



The Autumn term is almost at an end and we have finished with a whole week's worth of Christmas events. The week started with our Carols by Candlelight with a congregation of around 50 singing along to a variety of carols. We held our Senior Citizens' Party on Thursday morning; thank you to all the Year 6 children who conducted tours of the school. Our EYFS and Key Stage 1 team put on two fantastic performances of this year's nativity – well done to all the children in Classes 1 and 2 for their effort on stage; they spoke and sang really clearly. Thank you to everyone who helped with all of these events; staff, parents and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity at the end of another year to thank everyone involved with our school during 2019. We are lucky to have so many dedicated people who put in their time and effort to make sure that the children at our school have a varied and interesting education. I look forward to working with you all again in 2020. I would also like to wish Miss Shutter the very best as she leaves to go on maternity leave; we look forward to seeing her and her new baby early next year.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy time with your families over the holidays full of peace and happiness. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 8th January as we have in-service days on the Monday and Tuesday of that week.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **100 Club** – first winners are Sophie Fazzi and Kate Rushton. The video of the draw is on the FoFGS Facebook page!
- **Breakfast Club** – it is important that you please book 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** –if you have any Christingle candles that need to be returned, then they can be taken to the Christingle service at St John's Church (3:00pm on Christmas Eve). All those that have been given back to school will be taken to the service.
- **Clubs** – attached to this week's newsletter is an allocation list for next term's clubs. Recorder Club has now been extended to Year 2 for those who are interested. Please contact the office if you would like to add your child.
- **Dinners** – it is really important that you book your children's school dinners for the New Year so that we can give the kitchens the correct numbers.
- **Nativity Photos** – these are coming home in your child's book bag today – please come and see us in the office if you do not receive yours.
- **Speed limits around school** – to ensure the safety for all our school community, please drive with care and abide by the 20mph **maximum** speed limit. It can be particularly tricky walking down the lanes especially when there are flooded verges and walkers need to move into the road to manoeuvre around them.
- **Severe Weather** – BANES school website will no longer be operational for school closures so in the event of inclement weather please visit our school website or our Twitter feed.

Carols by Candlelight – photos from Monday evening





Farrington Forum

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the Farrington Forum cake sale on Thursday this week. We sold them at break time and after school and managed to raise £55.82. The funds will go towards resources for our outdoor classroom.

We also held the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday which tied in with our school Christmas dinner. We raised £81 which will be sent off to add to their total.

Mrs Glover and the Forum would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported the school events that took place this week. We raised over £300 between refreshments at the Carols by Candlelight and the two nativity performances, as well as the bottle raffle at the nativity performances.

Thanks to all the parents and friends who helped during the week and a special thank you to Florence's mum and dad who loaned us a coffee machine for free complete with coffee and filters.

Our next meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 15th January, 8:00pm at the Farrington Inn. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a post-Christmas drink and to look at ideas for 2020.

On behalf of FoFGS we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and thank you once again for all your support during 2019.

Public Health England

Increase in Influenza outbreaks

Public Health England have written to all schools in the South West of England as a large number of children and schools have been affected in our area over the last couple of weeks.

The school immunisation programme is underway and the children at our school have had the vaccination. However, they also recommend that people in risk groups receive this from their surgery or pharmacist as they can have this free of charge.

They would also like to remind parents that children with symptoms of flu should be excluded from school until they are recovered or 24 hours after the resolution of fever. Symptoms include a fever above 37.8C, muscle aches, headache, cough, runny nose, sneezing and a sore throat.

School Diary Dates

December 2019

Fri 20th Christmas Carol Service (2:00pm at St John's Church)
End of Term 2

January 2020

Mon 6th In-Service Day
Tue 7th In-Service Day
Wed 8th Term 3 begins
Thu 9th Sportshall Athletics Tournament (3:45pm at Wellsway School)
Fri 10th No assembly
Mon 13th Clubs starts
Tue 14th Swimming starts for Years 4-6
Wed 15th EcoWild for Years 2 and 3
Fri 17th Year 4 Cookery at Norton Hill
Assembly at 2:30pm
Mon 20th Forum mufti day (details to follow)
Fri 24th Class 3 Trip to Aerospace, Bristol