



We would like to welcome Kelly Shepherd, mum of Evie in Year 5, back to our team from next week as both our cleaner and also in the role of lunchtime supervisor. Kelly has been cleaning the school on and off for the last couple of years and has also now taken on the lunchtime role.

We have also interviewed for the maternity cover this week for when Miss Shutter is away. I am pleased to let you know that this went successfully and we have appointed Mrs Emma Bailey, an experienced local teacher. The staff, Governors and children involved in the process were all very happy with the outcome. Mrs Bailey will be popping in to school before Christmas to meet the class again and to work with Miss Shutter to ensure a smooth transition for the pupils. She will take up the post after the Christmas break.

### Mr Turull

#### Governor Update

The role of the Governing Body is to support the school, as well as the work the Headteacher and the wider staff deliver. We provide input around strategic management, oversee the financial performance in line with the trust and act as a 'critical friend' to the staff. We are not teachers (most of us do not have a background in education) but we are a group of qualified (in many different fields), dedicated and engaged people who are pleased to support the school. We provide a support function for the staff who work incredibly hard in our lovely school. Learn who all the governors are [here](#).

Current and recent focuses for the Governing Body include:

- Support the new curriculum focus and roll out in line with the entire MAT.
- Health and Safety improvements such as the new handrail on the ramp.
- Be present at the open morning to allow prospective new families to learn more about the school and meet some of the Governors.
- Involvement in the recruitment process for Miss Shutter's maternity cover.
- Training including finance, Pupil Premium, pastoral care and the new Ofsted framework.

We may shortly have a vacancy for a new parent Governor and would be pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved. This will be advertised in the newsletter in January but feel free to speak to one of the committee before then.

If there is anything you would like to learn about who your Governing Body is or what we do please let one of us know via email or a note to the office and we will be pleased to get in touch with you.

#### Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - please start booking your children's places for Breakfast Club for the New Year.
- **Car Emissions** – please can we ask that if you are waiting in the car park that you turn your engines off and do not sit with your car engines running idle. Leaving vehicles running causing excess air pollution to drift over to where the parents, preschool children and babies wait to collect from school.
- **Christingle** – we have handed out the cardboard Christingle candles for children to collect money in and donate. Please return to school ahead of our Christmas Service on the last day of term (full or empty), or they can be taken to the Christingle service at St John's Church (3:00pm on Christmas Eve).
- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place next week except for Board Games due to the Year 4, 5 and 6 Carol Concert in Bath. Next week is the final week for clubs this term and you will shortly be receiving the clubs list to sign up for Terms 3 and 4.
- **Dinners** – Please place your Term 3 dinner bookings which are now open on ParentPay.
- **Music for Schools** – please note that there is no session next week because of the Class 4 trip. Instead Mrs Garland will be in school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December for the final individual sessions and will also be at our Christmas service on the last day of term to support the musicians with playing in the concert.



### PE and School Sport

On Wednesday we took a team of 10 swimmers to the Small Schools' Swimming Gala in Midsomer Norton. They took part in individual and relay races against nine other smaller schools.

Despite a couple of disqualifications by eager racers starting slightly too early in the relays, we performed well throughout the afternoon. Three of our boys picked up medals, Oliver in the breaststroke, Albi in the butterfly and Dylan in the freestyle. Well done to all of the team for their efforts.

Our next sports event is straight after Christmas when between 12 and 16 children in Class 4 will join us at the small schools Sportshall Athletics tournament at Wellsway School – letters will go out before Christmas as the event is on the first week back.

### Friends of Farrington Gurney School

The Friends will be holding a Christmas jumper sale after school on Tuesday! Please bring your donated jumpers to the office on Friday or Monday. This will take place in the outdoor classroom.

There will be a suggested donation of £2 to buy a new jumper.

We are also collecting bottles for the bottle raffle at the nativity. Donations of anything in a bottle are welcome. Bottles will be in gift bags or wrapped; winners will choose a mystery prize. You could win champagne, water or it could even be mayonnaise!

### Benefice Concert

This Thursday, some of the children from Classes 3 and 4 joined children from both High Littleton C of E Primary School and Paulton Junior School at St John's Church in Farrington Gurney for the annual Benefice concert. Each school sang a song for the congregation and everyone joined in with the Christmas Carols.

A big thank you to all the children, parents and carers that attended and joined in so well with all the singing. A total of £54 was raised for the church and for Julian House.



### School Diary Dates

#### December 2019

- Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** Assembly at the Village Hall (2:40pm)  
**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** BANES Primary Schools' Carol Concert (pm at Bathwick Church)  
No Board Games Club  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** EcoWild Years 4 and 5  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** Class 4 Trip to We the Curious  
No Music for Schools lessons  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** Music for Schools lessons  
Nativity Dress Rehearsal (2:00pm)  
Carols by Candlelight (6:00pm)  
**Tue 17<sup>th</sup>** Nativity Performance (2:00pm)  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Jumper Day  
School Christmas Dinner  
**Thu 19<sup>th</sup>** Senior Citizens' Party (10:00am – 11:30am, school then Memorial Hall)  
Nativity Performance (6:00pm)  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Carol Service (2:00pm at St John's Church)  
End of Term 2