



Children In Need

It has been a very enjoyable day for all the children and staff. Mrs Frampton and Farrington Forum organised and ran several events across the day, including a playtime disco, sponsored bounce and cake sale. You can also see below the winners of the Colouring Competition. Thank you to everyone for participating so enthusiastically and giving so generously to such a good cause.



Remembrance Day

We held a very calm and respectful Remembrance assembly on Monday morning in the school playground, with the classes presenting poems, pictures and prayers. We also heard 'The Last Post' and held an impeccable minute's silence. The wonderful poppy picture (right) has been updated with new poppies on and is now displayed in our school office area.

Mrs Oates

We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Oates back to Farrington Gurney at the beginning of December following her maternity leave. She will be popping in next week and then will become part of the Shark Class teaching team from Monday 2nd December. More details will be sent to Shark Class parents/carers at the end of next week.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



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Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs are running as usual. Singing Club (Thursday) will be at lunch time next week so please collect as usual after school. All clubs finish on Friday 6th except Football which continues until the end of term.
- **Dinners** - Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 18th December - please book as soon as possible or your child can bring a festive packed lunch. See the menu below. The children will also be able to wear their Christmas Jumper that day.
- **Flu Immunisations** - are on Wednesday 4th December please remember to consent on-line using the QR code. The school code is WT144281.
- **Library Update** - The library is running a design a Bookmark competition for ages 4-13. Information on how to enter can be found at <https://baneslibraries.co.uk/design-a-bookmark-competition/>
You can find more information about our libraries and events via our Virtual Library <https://baneslibraries.co.uk/>.
- **Parent Pay Alerts** - Please click [here](#) to set up alerts for new items added to ParentPay.
- **Shark Class Trip to We the Curious** - Details of this trip on Friday 22nd Nov has been added to ParentPay to consent and pay.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Nasal Flu Vaccination at your child's school

Don't forget to complete your consent now using the QR code below

your school code is WT144281



Diary Dates

November

Tue 19th	Small Schools' Football Tournament (4:00pm - 6:00pm) at Norton Hill School
Wed 20th	Open Morning 9:15-11:30am
Fri 22nd	Shark Class Trip to We the Curious (details added to ParentPay)
Tue 26th	Dolphin Class Trip to Downside (paper copy of the letter has been sent home, no payment required, <i>not on ParentPay</i>)
Wed 27th	INSET Day
Thu 28th	Benefice Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Paulton (Singing Club 4:30pm)
Fri 29th	Celebration Assembly 9-9:45am
Sat 30th	Friends Disco (see Friends poster)

Christmas Dates - December

Mon 2nd	Christmas Arts Day in House Groups
Wed 4th	Flu Immunisations AM
Wed 11th	Provisional Date Morning Performance of Nativity 9:30am
Thur 12th	Provisional Date Evening Performance of Nativity 5pm
Fri 13th	Celebration Assembly 9-9:45am
Mon 16th	Carols by Candlelight Village Event 6pm
Tue 17th	Christmas Jumper day/£1 Donation to help Save the Children
Wed 18th	Christmas Dinner (Wear your Christmas jumper again - no donation required)
Fri 20th	Christmas Service 9:15-10:15am - St. John's Church all welcome

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Help Those Less Fortunate To See

Chelwood Bridge Rotary is collecting spectacles that are no longer needed. They will be recycled by being sent to developing countries to improve the eyesight of children and adults. This will run during the month of November, the collection points are listed below.



SPECTACLE COLLECTION POINTS

Midsomer Norton Library The Hollies High Street Midsomer Norton BA3 2DP
Farrington Gurney Social Club, Church Ln, Farrington Gurney, Bristol BS39 6TY

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2024

(ideally booked now but no later than Thursday 12th Dec)

Roast turkey, stuffing & bacon wrapped parcel (no pastry) & sausage
OR
Roast vegetable parcel (includes pastry)

Roast Potatoes, sprouts, peas, carrots & Gravy



Christmas Ice Cream



OR
Festive Biscuits (for those with dietaries)

Wild Ones 0-5's Toddler Group

Greyfield Wood & Roundhouse

Fridays from 8th November
10am - 11.45am

£8 / £5 (sibling goes free)
FREE TASTER

www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now

Craft Fire Song Fun Friends Nature Connection

EcoWild
You are Nature

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Our next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 27th November at 8pm in Farrington Inn, all are very welcome to attend if you are able.

We will also be selling food and drinks at the Christmas carols this year and would greatly appreciate some volunteers - this will take place on Monday 16th December.

