



Start and End of Day Routines

Now that we are two weeks back into the new school year and with our Reception children in full time next week, we thought it would be a good time to remind all parents and carers of some of the school timings. The main gate is opened every morning at 8:35am and children have ten minutes to come in and get settled. We then close the gate at 8:45am. Any children arriving at school after that time must come in through the school office and are marked as late in the register. At the end of the afternoon, the gate is opened up again around five minutes before the end of school so parents/carers can come onto the playground and then the children are brought out onto the playground at 3:15pm. With the exception of some of the oldest children who walk home on their own, the pupils will be handed over or directed to you on the playground. Any children taking part in school-run clubs are taken to the club leader, while children attending Superstars are handed over to their members of staff. If someone different is picking up your child, then please either let your child's teacher or the school office know.

Celebration Assembly

We were really pleased to start our Celebration Assemblies again this week, a tradition that has been going for many years! It was very hard for the teachers to choose children for the certificates as so many have settled down and engaged with their learning since we returned from the summer holidays. In the end, this week's certificates went to the children in the box on the right. We also gave out certificates for the Summer Reading Challenge, swimming, gymnastics and even some Chinese cooking! Please remember your child can bring in certificates from home so we can celebrate their achievements.

This Week's Learners of the Week

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| Compassionate | Bea (Y5), Molly (Y4), Mollie (Y2), Evie (Y1) |
| Agile | Paris (Y5), Heidi (Y3), Ava (Y2), Reuben (Y1) |
| Responsible | Ralph (Y5), Albie-Blu (Y3), Eddy (Y2), Billy (Y1) |
| Engaged | Mollie (Y6), Adalyn (Y4), Felix (Y2), Sophie (Y1) |
| Well Done - Keep up the Good Work! | |

SEND Coffee Morning

We are planning a coffee morning at the Memorial Hall - provisionally Thursday 26th September at 9:00am - for parents who would like to find out more about the support available for children with Special Educational Needs. We have invited SENDIAS to join us for this - they are a service who offer free, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to children and young people between the ages of 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their parents/carers. We will confirm the date with you next week and hope that many of you will be able to attend so that we can listen to your concerns and answer any questions you may have,

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

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Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - There is plenty of availability at Breakfast Club should you need wraparound care for your children. The start time is now 7.30am at no extra cost to you. Please book via ParentPay.
- **Clubs** - all clubs will be running as usual next week.
- **Dinners** - please remember that all school dinners for the following week need to be booked by the end of the Thursday before.
- **Reception Year - Message from the School Nurses Team.** Please complete the New Entrant Digital Health Questionnaire, please do so by clicking [here](#) asap. Thank you.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Diary Dates

September

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| Thu 26th | Individual School Photos (all year groups) |
| | SEND Coffee Morning (9:00am in the Memorial Hall) |
| Fri 27th | Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall) |
| Mon 30th | Governing Body meeting |

October

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| Fri 11th | Harvest Festival at St John's Church (9:15am) |
| Thu 24th | Last day of Term 1 |
| Fri 25th | INSET Day |

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

A reminder that we will be holding our first meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 25th September at the Farrington Inn. All very welcome, no pressure to dedicate any particular amount of time but new / fresh ideas would be fantastic to hear. We also have at least one main role on the PTA that needs to be filled by the October AGM so please come along if you feel you could take this on.

If you have any unwanted, clean clothing items then please pop them into the clothing bin in the corner of the car park opposite school. We receive a healthy regular income from these donations.

If you can, please join our "Friends of Farrington Gurney School" Facebook group as this is where we will update on lots of things, including events coming up. In addition, some staff members are in this group and provide reminders etc when necessary.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk

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Community News

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS





UNIVERSITY OF BATH TEAMBATH
Rhythmic Gymnastics

Enjoy gym and dance?

