



## Emails

We underwent a Google Migration this week which is a process which makes it easier for all the primary schools in the Trust to share files, emails etc. with each other. This means that we now have new email addresses - where we used to have an extension of *farringtongurneyschool.co.uk*, we now have *farrington.mnsp.org.uk*. Therefore the class emails now follow this format as well (e.g. [dolphin@farrington.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:dolphin@farrington.mnsp.org.uk)). All emails sent to the old addresses (classes or staff) will get redirected, however there was some down time between 3pm on Wednesday and 11am this morning where emails to classes may not have got through. If you did send a class an email during this time, please can you resend it.

## Shark Class

As you will have read in last week's newsletter, Mrs Oates will be returning to school at the beginning of December. Many of you will already know Mrs Oates as a very experienced Key Stage 1 teacher and she will be taking over from Mrs Geeson in Shark Class on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Geeson will continue teaching on a Friday until the end of this term, and will still be in school every day continuing with strategic organisation and development across the whole school. From January, the class structure in Sharks will be as follows:

Monday-Wednesday: Mrs Oates

Thursday-Friday: Mrs Glover

## Children In Need

We are delighted to announce that the school raised £230.90. Thank you very much for your support and generosity in such a good cause..



## Shark Class visit to We the Curious

Shark Class had a fabulous visit to the science museum, We the Curious, in Bristol today. Here are some of their highlights:

'I enjoyed the invisibility cloak.' 'I liked putting the bits in the human body and building a bridge.' 'I liked putting headphones on and making cool noises.' 'I liked the bubbles.' 'I liked the cow you could milk.' 'I liked the startle photo machine.' 'I liked controlling the water.' 'I loved putting the parachute on and winding it up and it flew down.' More photos will be shared on Shark Class webpage next week.



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## Notices

- **Christmas Arts Day** - Please bring your empty cardboard egg boxes/trays as Dolphin Class need these for their creations.
- **Clubs - All clubs are running as usual.** Singing Club (Thursday) will be at lunch time and the children are singing at the Benefice Concert in Paulton 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.
- **Flu Immunisations** - are on Wednesday 4th December please remember to consent on-line using the QR code. The school code is WT144281.
- **Swimming** - is cancelled on the 26th Nov due to Dolphins Downside trip and the 3rd Dec as the schools gala is being held and no lessons run this day.
- **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 26th	No Swimming - Dolphin Class Trip to Downside
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
Tue 3rd	No swimming lessons - Gala
Wed 4th	Flu Immunisations - parents to sign up
Wed 11th	Morning Performance of Nativity 9:30am
Thur 12th	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) Reindeer Dash PM. Farrington Forum School Fundraiser for Dorothy House (details to follow).
Fri 20th	Christmas Service 9:15-10:15am - St. John's Church all welcome

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## Parent Pay "how to"

Click [here](#) to see how to set up a ParentPay Alert. This will let you know via email (free) or text (6p each) when a Payment is due or communication has been added for you to read.

## 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)

## Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Our next PTA meeting is next Wednesday 27th November at 8pm in Farrington Inn  
All are very welcome to attend

## Community News

**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 [fogfs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fogfs@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.

**Five Rivers Fostering**

### Five reasons to change a child's life through fostering

- 1 To give children the chance to have a brighter and happier future.
- 2 To offer children a positive experience of family life.
- 3 To become part of a highly experienced, ethical and professionally committed team.
- 4 To receive professional support, 24/7, 365 days a year.
- 5 To access regular training and development opportunities.

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[carer.enquiries@five-rivers.org](mailto:carer.enquiries@five-rivers.org)

Find out more here

**connect together!**

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Buy packs of 8 Christmas Cards all designed by local children for our annual #ChristmasCompassion campaign from St Michael's Without Charity Christmas Card shop During November and December. Or send us e-cards by scanning this QR code!

**MAKE A DONATION**

Can you offer a raffle prize for our guests to win on Christmas Day, or would like to sponsor the winners of our Christmas Card competition?

Financial donations also welcomed - just scan this QR code!

**JOIN THE PARTY**

Don't be alone this Christmas, call our **Guestline** to book a free ticket: 07385 044551 / 01225 941025

Or come and volunteer - application forms are online from 1 September, closing date is 25 October.

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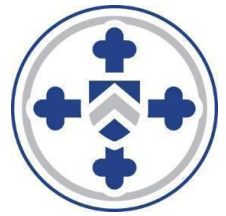
Connect Bath provides events to help tackle loneliness and prevent social marginalisation across Bath.

**CONNECT at Christmas**  
We provide a fresh cooked festive lunch at Kingswood School to anyone who is alone on Christmas Day, supporting their wellbeing through conversation, connection and companionship.

**#ChristmasCompassion**  
Every year we ask local school children to design a Christmas card with a hand written message which we deliver to those in need. Or buy a pack from St Michael's Without, Broad St, Bath.

**WEBSITE**

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## Thought for the Week

**'The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light.'** (Matthew 4:16 - NKJV)



The theme of light does seem to be recurring and the verse for this week is also about light.

I was struck recently by how much impact Christians have made in the world of learning and education. Often, people claim that Science and Religion are in conflict with each other - that the story of creation in the Bible has nothing to do with the science behind how the world began. As a wise man recently said, science tells us the 'how' and 'what' about our world, whereas the Bible deals with the question of 'why'. Much like a gas bill tells you what you need to pay and how to pay it, and a love letter tells you 'why' you are loved. And chances are you'll never mix up a gas bill with a love letter!

But back to Christians and education. Did you know for example that the world 'university' began with those who believed that God created the universe - that His ways must be studied and known? Martin Luther, the founder of the protestant church, pointed out that according to the Bible, all believers were 'priests'. In the process, he changed education because he taught that every person needs to be able to read and write so they can study Scripture for themselves. This ushered in a goal of worldwide literacy for everyone.

The first Sunday schools were set up by a Christian called Robert Raikes in 1780. He couldn't bear to see the continuing cycle of poverty and ignorance destroying children. So he decided to start a school for free, for children who worked six days a week, whose only free day was a Sunday. He wanted to teach them to read and write and learn about God. Within fifty years, there were 1.5 million children being taught by 160,000 volunteer teachers who had a vision for the education of a generation. At that point, Sunday school was not an optional programme for church kids, it was one of the great educational volunteer triumphs of the world.

Saint Cyril, who was a missionary to the Slavic people, discovered they had no written alphabet. Therefore he created a writing system called Cyrillic, so they could read about God in their own language.

There are other missionaries, like Frank Laubach, who discovered other languages that have not been written down. So many of these people dedicated their lives to creating these written languages. These people assembled the first dictionaries, and penned the first grammars. They formed the first alphabets and often was the case that the first name to be written in numerous languages was the name *Jesus*.  
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