



Children in Need

Farrington Forum decided to support Children in Need by holding a cake sale today.

They would like to thank the generous donations of cakes from parents. We raised an incredible £215 by the end of playtime!

What a great return for such a worthy cause.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull



Notices

- **Clubs** - Are all running as normal next week.
- **Christmas Dinner** - Is on 13th December. If your child would like a Christmas Dinner please book via ParentPay by Thursday 24th November, alternatively they can bring a festive healthy pack lunch in from home. All previous options for this day have been cancelled.
- **Christmas Jumper Day** - Is on 7th December and we hope to raise money towards Save the Children. Please send your child dressed in a festive coloured or styled jumper with usual uniform (trousers, skirts etc). A £1 donation is advised; if you are able to.
- **Communication from the MAT** - please see [here](#) the link emailed to you this week.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Turtle/Shark Class Trip** - Please consent/pay via ParentPay.

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

November 2023

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| Fri 17th | Children in Need day |
| Fri 24th | Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
Including Dictionary (Y3) & Bible Presentations (YR)
FoFGS School Disco 6-7:30pm |

December 2023

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| Mon 4th | Flu Immunisations AM |
| Tue 5th | Pantomime Performance AM |
| Thur 7th | Save the Children Xmas Jumper Day |
| Fri 8th | Celebration Assembly 2:30pm |
| Mon 11th | Carols by Candlelight 6pm start |
| Tue 12th | KS1 Nativity in the hall 2pm start |
| Wed 13th | Christmas Dinner Day |
| Thu 14th | KS1 Nativity in the hall 6pm start |
| Mon 18th | KS1 Trip to Wookey Hole |
| Tue 19th | Christmas Carol Service in St John's Church (9:15am)
End of Term 2 |



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

FOFGS DISCO
Friday 24th November
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm
Farrington Gurney Hall
£3 Per Child

Bar Will Be Open

Hot Dogs* Available £2

Tuck Shop

Glitter Face Art

Card Machine will be available at door for entry & Hot Dogs. Please bring change for Tuck Shop etc.

* Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk

Rules
All children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Children should remain in the hall, no re-entry.

We are looking forward to the school disco next Friday. To ensure we leave the hall as we find it, we have the following ground rules;

- Parents/ carers must supervise children at all times. Please do not let children congregate in the foyer.
- Children must not linger in the toilets.
- No-one is permitted to enter the changing rooms.
- Please do not allow children to climb the stacked chairs or play behind the curtain in the window. If you are sitting in these areas, please politely ask children not to do this.
- Children should remain in the hall. They will only be allowed to leave with an adult.

Apologies if these rules feel restrictive but we want to be able to use the hall for such events in future.

Community

PLAY AT FARRINGTON'S

Farrington Gurney
C of E Primary School

Visit Farrington's Playbarn on weekdays after school during term time and receive 50% off entry!

Please ensure your child is wearing their Farrington Gurney Primary School uniform to be eligible for the discount. We hope to see you soon!

Teeny Wonders

Baby Massage – Farrington Gurney

From 8th January

Farrington Gurney
Village Club
Monday mornings
10am - 11.15am

Book now at:
www.teenywonders.co.uk

Find Teeny Wonders on
Facebook and Instagram.

Or contact Joely for more
information:
joely@teenywonders.co.uk



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Thought of the Week

'And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.'

(Romans 5:5 NLT)



'Hot Air Balloon Hope' - Corissa Nelson (2013)

Hope is one of those intangible things that many of us struggle with. As children, we're not keen about the idea of hope. 'I hope it doesn't rain on my birthday', 'I hope I get that new toy', 'I hope my brother/sister gets told off for something'. Coupled with the rather annoying "we'll see" when we ask our parents or carers for something, hope isn't secure like knowing something will happen.

Even as adults, hope can still be difficult, but now the things we hope for are quite different. 'I hope I can pay that bill', 'I hope our child will find friends at their new school', 'I hope mum/dad recovers and doesn't get any worse'. Our hopes as adults are often more serious, but the feeling is still the same. We want to know rather than hope.

I've noticed over the last 40 years that Christmas is definitely getting earlier and earlier. It isn't just fancy. In the 70s and 80s, decorations only started appearing in houses around the middle of December. These days, you'd be surprised to get as far as Remembrance day without seeing some houses with lights up. This year particularly, I have noticed several houses displaying what I have termed "winter lights" - lights that aren't

necessarily Christmas lights, but certainly weren't up during Spring or Summer.

The reason I believe people want to start Christmas earlier is because it is the season of hope. Life is difficult for many of us a lot of the time and we crave hope. We need joyful times, peaceful times and a time of celebration. Lights, decorations and music can give us those feelings.

We desire to recreate those happy memories that many of us enjoyed as children and young adults and by lighting up the house, buying some festive food and inviting friends and family around for a drink we can manufacture an atmosphere that resembles what we once had and are often desperate to have again.

Today's verse is all about hope. When the Bible refers to hope, it is referring to something a lot more tangible. This is because it is paired up with faith. In the book of Hebrews it says:

'Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.' (Hebrews 11:1 NCV)

This is about believing in a God who dearly and deeply loves us and trusting him regardless of what's happening in front of us. This 'faith' in an almighty God enables us to believe for the things we hope for, which may well change as a result of knowing him. That doesn't mean that everything will work out exactly as we want, but there is a reason for hope and a person to hope in. Because God became man and lived among us, hope is no longer intangible, hope is no longer disappointing. Hope is a sure thing.

