





Welcome Back!

Welcome back to school, after what we hope has been a long and relaxing summer.

As we return, we would like to congratulate Miss Shutter on becoming Mrs Oates over the holidays following her wedding. We wish her and Liam a long and happy future together.



We welcome two new faces; Miss Rowlinson-Baker, who will be teaching in Class 2 on Thursdays and Fridays, and Mrs Frampton, who is joining our TA team working in Class 2, 3 & 4 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I am sure you will give them a friendly Farrington welcome.

Communicating with School

An early look at the Parent Survey tells us that the class emails improved communication last year, giving all parents a direct way of contacting staff. We will continue to have an open door each Wednesday until 3:30pm if you want to see the work your child is doing in class. Just a reminder that Mrs Hazard is the main contact for all admin-related issues through the office email account, or face-to-face.

The newsletter continues to be our way of communicating to the whole school community and you may have noticed we have redesigned it with the aim of being more succinct so key information is easily found.

The Lodge

There have been a number of improvements carried out around school, with the most noticeable one being the replacement of the old library with the lodge.



It is a wonderful space and we are sure the children will find it a relaxing and inspirational place in which to play and learn. We have also been able to replace the surface under the play equipment which is a major improvement.

Mr Dix & Mr Turull

Diary Dates

New or amended dates in blue

September 2022

Fri 16th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
Thu 22nd	Family Service @ Church 2:45pm
Thu 22nd	Norton Hill Open Evening 4:45pm
Thu 29th	Somervale Open Evening 6:00pm
	Class 4 Trip to Downside
Fri 30th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm

October 2022

Thu 6th	Harvest Festival @ Church 2:15pm
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Notices

- **BANES Music Lessons** - are due to start again Thursday 22nd September.
- **Clubs** - All clubs start next week but not Young Voices or Recorder Club which start week commencing 19th September. A final copy of the allocation list can be found on the website home page in the footer.
- **Dinners** - Thank you for your patience with the ParentPay dinner booking system - we believe the temporary problems have now been resolved. The deadline for booking dinners is Thursday midday.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **Music for Schools** - completed lessons today and will have a break of 2 weeks returning week commencing 29th September.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **School Photos** - Nigel Coles will be in school on the morning of Friday 23rd September to take the children's individual & sibling school photos. We are able to offer parents who also have pre-school siblings a joint photo (please arrive at 8:15am at the Library). Proofs will be sent home later this month.



Thought of the Week

***'I know what I have planned for you,' says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future.'* (Jeremiah 29:11)**

We all make plans.

Most of the time we are planning the basics - what are we having for tea this week? What time do I need to leave to get to work? Do we need to get the children new school uniform?

Over the course of the year, we will also plan for the more enjoyable things - where are we going to go on holiday this year? How much do we need to save to be able to go? What games can we play while we wait at airport security?

At the start of a new academic year, we may all have lots of plans. As parents, we may well be making plans to support our children with their home learning and reading.

As children, we may be planning to listen a bit better in class so

we understand the work. As teachers and teaching assistants, we never stop planning!

In the Bible, God asked Jeremiah to write a letter to the Israelites who had been exiled to different countries. They didn't like being ruled over by foreign kings and were keen to go back home. In the letter, God asked the Israelites to stop worrying about this, but to settle down where they were, build houses, get married and have families. He knew they were going to be there for a while, so he told them to relax and get on with living.

Halfway through the letter, God spoke to his people telling them that he had plans for them. These plans would not bring harm, but they were good plans - plans full of hope and for a good future. For Christians around the world, even when going through difficult times, they can hold onto the fact that God is in control and has planned out a good and hopeful future for them.

Whatever plans you are "planning" to make today, I hope they are good ones and add to bringing about a hopeful and pleasant future.

Mr Marvin

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Friends of Farrington Gurney School would like to welcome you all back to the new school year!

Hello to all the new parents joining us, we look forward to meeting lots of you soon.

Friends are our school's PTA equivalent, and we will have a meeting very soon to look at lots of exciting plans for the coming year.

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 meeting days and events coming up.

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





MENDIP SWING



at FARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL



Bar open till late!

Tickets: £5
AVAILABLE FROM
FARRINGTON GURNEY
SOCIAL CLUB OR BY EMAIL:
treasurer@farringtongurneyvillagehall.org

and the Mendip Sisters

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
DOORS OPEN 19:00 MUSIC STARTS 19:30



DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO PLAY A SPORT? GIVE RUGBY A TRY!

Midsomer Norton Rugby Club has a thriving, inclusive, mini and junior section for boys and girls between the ages of 6 - 18. Come along for a free taster session, no previous experience necessary and all played in a fun and safe environment!



If you are interested in giving it a try come along to Norton Down BA3 2UE on Sundays at 10.00

You can contact us by email if you have any questions etc: MNRFC.Memberships@gmail.com

