



Last week Mrs Glover sent out a letter regarding new reading books that have been ordered for EYFS and Key Stage 1. This follows much work that has taken place since the beginning of September in our school around the area of phonics. Mrs Glover has worked with all of our teachers and teaching assistants, as well as an external auditor, to ensure that we are providing high quality phonics teaching to all children. To explain all the changes that have taken place, Mrs Glover is holding a meeting next Thursday aimed at parents of children in Classes 1 and 2. If you are unable to attend, please try and catch Mrs Glover at the end of a school day so she can briefly fill you in. We are also hoping to be able to order more books, this time to support guided reading in school.

On Tuesday this week we held our Open Morning for prospective parents. All the Year 6 pupils, as well as many Year 5 children, had the opportunity to show some visitors around the school with some of our Governors on hand to answer any questions, along with myself. I would like to say how impressed I was with all of the pupils; the parents could not speak highly enough of how well their tours had gone and how knowledgeable the children were. They were also made very aware of how proud the children are of the school and everything they do here. They are great ambassadors for the school and I would like to thank all of them. I would also like to thank the Governors who joined us for the morning.

Next Friday we will be holding our annual Christmas Art Day which always proves to be a great start to the festive season. The children spend the day in their houses completing displays and making a range of decorations and other items. The children should come to school in their usual uniform but please can you send them in with an old t-shirt or art shirt that day, so that they do not end up covered in glitter or paint!

Mr Marvin will again be taking a small Key Stage 2 choir to Radstock Museum on Saturday 7th December at 3:00pm to perform a few carols for an hour. Every year we get invited back as part of the museum's Christmas fair which is a real privilege. I know some children have already signed up, but if your child hasn't yet and you would like them to be part of this, then please come and see Mr Marvin.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **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. Please order Menu Choice 1 for the Turkey meal and Menu Choice 2 for the Vegetarian Loaf. Chocolate Fudge Log with Cream is the Main Pudding choice on this day.
- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place next week except for Running Club on Thursday due to the small schools' football tournament.
- **Football** – Frome Collegians AFC are looking for more players in their Under 10s team. There is a flyer in the office with more information on if anyone is interested.
- **HANDi App** – BANES NHS have asked us to remind you of this app which provides free, expert health advice and information about the six most common healthcare concerns in children. There are fliers in reception should you want more information.
- **Nativity** - you are now able to reserve seats for the nativity with the forms that have been sent in your child's book bag. Each ticket will cost £1, which covers the costs of costumes and props, with a maximum of three per family for each performance. A professional Nativity photograph shall also be taken and will be on sale for £6.
- **Uniform** – Black Friday Discount – Mapac our school uniform supplier has Black Friday deals on their website for any interested parents.



PE and School Sport

We started a new initiative with some of our Year 5 and 6 children today, which we aim to roll out across the school over the next few months. 14 children went over to the hall at lunch and took part in 15 minutes of running, counting how many laps they ran. Altogether they managed a total of 660 laps which equates to 26.4km. Each week they will get the chance to add to their totals; we will gradually phase in the younger children in the school as well, so that by the summer we hope to have a huge proportion of the school running around the field on certain lunchtimes. We will keep you posted of how this is all going.

Despite a quiet start to the term, we have two events coming up in the next two weeks – the small schools' football tournament and the small schools' swimming gala. Last year we were runners-up in the swimming and also performed well in the football and we hope we will do just as well this year.

Community News

Bath Philharmonia are offering 50 free tickets to every school in Bath and North East Somerset for their concert with Lauren Zhang on Thursday 5th December at The Forum, Bath – 7:30pm.

They will be performing three pieces:

- Mussorgsky's Night on a Bare Mountain which is one of the BBC Ten pieces.
- Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No.3 17-year-old pianist Lauren Zhang, the 2018 winner of BBC Young Musician of the Year, will be performing.
- Anna Clyne, Night Ferry - listen to an extract on the BBC Ten Pieces website.

A sign-up sheet is available in the school office so that parents and carers can sign up for free tickets by Thursday 28th November.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

School Disco

Saturday 30th November

6-7.30pm

Memorial Hall

£3 per child – pay on the door

Pre-school siblings welcome

Bring some pocket money for snacks, drinks and tattoos!

The social club bar will be open for parents

Christmas Cards Order Deadline – Sunday 24th November. Please order your cards, mugs and tags, designed by the children.

School Diary Dates

November 2019

Wed 27th EcoWild Years 4 and 5

Thu 28th Phonics Meeting for Class 1 and 2 parents (3:30pm in Class 3)

Small Schools' Football Tournament at Somervale School (4:00pm)

Fri 29th Whole School Christmas Art Day
No assembly

Sat 30th Friends' School Disco (6:00pm at the Memorial Hall)

December 2019

Mon 2nd Class 1 trip to Bitton

Wed 4th Small Schools' Swimming Gala
EcoWild Years 4 and 5

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
(pm at Bathwick Church)