We will reach out to the people on our occasional helpers Whatsapp group, if you are happy to be added to that group (and just give us a hand at events when you can) then please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk to let us know. We couldn't run our bigger events without this group.

FOFGS DISCO

Saturday 30th Nov
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm
Farrington Gurney Hall
£3 Per Child

Bar Will Be Open

Hot Dogs* Available £2

Tuck Shop

Glitter Face Art

Card Machine will be available at door for entry & Hot Dogs. Please bring change for Tuck Shop etc.

* Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk

Rules
All children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Children should remain in the hall, no re-entry.

Community News

Make This Christmas Magical with Mentoring Plus

Looking for the perfect Christmas tree, a unique gift, or a special visit with Santa? Youth charity Mentoring Plus has everything you need! Based in Bath & North East Somerset, the charity provides life-changing 1:1 mentoring, youth clubs, and activities.

This December, they're hosting three festive events to raise funds for their vital work, and they'd love for you to join them at the Riverside Youth Hub (London Road, Bath, BA1 6AE).

Christmas Fair + Santa's Grotto – Saturday 7 December, 10am-2pm - Grotto tickets - £5pp incl small gift

Wreath-Making Workshop – Sunday 8 December, 2pm-4pm - £35pp incl materials and refreshments

Christmas Tree Sale – Saturday 7 & 14 December, 10am-4pm; Sunday 8 December, 2pm-4pm - pre-order / buy on the day

Find out more / book tickets / visit Christmas Tree shop:

www.mentoringplus.net/events

MENTORINGPLUS Inspiring young lives

CHARITY CHRISTMAS EVENTS

inspire@mentoringplus.net
01225 429 694

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Saturday 7 + Saturday 14 Dec - 10am-4pm, Sunday 8 Dec 2pm-4pm
Sustainably UK farmed high quality Nordmann firs. ★
Pre-order for collection / buy on the day.
[Visit our website](#) to find out more / pre-order (see below)

CHRISTMAS FAIR + SANTA'S GROTTTO

Saturday 7 Dec - 10am-2pm
Magical stalls, fantastic prizes, beautiful Christmas trees and Santa's Garden Grotto.
Santa's Grotto £5pp incl. a small gift
Tickets can be booked via our website (see below)

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Sunday 8 Dec - 2pm-4pm
Learn how to make a stunning natural wreath with expert wreath maker, Marina Beere.
Tickets £35pp incl. refreshments + materials.
Book via our website (see below)

Where?
Riverside Youth Hub (behind Richer Sounds, London Rd) BA1 6AE

Find out more / book
www.mentoringplus.net/events
Mentoring Plus is a local youth charity, helping young people feel safe, heard and hopeful for their future.



Thought for the Week

'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.' (Psalm 119:105 - NKJV)



I was privileged enough this week to be part of collective worship led by some pupil chaplains. I was impressed by how happy they were to speak in front of a group of adults, most of whom were complete strangers. They managed to convince one of these adults (not me, fortunately) to come up and agree to be blindfolded. The man in question had to walk from one end of the room to the other, listening to someone calling him from the other end. Unfortunately, the children had put out some obstacles that the man tripped over and banged into. He repeated the exercise, but this time a couple of the children guided him, by giving him directions to get from one side to the other. The man was much more successful this time and he explained that the guidance had made all the difference.

We all agreed that being guided in difficult times, like the one this poor man experienced, made things so much easier. Even better if we are guided by someone we trust; someone we know well; someone that we would like to be with us during a crisis.

For many Christians, although they still rely on friends and families during these times, they also find that they get comfort and security from talking to God.

It was difficult today to choose a verse as there are so many verses about God leading and guiding us.

'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me,' (John 10:27). This is something Jesus said about his disciples. Christians sometimes talk about recognising when God is 'speaking' or when they feel 'led' by him.

'But the Helper, the Holy Spirit...will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.' (John 14:26) This verse talks about the role that the Holy Spirit plays in all this, reminding his followers of all that God has said in the Bible.

'Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.' (Revelation 3:20). This verse talks about how Jesus is waiting to be welcomed into people's lives - we only need to respond.

We all need guidance from time to time. Sometimes we look to the wrong places - remember Google isn't always the best place to go to for advice! I hope you have someone (or more than one) that you can rely on when things get tough. Remember to ask for help when you need it.

Could this be the time to pray and ask for God's help? Is he standing at the door and knocking? Remember, you only have to welcome him in.

