



Welcome Back!

It was lovely to see our children return looking smart in their uniforms, fresh-faced and ready for learning on Tuesday - especially our new reception children who have settled into Turtle Class brilliantly.

A lot of work has been put in by staff over the summer getting the school ready - especially in the infant block, where many hours have been put in to ensure the children are returning to a stimulating and engaging environment. You would have also noticed the new canopy which gives our youngest children shade from the sun, and also the rain when it inevitably arrives.

As well as our 15 new starters, we welcome new staff as well. Turtle Class has Mrs Nowell as their Higher Level Teaching Assistant; Mrs Huckman has joined us as our 1:1 and Intervention Teaching Assistant, and we also welcome a caretaker in Mr Rideout who we are sharing with Clutton. Mrs Coles, although not a new member of staff, is now employed as admin support alongside her many other roles within school.

I am sure you will make them all feel very welcome.

Parent Survey Outcomes

We are pleased to share with you our parent survey. Many thanks to the parents of 72 children who filled one out. Having collated the results, we have identified a number of areas to work on during the year.

Being an anonymous survey, there were some written comments which we are unable to address 1:1 as we don't know who wrote them - please feel free to contact us if you have any issues you feel are not resolved in any way. The survey can be found [here](#)

Meet the Teacher

Please join us on Wednesday 13th September at 3:30 to meet your child's teacher and find out about any new routines and how the class is expecting to run over the course of the year. You are very welcome to bring your own questions along as well.

For parents with children in more than one class, the teachers will be available until 4:30 to catch up with you if you were elsewhere in school during their session. Children will need to stay with you as there will be no-one to supervise them outside and Superstars will be taking place on the playground.

Behaviour Policy

As noted in the end of year letter, we have worked on our behaviour policy so all children are supported and coached to make good choices and eliminate low-level behaviours that can impact on both their own and the learning of other children.

The policy is linked [here](#) and is closely linked to the Golden Rules and a much more dynamic involvement with parents at an earlier stage. The aim is for all children to come to school, enjoy their time here, be productive and for us to prepare them socially, emotionally and academically for life - all done within a caring environment.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions about this.

Our Golden Rules:

1. We Listen
2. We Are Honest
3. We Are Gentle
4. We Work Hard
5. We Look After Property
6. We Are Kind And Helpful

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

Farm Shop

A message from Erin:

FARRINGTON'S 

We'd like to offer Farrington Gurney School children 50% off Playbarn entry on weekdays after school during term time. They would just need to be wearing a branded item of Farrington Gurney School uniform as proof.



Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - There is plenty of availability at Breakfast Club starting at 8am each day should you need wraparound care for your children. Please book via ParentPay.
- **Communication from Alun Williams, MAT** - Please [click](#) here for a letter to all parents/carers.
- **Clubs** - please see [here](#) the link for the clubs allocation list. Unfortunately Multisports on a Monday has had to be cancelled due to lack of uptake. There has been a change to the Drama club which is now taking place at lunchtime (see above).
- **Dinners** - we are aware of some oddities relating to the payment of dinners including free school meals and would like to thank you for letting us know. We have been advised that behind the scenes this is being worked on for several schools and hope this will have been resolved next week. You will be updated in next week's newsletter.
- **Reception Year** - Message from the School Nurses Team. To those who have not completed the New Entrant Digital Health Questionnaire emailed in July, please do so by clicking [here](#) asap. Thank you.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Trip** - Dolphin Class will be going to an Evacuee Trip on Wednesday 20th September; please pay via ParentPay by Monday.
- **Year 6** - Residential Trip to Little Canada information & consent/payment information has now been uploaded to ParentPay for parents to action.

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

September 2023

Tue 5th	Swimming for Dolphin Class
Mon 11th	Reception children in morning and lunch all week
Wed 13th	Meet the Teacher (3:30pm)
Fri 15th	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm in the Memorial Hall)
Mon 18th	Reception children in full time
Wed 20th	Evacuee Trip for Dolphin Class (see ParentPay for details)
Thu 21st	Individual photos
Fri 29th	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm in the Memorial Hall)

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Friends 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 be having our first meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 27th September at the Farrington Inn. It would be lovely to see some new faces. We will be looking at lots of exciting plans for the coming year, any ideas or suggestions are always very welcome.

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 on this group and provide reminders etc when necessary.

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

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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

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BATH LIGHT OPERATIC GROUP

LIONEL BART'S

OLIVER!

BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH CAMERON MACKINTOSH

12TH - 16TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TUESDAY - SATURDAY EVENING 7.30PM
WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY MATINEE 2.30PM

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29 September - 8 October 2023

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FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week);

- Mon 18th Sept- Mon 16th Oct, Saltford Hall, 4:30-6pm.
- Wed 20th Sept- Wed 18th Oct, Mulberry Park Primary School, 3.30-5pm.
- Thurs 21st Sept - Thurs 19th Oct, Westfield Primary School, 4-5:30pm.
- Tues 3rd Oct- Tues 7th Nov (no session 24th Oct), online via Teams, 5-6pm.

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on
Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcr^gcaregroup.com

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LEAP

LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight*

1-1 face to face support for 5-10 year olds and a combination of face to face & virtual support for 11-17 year olds*

Receive a **FREE 3-MONTH leisure centre pass** upon completion for the child and nominated adult**

Topics covered:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical activity/active play
 - Impact of screen time
 - Food choices

To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub:

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Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

*Referral criteria applies
**Terms and conditions apply





Thought of the Week

'When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.'
(Matthew 9: 36)



This year, our school has a new vision. Farrington Gurney is 'a place where all can flourish, find fulfilment and experience life in all its fullness.'

We want and believe this for all the children and adults in our school community and we believe that this is possible by embedding our four key learning values - **C**ompassion, **A**gility, **R**esponsibility and **E**ngagement - **CARE**.

We have linked these key learning values to our overarching Christian values of love, trust, forgiveness, perseverance, hope, justice, courage and koinonia. Compassion we believe is very closely linked to love and trust; we can only truly show compassion, if we first love and we can only receive compassion, if we first trust the person who is showing it.

In our Bible verses today, it says that Jesus showed compassion to the crowds. In the original Greek, this means he was deeply moved in his inner being. Robert Solomon in his book 'Following Jesus in a Fallen World' put it like this:

'It was a profound response that was rooted in our Lord's love for people. With the eyes of divine love, Jesus saw the people in their true condition.'

Yes, many of them were poor and struggled to survive. Others might have had some resources but were lonely and miserable within. Jesus saw their true needs.

He saw them as harassed people. They were people who had been robbed of their rest, either by their own making or because of the uncaring or cruel ways of society. They were exhausted just coping with the daily challenges of life. They were not meant to live like that.'

It sounds very contemporary - people struggling to manage, feeling harassed, miserable and often lonely. In our enlightened and progressive world, how is it that so many of us still feel like this?

It is easy when we are busy and preoccupied not to see people as people. We might view them as colleagues or maybe fellow human beings. Often we can view them as a distraction or a nuisance and if they behave selfishly whilst driving, we might use all sorts of colourful terminology to describe them.

I hope that we too can show compassion to those around us as Jesus did. I hope that we can break the pattern of society and take time, even if it is just a moment to find out how the people in our lives really are. I hope and pray that we too would be moved in our inner being when people share their worries or concerns with us and show genuine compassion.

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