



Harvest Service

We held a lovely harvest festival this morning at St John's Church which - despite only being back in school a few weeks - showcased great singing, acting and speaking from all the different classes, including some very enthusiastic Turtle Class pupils! A fantastic effort from all the children with the echoes of Harvest Samba still ringing around the village this afternoon. Thank you to Rev Pitt for bringing the service together and also for taking the items that were kindly donated to the Loaves and Fishes project in St Paul's, Bristol. Also, thanks to Kevin Burnett for playing the organ during the service.

Parent Consultations

Just a reminder to book in parent consultation sessions for Wednesday 23rd October. The sign-up sheets are now back in the office, so just pop in, give us a call or send us an email and we can arrange a time. Please also let us know if that date is not convenient and we can arrange a different day with you.

Open Morning

On Thursday next week, we are holding the first of two Open Mornings for prospective parents. This is a really good opportunity for anyone considering our school for their child to come and view the classes and see all the great learning that is taking place. If you do know of anyone who has a child due to start school next year, then please let them know. We also welcome parents who already have a child with us and have a younger sibling who will be starting. The morning runs from 9:30am to 11:30am; if you are unable to join us we have a second morning on Wednesday 20th November.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

Year 3 Scooter Afternoon



This week, Year 3 learnt about how to be safe on their scooters. This included making sure that their helmet was fitted correctly and their scooter was in good working order. They then practised safe stopping and manoeuvring on the playground.



Notices

- **Child's Annual Flu Vaccination (4th December)** - please consent via email sent last week.
- **Christmas Cards** - the proofs were sent home this week for you to purchase your Christmas decorated cards, cups, tags, etc. Please support Friends and school by placing an order.
- **Clubs** - all clubs will be running as usual next week. However, Comic Book, Basketball, Welly Walking and Nature Clubs will not run in the last week of term due to staff training and commitments.
- **Data Collection Forms (Pink)** - there are a few still that need returning please. Contact the office if you have any queries.
- **Dinners** - There will be some minor changes to the menu for Term 2 made at the beginning of the holiday break. Please do not book your meals for Term 2 before Thursday 31st October.
- **Dolphin Class Bikeability** - unfortunately due to the instructor being unwell, the sessions due this week have been reschedule as below:

Mon 7th to Fri 18th full day	Reuben, Holly C, Mollie
Tue 8th to Tue 22nd full day	Lotte, Bea, Charlotte
Wed 9th to Thur 24th full day	Thomas, Holly G, Georgia

Unchanged sessions are:

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, Tabby

Please remember your bikes, helmets and appropriate clothing (eg. school uniform is not necessary and waterproof clothing is available 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** - The order proofs for the school photos were sent home Tuesday. Please place your orders online or via the office by Monday 21st October at the latest.
- **Seal Class** - Please see ParentPay for details about the workshop about the Ancient Egyptians Monday 14th October.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Year 4 & 6 Residential Trips** - the 2nd instalment was due by 4th October via ParentPay. If you have not paid these, please can you do so at your earliest convenience.
- **Year 6 Secondary School applications** - deadline is 31st October.
- **Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) Screening 2024-25** - Please see letter emailed to you on Wednesday relating to this. It also gives details should you wish to opt out.

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A place where all can flourish, find fulfilment and experience life in all its fullness

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Friends of Farrington Gurney School

A reminder that our AGM will be held on Wednesday 23rd October at 8pm in School. There will be drinks and nibbles! Please do come along. Whilst we continue to look for anyone interested in taking or sharing some main roles, we would also warmly welcome anyone who can join with no specific time commitment required. The more people who offer a small amount of time, the less onerous for everyone!

The school disco will be on Saturday 30th November at 6pm in the village hall. Full details will follow soon but please save the date in your diaries. Our festive wreath making workshop will be held on Saturday 23rd November at 7pm in the Paulton scout Hall, unfortunately we could not match up dates we could run this with the village hall availability. Again, please save the date, tickets will be on sale soon.

Diary Dates

October

Mon 14th	Seal Class Egyptology Day in school (see ParentPay to consent and pay)
Thur 17th	Open Morning 9:15-11:30am
Wed 23rd	Parents' Afternoon/Evening 1:30pm-7:00pm Friends of Farrington Gurney School AGM (8:00pm at the school)
Thu 24th	Last day of Term 1
Fri 25th	INSET Day

November

Mon 4th	Start of Term 2
Wed 27th	INSET Day

Farrington
GURNEY GROOVE
family disco at Farrington Gurney Village Hall
ADVANCE TICKETS:
ADULTS £5 CHILDREN £3
ON THE DOOR: ADULTS £7 CHILDREN £4
TO BOOK PLEASE EMAIL OR SCAN QR CODE
TREASURER@FARRINGTONGURNEYVILLAGEHALL.ORG

AMAZING DJ ALL EVENING!!!

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SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM - DJ FROM 6PM


Half Term Multi-Sports Club
@ Broadlands School - BS31 2DY

Tue 29th,
Wed 30th &
Thu 31st October
9.00am-3.30pm


£20 a Day



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Thought of the Week

'The One who died for us - who was raised to life for us! - is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us.'

(Romans 8:34-35 - The Message)



Isn't it great knowing that someone's got our back. That whatever happens to us, that person can be relied upon.

Is there someone in your life that can fulfil this role?

Last week, the verse was from Paul's letter to the Romans and today's verses are from that same letter. Paul spends a lot of his time reassuring the Christians in Rome. They were obviously struggling to understand just how much God had done for them.

Last week, we talked about condemnation. That for those who have accepted and belong to Jesus, there is now no condemnation, no judging and no disapproval. Not only are Christians not condemned, they can never and will never be condemned.

In this part of the letter, Paul sums up what this all means. From verse 31, he asks 'With God on our side...how can we lose?'. He also asks if God even allowed his own Son to die in our place, 'is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?' (v.32). He goes onto say 'And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger?' (v.33-34).

The crux of what Paul has to say is in verses 34-35, where he states that there is nothing that can 'drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us' because Jesus 'is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us.' Wow!

Like I've said before, some bold questions and statements. But if they are true, they would make a world of difference.

Is there anyone who is opposed to you or to your family? If you knew that God was on your side regardless, that would mean a lot.

Is there anything that worries you in life? If you knew with confidence that God would give you whatever you needed, that would make a real difference.

Do you feel guilty about something you did in the past? Knowing that God justifies you and that no one can condemn you would surely take that guilt away, especially if you were sure that Jesus was defending you to the hilt.

Is there anything here that is worth considering this week?

