



On Tuesday morning next week, we will be holding our annual Open Morning for prospective parents to come and have a look at our school. This has been really successful in the last couple of years and the total of 11 new families in Reception who started this September is the highest we have had in my time at the school. Our Year 6 pupils are looking forward to showing many visitors around next week so please do let anyone know who you think may be interested.

We have had various events this week including our Remembrance Service on Monday morning when all the children took some time to pay their respects to all those who had given their lives in wars since the start of the 20th century. On Tuesday we held an Odd Socks Day, a national event which forms part of Anti-Bullying Week, recognising how everyone is different and unique. Wednesday saw Year 6 head over to Bristol for their visit to the Lifeskills Centre and then on Thursday, Years 2 and 3 braved the early snow showers to visit Stonehenge. We have finished the week with activities supporting Children in Need. We have also received a few boxes of brand new reading books (over 600 of them) which I will explain more about next week.

I hope you all found parents' evenings valuable and informative this week. Please remember that you are welcome to come in to school at the end of the day on a Tuesday and have a look at your child's books and the work around the classroom. You are also welcome to email the school or your child's class teacher if you have questions about their work or progress. There are a few parents who did not attend, so if you were unable to come along then please expect a call from the class teacher who will either arrange another time to meet or can have a catch up over the phone.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** – there is availability every day so please book via ParentPay or contact the office.
- **Children in Need** – the children have enjoyed their day raising £156.47 towards a worthy cause.
- **Christmas Cards** – a reminder to order cards, mugs and tags, designed by your children and organised by the Friends. The deadline is Sunday 24th November (see newsletter 8 for more details).
- **Christmas Dinner** – please note that we have had to change the date of our Christmas dinner to Wednesday 18th December due to the general election on December 12th. This means there will be no menu changes this term.
- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place next week except for Board Games on Monday due to staff training on a new assessment tool at Writhlington.
- **Nasal flu vaccination** – e-mails and yellow fliers have been sent home detailing how to register your consent for your child's nasal flu vaccination which is on Monday 18th November. For further help, call: 0300 247 0082.
- **Uniform** – Black Friday Discount – Mapac our school uniform supplier have Black Friday deals on their website for any interested parents.

Year 2 and 3 Trip to Stonehenge



Yesterday, Years 2 and 3 went to Stonehenge. We started with snow on the ground so we wrapped up warm. Luckily the snow stopped and the rain held off so we were able to explore in the dry.



We had a great day looking at the stones and experiencing Stonehenge back in 3000BC with a 360 degree computerised screen. We found out how the Stone Age people moved the stones into place and even got to look in a late Neolithic Building. We thought the beds were extremely comfy!





Year 6 Lifeskills Visit

On Wednesday morning, the Year 6 children went over to Bristol for their Lifeskills visit.

'We learnt about lots of different ways to be safe and to look after ourselves.

Some of the things we learnt included how to be safe in the kitchen at home, how to safely call the emergency services if you ever need to and how to be safe around the road.

We all really enjoyed the morning because we got to learn about lots of different areas of life and how we can keep ourselves safe.'

Ollie and Matthew

FoFGS 100 Club

We are reinstating the FoFGS 'lottery', known as the 100 club to raise funds for the school. This year it will run for the remainder of the school year; 10 months, from November 2019 until August 2020.

The cost will be £1 a month and payment will be required when entering. So if you join now to start in November it will be £10. Each entry will be allocated a number. The club is open to anyone who wants to join! Parents, grandparents, friends and relatives. You can buy as many numbers as you want - the more participants the bigger the prize fund! (with 50 members this would be a monthly prize of £20). There will be a monthly draw which will be done via a random number generator; the winner will be announced in the school newsletter and on our Facebook page.

To enter please pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Friends of Farrington Gurney School) in a sealed envelope with your name and contact details (phone number/email address), either to a member of the PTA or the school office. I will then let you know your allocated number.

Claire Rippon

Community News

Hallatrow's NSPCC Fundraising Committee are holding a Christmas Coffee morning and bring & buy sale this Saturday 16th Nov 10:30am to 12noon (at Osmunda, Wells Road).

Stands include a Bottle Stall, Christmas Gifts, Christmas Hamper Raffle, Bring & Buy Bric-a-brac, Tombola, Home produce, Cakes, Toys & Books.

Chew Valley Santa Scramble

The Chew Valley festive family 5K & 1K Santa Scramble is on Sunday 15th December starting at 10am & 11am. Run, walk, jog, sprint or toddle around the marshalled route dressed like Santa.

The course, the marshals, the obligatory Christmassy medals and Christmas suit are all included within the price of your entry. To enter go to: <https://race-nation.co.uk/register/chew-valley-santa-scramble-1>

School Diary Dates

November 2019

- Fri 15th** Children in Need Day
- Mon 18th** Flu Nasal Spray Inoculation
- Tue 19th** Open Morning (9:30-11:30am)
- Wed 20th** EcoWild Year 6
- Fri 22nd** Year 5 Cookery session at Norton Hill Assembly at the Village Hall (2:40pm)
- Wed 27th** EcoWild Years 4 and 5
- Thu 28th** Small Schools' Football Tournament at Somervale School (4:00pm)
- Fri 29th** Whole School Christmas Art Day
No assembly

December 2019

- Mon 2nd** Class 1 trip to Bitton
- Wed 4th** Small Schools' Swimming Gala
- Thu 5th** Year 4/5/6 Carol Service in Farrington
- Fri 6th** Year 5 Cookery session at Norton Hill Assembly at the Village Hall (2:40pm)
- Mon 9th** BANES Primary Schools' Carol Concert