit.

Summer Holidays

Rotary Club of Farnham

The summer holidays are nearly here and the Rotary Club of Farnham is running a competition for young people of two age groups. Please see below for their instructions:

'Use a camera or your mobile. Must be all your own work and you can choose colour or black and white, or one of each!

Group 1 Age 10-13. Subject: **Animal Antics**

This could be your family pet, a wild animal you might see (rabbit, fox, mouse, squirrel, etc) or one in a wildlife park you may visit.

Group 2 Age 14-18. Subject: **People in Places.**

Lots of scope here, sports, theatre, summer fairs, street photography etc. Two entries per person are allowed. Have your photos printed (7 x 5 in. please) and put on the back the title of the photograph, your name, age and contact number. Post them, to arrive by 10th August at the latest to:

Rotary Photos

1 Inwood Kilns, The Street, Binsted GU34 4PB

All entrants and parent(s) will be invited to an exhibition and prize giving event and the date and venue will be announced when all entries have been received. Prizes will be awarded to the best three winners in each group.'

Showshack Summer Musical Workshops 2023

Showshack have 3 workshops running this summer which might be of interest - see flyer below.

Showshack Summer Workshops

Weydon School



School of Rock

**Summer School Everyone
Wants to Attend!**
Age 4 to 11yrs
9am to 1pm
24th-28th July 2023



Six The Musical

Divorced, Beheaded, Live!
Age 11+
10.30am to 2.30pm
24th-28th July 2023



The Little Mermaid

Make a Splash!
Age 4 to 11yrs
9am to 1pm
31st July to 4th August 2023

Dancing ★ Drama ☆ Singing ★ 5 days £155
Live Theatre Performance on Day 5!
Sign up at www.showshack.co.uk

Farnham Library

See the image below for children's events over the Summer at Farnham Library and highlighting the start of the Summer Reading Challenge.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT FARNHAM LIBRARY

- 8th July** Summer Fete to celebrate the start of the Summer Reading Challenge 10am-noon.
- 8th July** Chatter Books - Reading group for 7-12 year olds every month. 11am
- 19th July** Make your own Frisbee - 3.45pm, 50p per child
- 26th July** Archaeology Fun - dig for treasures and make fossils - 3.45pm, £1 per child
- 31th July and 2nd Aug** Reading Sparks: Learn about incredible animals - 3-3.30pm £4 per child
- 3rd Aug** Make your own fishing game or design your own board game - 11am-1pm, £1 per child
- 14th and 22nd Aug** Junk Modelling - Make your own game or games equipment from junk - 2.30-3.30pm £1 per child

Remember - you don't have to be a member of a library to take part!

Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more details.

