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### **Easter Experience**

Three of our classes this week have been to the Methodist Church to take part in their 'Easter Experience.' The church was set up with different stations telling parts of the Easter Story and was a real feast for the senses! The children experienced waving palm leaves, having their feet washed, visiting the tomb and what it would have been like for Jesus' disciples. All who went found it an extremely engaging experience, so many thanks to everyone at the Methodist Church for all their hard work and thoughtful preparation.









#### **Cross Country Event**

Rhys, Fleur, Evelyn and Rosie participated in the Year 6 cross country event earlier this week. The girls (who finished in 27th, 40th and 41st position) said it was very tiring, and they all had a stitch, but there was a very good view when they ran to the top of a steep hill! Very well done to all of them for putting themselves forward and representing the school in this event with such enthusiasm and resilience.

# YOUR DONATIONS WILL CHANGE LIVES

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#### **Comic Relief**

Thank you to Farrington Forum for planning the non-uniform fundraiser today. We are delighted to have raised £83.80 for Comic Relief.

## **PSHE:** Healthy Me

The PSHE topic across the school this term is 'Healthy Me.' We know that eating healthily helps children to be fitter now and later in life and supports their concentration. Guidelines for what a healthy packed lunch should include can be found on the MAT policy <u>here</u>, and there is an <u>NHS</u> website with suggestions for recipes. We also encourage children to bring in healthy snacks, such as fruit, rice cakes or breadsticks for their morning snacks. Many thanks for your support with this. *Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull* 

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## <u>Notices</u>

- **Clubs** Dance Club has now ended culminating in the Dance Umbrella next week. All clubs are on next and end week with Football club ending on the 1st April. Next terms clubs options will be sent to parents early next week in the usual Google form; please keep an eye out for it and respond back by Monday 31st March.
- Dance Umbrella Tickets will be distributed on Monday.
- Music for Schools Lesson change No lesson next week: this will be rescheduled.
- Seal Class Bath Abbey Trip (3rd April) See details (late back) and consent/pay on ParentPay.
- St. John's Church Please see <u>here</u> the link to the weekly church events.
- Year 5 Wake the Tiger Trip (2nd April) See details and consent/pay on ParentPay.

	Diary Dates
	March
Tue 25th	Dance Umbrella at the Forum, Bath
Wed 25th	Friends Mothers and Others Sale (£1 per gift; see poster)
Thur 26th	Friends meeting at Farrington Inn 8pm all welcome
Mon 31st	Year 6 Residential Trip to Barton Hall
	April
Wed 2nd	Year 5 to Wake the Tiger, Bristol (please consent/pay on ParentPay)
Thur 3rd	Seal Class Trip to Easter Experience at Bath Abbey (Late back - see ParentPay)
Fri 4th	School Easter Service at St John's Church, 9.15
	End of term 4
Tue 22nd	Beginning of term 5
Wed 23rd-Fri 25th	Year 4 Residential Trip to Mendip Outdoor Centre

## Friends of Farrington Gurney School and Community News



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th March, 8pm at The Farrington Inn, new faces are always welcome!!

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Supporting youth charity Mentoring Plus and young people in Bath & North East Somerset

www.mentoringplus.net/events 01225 429 694





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 <u>voluntary</u> donation per family is invited.



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# Thought for the Week



#### "Has any one of you not sinned? Then you be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7 NIRV)

Sin is a word that most of us are uncomfortable with nowadays. It sounds archaic. And in <u>John 8</u>, the "sin" that is being talked about isn't often considered wrong in Western culture in this day and age.

The woman that was brought out and humiliated by the teachers and leaders was accused of committing adultery. She had been sleeping with someone who wasn't her husband and at least one of them would have been married to someone else. It isn't clear what had actually happened, but what is clear is that it is only the woman who is put in front of Jesus. There was no sign of the man. I wonder if one of the teachers or leaders was the man who had been committing adultery with her? Is this how she was caught?

And how did they bring her out? If it was just after sunrise and she had been "caught" committing adultery, I wonder if they even gave her the chance to get dressed before she was thrust before Jesus and the crowds? Then the leaders and Pharisees went on to tell Jesus what was written in the Jewish law, that the woman should be killed for what she had done. In two different places in the Old Testament it says this, but it also says that the man should be put to death as well. Where was this man?

It's important to remember that these laws, written at least two thousand years before this event, demonstrate how none of us can measure up to perfection. None of us gets it right all the time. This is where Jesus steps in.

First of all, he is seen writing on the ground with his finger. I wonder what he was writing. Was he writing some of the other Old Testament laws? Maybe laws that these teachers and Pharisees had broken themselves? Was he writing a different law for each person, ones that he knew they had broken? Maybe he was just doodling as a way to calm himself down after watching the shocking way that these men had treated the poor woman. The Bible doesn't tell us what or why he was writing on the ground.



"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." John 8:7 (KJV)

Then he comes out with the clincher. "Ok, yes the law says kill her, so go ahead. But make sure that whoever throws the first stone is in a position to judge her. Make sure that you throw a stone only if you haven't done anything wrong yourself." Then Jesus went back to writing in the ground.

Funnily enough, they all leave one by one. It makes a point of saying the older ones left first. This may be because the older men were more aware of all the wrong things they had done, plus they'd had longer to commit them! The only one left, the only person who was in a position to judge the woman and to throw stones was Jesus. And he doesn't. Instead of judging her, he shows her mercy.

This is how Jesus steps into our situation. Although the law says we are not good enough, Jesus comes between us and the law and takes the blame on our behalf. Yes we're not good enough and there should be punishment, but Jesus was punished instead on our behalf. So like this woman, although we can be accused by others of doing wrong, of hurting others, of "sinning", we don't need to receive the consequences because Jesus has already died in our place. And like the woman, we get to walk away forgiven and free.