



## School Family Service

Many thanks to everyone who attended our School Family Service on Monday this week. Reverend Pitt gave Bibles to all the children who have joined the school this year and we enjoyed worshipping and singing together as a community.



## Shark Class - PGCE student

We would like to welcome Miss Sonia de Paiva who has started working in Shark Class this week. This will be her final placement of her teacher training course and she will join Mrs Oates and Mrs Glover in teaching Sharks from now until the end of June. We know the children in the class will all make her feel very welcome!

## Parent - Governor Feedback

Our Chair of Governors, Mr Olly Lynn, will be available on the playground at drop off on Tuesday 4th February. If you have any concerns, questions or ideas for the Governing Body, then please catch him and have a chat. This has proved very useful in other schools within the Trust in order for us to receive some parent feedback. If you would like to contact Olly, but cannot make the session, his Governor email address is [oliver.lynn@msnpartnership.com](mailto:oliver.lynn@msnpartnership.com)

## Dolphin Class Vacancy

We have put out an advert for a teacher to come and lead Dolphin Class, starting after the Easter break. The class has been very adaptable this year and although the current situation is working really well, with Mr Turull, Mrs Haskins and Mr Wellington teaching the pupils, we appreciate it would be great for them to have one specific class teacher again. We will keep you updated about how the recruitment process goes over the next few weeks.

## Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



Do you have any board games or card games just collecting dust and taking up space at your house?

We would love to take them off your hands. Please share with friends and family. All donations are welcome!

Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

# Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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## Notices

- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

## Diary Dates

### January

Thur 30th Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Meeting (3:30pm - 4:00pm)  
Fri 31st Celebration Assembly

### February

Mon 3rd Term 3 Wellbeing Day  
Tue 4th 'Meet the Governor' feedback on the playground (8:35am)  
Wed 12th Shark Class Trip to Radstock Museum (AM - Packed lunch required)  
Fri 14th Celebration Assembly  
End of Term 3

## News from Friends of Farrington Gurney/PTA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th January at 8pm at the Farrington Inn. If you are available to attend that would be great, all are welcome and it would be lovely to see some new faces.

## Community News

### SASS Community Choir

for all autistic young people and their families in B&NES



**Led by Tim Parker**  
The SASS team are excited to be working with Tim and WEMA for our new community choir!

**Dates (Wednesdays)**  
December 18th  
January 29th  
March 12th  
April 30th  
June 11th  
July 2nd

**Venue**  
Fosse Way School  
Longfellow Road  
Radstock BA3 3AL  
(Parking available)

**Time**  
4pm - 5pm  
All ages

Come for as much or as little of the session as you would like!

The SASS team are starting a choir for autistic young people and their families including siblings, parents/carers and grandparents..  
**All are welcome!**

Music provides a unique way to connect with others with singing having many health and wellbeing benefits. Let's enjoy some singing together within a fun, friendly and supportive environment!

Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to meet with members of the SASS team for general advice and support during the session.  
**A £1 voluntary donation per family is invited.**

For more information contact: [sass@fossewayschool.com](mailto:sass@fossewayschool.com) - 01761 412198 Ext 1

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## Thought for the Week

**'Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"**  
(Mathew 22:37-39 NIV)



When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was - the one that matters the most I suppose - he answered by saying that there were two that were equally important. One is around loving God and the second one is about loving others.

If you ever want to look through the commandments in the Old Testament, there are apparently a total of 613, more than anyone can be expected to remember or implement. What Jesus does very cleverly is he manages to sum up all 613 into just 2.

Whichever commandment you look at - whether it is Deuteronomy 22:8, (*'When you build a new house, make a parapet around your roof so that you may not bring the guilt of bloodshed on your house if someone falls from the roof'*) or Exodus 23:10 (*'For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it...'*) - you can see that they are all put in place either to demonstrate a love for God or for a neighbour.

What is important to note is that Jesus' second commandment about loving our neighbours, points out that we should do this as much as we love ourselves. We won't be in a place to love and support our neighbours unless we are loving and looking after ourselves first.



It is often hard in our busy lives to make sure we pay attention to ourselves. We may have family to look after alongside a busy job and a house to upkeep. Maybe you have other priorities as well. But it is important to also prioritise yourself!

It's worth considering what would be most beneficial for you in terms of 'self-love'. Maybe it's making time to read a book or to do some journaling. For some it's booking a pampering session or taking a walk outside in nature (maybe wait til Spring for that one!). Being creative, going out for a meal or taking some exercise are all ways that you might feel help you to look after yourself. It might be taking up a new hobby or meeting with friends for a really good chat. Other things you could do is to get a good night's sleep or allow yourself to say no to some things. You may need to just start with putting 'me time' into your diary and take that undistracted time thinking about what you love to do and doing it!

Whatever you do, remember you can't 'love your neighbour' properly unless you 'love yourself' first!