Farnham Charity Family Circus

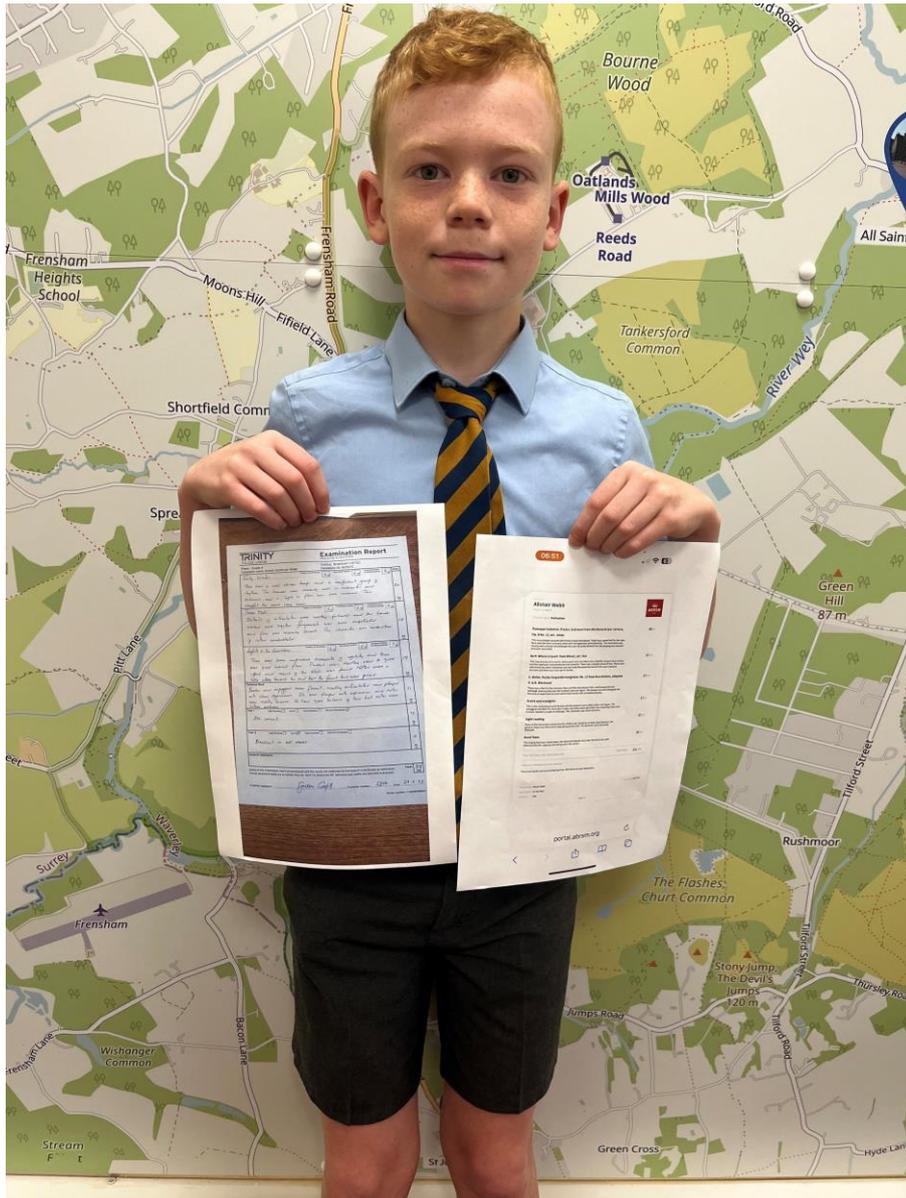
See the image below for an invitation to Farnham Charity Family Circus.

Well done

A huge well done to Henry S for becoming 'Scout of the Year' in his cub section. They described him as well behaved, always smartly turned out but especially kind and supportive to the other cubs, particularly the younger ones. We are so proud of you!



A big well done to Alistair Webb who achieved a distinction in his grade 4 piano exam and grade 4 violin exam. We are very proud of you!



Notices

NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce

We are currently delivering a NCFE CACHE Level 3 Diploma for the Early Years Workforce. This prepares learners to become L3 Early Years Educators. This qualifies participants to work with and care for children from birth to 5 years. For more information and to book please see the flyer below or visit South Farnham School's Courses page here: www.tshubsfet.org.uk




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- ✓ Qualifies participants to work with and care for children from birth to 5 years.
- ✓ Learn in a practical and immersive early years environment.



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Surrey Arts

Please see flyer below from Surrey Arts about their lessons.

SOUTH FARNHAM SCHOOL DRUM LESSONS



Learn to play the drum kit at South Farnham School with Mr Hayes

CONTACT

For all enquiries please email:
thedrumteacher@gmail.com

STUDENTS' LEARNING

Whilst learning the drum kit students will have an opportunity to develop skills including limb coordination, dynamic control, keeping a steady pulse, playing with accompaniment, reading music notation, playing music by ear, a sense of performance, improvisation, creativity, memorising sequences, and grade exam certificates.

MR OMAR HAYES LRSL ATCL

I have been playing the drums since 1984, and became professional in 1994 signing a publishing contract with Warner Chappell, and a recording contract with A&M Records in 1995. In 1998 I performed at Wembley Arena, Birmingham NEC and Manchester Arena, on tour with Deep Purple.

In 1000, I began teaching drum kit at South Farnham School. Many of my students have achieved grade certificates from one to eight, Trinity College Associate, Licentiate and Fellowship Performance Diplomas, as well as working as professional working drummers.

I am still playing professionally as a performer and studio recording musician.

I have a Licentiate instrumental music teaching qualification.

COST

One-To-One 30 minutes drum kit lessons per term of ten weeks are £210.00 per term for lessons starting in September 2023 through to July 2024.



Lost property

The Junior Site lost property is on display in Studio 1. The children have had an opportunity to visit and parents are welcome to come and have a look too.

Happy Summer holiday!

We hope you have a relaxing, safe and happy break. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children back in September for the start of another exciting school year.