Come & try Rhythmic Gymnastics with us at Team Bath

Rolls, handstands, cartwheels, dance, rope, hoops, balls, ribbons...fun and games

Sessions open to reception age -11yrs

Fabulous facilities
Apparatus use included
Qualified coaches
Gymnast welfare officer
British Gymnastics registered
Fully insured
Home of British Olympians

Beginners 4-10yrs
Wednesday, Culverhay SC, 5pm
Thursday, Uni. of Bath, 4.30pm
Saturday, Uni of Bath, 9am

Beginners 10ys + / Intermediate
Thursday, Uni. of Bath, 5.30pm
Saturday, Uni of Bath, 10am

Book a **FREE TRIAL**: Hit BOOK at www.TeamBathRhythmic.com

Any questions email bath.rhythmic.info@gmail.com



Parent Champions
Bath & NE Somerset



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

We are now recruiting for Parent Champions to join our friendly and professional team

Parent Champions are volunteers who give a few hours a week / fortnight to chat to other families about what we do and which other services are available locally

These are flexible roles during term time

For further information and to apply please visit sendiasbathnes.org.uk/volunteer-us

Closing date: 4th October 2024

Call us: 01225 394382
Email us: sendias@bathnes.gov.uk
Text: 07530263401









Holiday Adventure Club

Greyfield Wood

Mon 28th & Weds 30th October,
Friday 1st November
10am - 3pm
5-11 year olds

Sibling discount available

Craft Fire Games Fun Friends Nature Connection

Keynsham Library

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| Baby Bounce and Rhyme | | |
| Tuesday | 9.30 - 10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am | 17 September |
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| Sensory Space, for families with children & young adults with sensory needs | | |
| Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite | | |
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| Board Game Saturdays | | |
| Saturday | 12.30 - 4.00pm | 21 September |
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| Storytime | | |
| Thursday | 10.30 - 11am | 19 September |
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| Lace Making Group | | |
| Thursday | 2.00 - 4pm | 19 September |
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| Roald Dahl Story Day Celebrations | | |
| A Phizz - Whizzing Roald Dahl picture trail to find ten Roald Dahl book covers in our core libraries. Plus, draw and display your own BFG dream jar display. | | |
| Mon - Sat | During opening hours | 9- 21 September |
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| Midsomer Norton Library | | |
| Baby Bounce and Rhyme | | |
| Monday | 11.00 - 11.30am | 16 September |
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Thought of the Week

'See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

**I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.'**

(Isaiah 43:19)

A new year! A new term!

There's something wonderful about new starts. A real freshness. It does help that as I write this, the sun is shining and the garden is looking all green and lush after the rain we've been having.

A new term means new books, new stationary. The classrooms are looking fresh and new and many of us are feeling revived after a long summer break.

But all this newness doesn't just happen by itself. Lots of hard work has to be put into place. Someone has to do a deep clean on all the rooms after the previous year. Someone else has to order all the books and stationary, and then it has to be labelled and given out. Parents and carers often have to buy new uniform and shoes (I seem to be at the shops every 6-8 weeks buying new trainers for my son!). This all has to be labelled and checked as well.

There are new pupils coming into schools, or moving into new schools. These new families have to be given all the information about the school and contact lists have to be filled in and updated.

There is often a lot of hurrying around at the start of a new school year. But in all of this hurrying, don't forget to stop and reflect. Take a moment to pause and think about what is going on.

Change happens. There is always a new thing going on. But in reference to today's verse, let's not miss out on the good things that are happening.

For Christians, this verse is significant because it refers to a time when God's people were in the wilderness for years and years before they were able to settle in the land that was promised to them.

Sometimes we are desperate to find a way out of a 'wilderness', whether that is a difficult situation, or some ongoing bad news, or a really dry time in our lives. God is saying there is a way through this time and he is making it happen!

So during this 'new' period in the year, take a moment in the busyness to reflect and consider what new things might be heading your way. What 'stream' might there be flowing through that 'wasteland'? What new blessing might be on the horizon?

I hope and pray that this new season goes well for you!

