



SEND Coffee Morning

On Thursday morning, we held our first SEND event of the year. Mrs Geeson talked through the process of identifying and supporting children with special educational needs in school, and we also welcomed Jo Daghish from SENDIAS. SENDIAS offer free, impartial and confidential information to children, young people with SEND and their parents and carers, and can be contacted via their website: <https://sendiasbathnes.org.uk/>. We plan to provide further drop in SEND sessions throughout the year as an opportunity for parents and carers to come and find out more about support in school, specific needs and conditions and to have any early concerns or queries addressed.

Times Tables Rock Stars

There is an increasing focus on children being fluent with their times tables, especially now that they have a Multiplication Tables Check at the end of Year 4. Therefore we are trialling Times Tables Rock Stars with the children in Key Stage 2. Details about this will be sent out next week, but essentially this is a platform that the children can access in school and at home to perfect their multiplication tables!

PGCE Student

We would like to welcome Mr Nat Torrible to our staffing team this term. He is currently on a PGCE teacher training course and will be with us until just after Christmas. He will be mainly based in Seal Class, working alongside Mrs Mathieson.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

This Week's Learners of the Week	
Compassionate	Olivia (Y5), Sebastian (Y3), Miltiadis and Colby (Y2)
Agile	Fleur (Y5), Esme (Y4), Alana (Y1)
Responsible	Rosie (Y6), Joshua (Y3), Teddy (Y2), Blake (Y1)
Engaged	Toby (Y5), Otto (Y3), Neah (Y2), Ivy (Y1)
Well Done - Keep up the Good Work!	



Notices

- **Clubs** - all clubs will be running as usual next week.
- **Child's Annual Flu Vaccination** - will take place on 4th December please consent via email sent today.
- **Data Collection Forms (Pink)** - these have been sent home today to every child. Please check (update if necessary) and sign/date then return to your class teacher/office by Monday 7th October. Contact the office if you have any queries.
- **Dinners** - please bear with us with some issues which ParentPay are still working on a fix for.
- **Dolphin Class Bikeability** - dates for sessions are:
 - Tues 1st AM Thomas, Holly C, Mollie, Lotte, Bea, Charlotte
 - Tues 1st PM Reuben, Holly G, Georgia, Ralph, Rosie
 - Wed 2nd AM Freya, Jacob, Tristan, Tilly, Olivia
 - Wed 2nd PM Grace, Evelyn, Toby, Charlie, Tabby
 - Mon 7th full day Reuben, Holly C, Mollie
 - Tues 8th full day Lotte, Bea, Charlotte
 - Wed 9th full day Thomas, Holly G, Georgia
 - Mon 14th full day Ralph, Rosie, Freya
 - Tues 15th full day Jacob, Tristan, Tilly
 - Wed 16th full day Olivia, Grace, Evelyn
 - Mon 21st full day Toby, Charlie, TabbyPlease remember your bikes, helmets and appropriate clothing (eg. school uniform is not necessary and waterproof clothing if it's raining).
- **Library Events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries. There is also a brilliant Children's writing competition from the BBC called 500 words that opened for Entries on Tuesday 24th September. You can find out more about this competition from the link [here](#).
- **School Photos** - Proofs for the school photos taken this week will be with us within 10 days..
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 4 & 6 Residential Trips** - the next payment is due on 4th October via ParentPay.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We started making plans for several events between now & Christmas at the PTA meeting this week, many thanks to those who came along. We are still light on PTA members so will need support from parents to run these. We have an "occasional help" team who simply give us a hand at the events themselves, requiring no other time commitment. If you would be happy to help out please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk or let Mrs Hazard know.

We don't yet have dates but plan to hold a school disco in the second term and are in the early stages of planning another wreath making evening. This was very popular last year so look out over the next few weeks for tickets going on sale!!! More information on both will be shared soon.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 23rd October at School. There will be drinks and nibbles! Please do come along. If anyone is interested in a main role (Chair or secretary) within the PTA, these can be available. Roles can also be shared reducing the individual time commitment needed!!



Farrington Gurney

C of E Primary School



Open Morning – Thursday 17th October 2024

9:15am – 11:45am

We are holding an Open Morning for all prospective parents who may be interested in sending their children to our school. Our Year 6 pupils would love to show you around the classrooms where you will get a chance to see all our pupils at work.

Our school is proud to offer:

- enthusiastic children who are keen to learn
- extensive outside learning opportunities
- a highly skilled and dedicated staff team
- a friendly, purposeful learning environment
- excellent outcomes across the school
- high participation in sporting events
- specialised instrumental tuition
- close links with the village churches
- daily breakfast club from 7:30am
- after-school provision on site until 6:00pm

If you are unable to visit but would like to come at a different time, please contact us:

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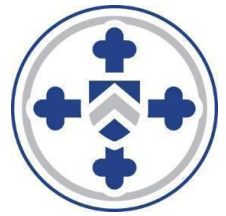
Diary Dates

September

Mon 30th Governing Body meeting

October

Thur 3rd Dolphin Class Trip to Writhlington Orchid Rainforest
Fri 11th Harvest Festival at St John's Church (9:15am)
Mon 14th Seal Class Egyptology Day in school
Thur 17th Open Morning 9:15-11:30am
Wed 23rd Parents' Afternoon/Evening 1:00pm - 7:00pm
Thu 24th Last day of Term 1
Fri 25th INSET Day



Thought of the Week

'Blessed is the one

***whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.'***

(Psalm 32:1 - NIV)



Forgiveness is often overlooked in today's society. There are different reasons for this, one of them being that we don't think we need it.

I'm talking here about any forms of forgiveness, not just forgiveness from God. However much we might kid ourselves that it's not important, unforgiveness is a heavy weight to carry.

I'm sure we have all had times when we know we have upset someone and things are no longer ok between us. We know we need to say sorry and this is usually the main reason forgiveness doesn't happen - many of us don't want to own up and say sorry.

Psalm 32 was written by King David, the same David who fought Goliath if you remember the story. Later on in the psalm, David talks about how when he kept quiet, it felt like his 'bones were wasting away' because of his 'groaning all day long'. He goes on to say that not seeking forgiveness felt like his strength being sapped 'as in the heat of summer' (v.3-4)

Admitting we need to say sorry, which means admitting that we are guilty of something, can be difficult, because none of us like to admit we are wrong about something. But it makes a huge difference when we do seek forgiveness.

The psalm says we are blessed if our transgressions are forgiven and if our sins are covered. Hopefully we have all experienced a time when we have been reconciled with someone, when we have experienced forgiveness or shown forgiveness to another.

For Christians, it goes even further. When David finally gives in and seeks God for his forgiveness, he experiences God's forgiveness of his guilt. He no longer feels guilty for what he did and is able to rejoice and be glad (v.11).

Although you may not believe in God, many Christians will willingly talk about forgiveness and how it feels to have your sins removed 'as far as the east is from the west' (Psalm 103:12). This is as far as something can be taken away - the furthest eastern point from the furthest western point. The sin is gone and gone for good along with the guilt and the weight.

So is there someone you need to speak to. Is there something you need to say sorry for? Even harder, is there someone you need to forgive? Isn't it time to own up to the "stuff" and then seek for ways to deal with it?

Let's raise the importance of forgiveness and start today by sorting out those relationship issues. I hope that it will lead to restoration and that as a consequence you will feel 'blessed'.

