



Young Voices

Our amazing 2023 Young Voices choir took part in a memorable event in Birmingham on Wednesday.

Having learnt the songs and actions in an after-school club, the children sang their hearts out and danced their feet off during a concert that was well-attended by a number of parents and friends.



Many thanks to Mrs Gray and Mrs Ponari for their support on the day, and to Mrs Hazard for the countless hours of admin that often goes unseen for these events.

We will leave you with these words from a parent which pretty much sums up the whole experience:

"An absolutely awesome event and extremely proud that my child could be part of it, and being part of a fantastic school. Very inspiring and rewarding and to say she's buzzing following the concert is an understatement"

Litter Pickers

A team of litter pickers from school were out in force last weekend tidying around the village. They were thanked for their efforts in Celebration Assembly this afternoon. We are proud of you all!

Lunchboxes

We have noticed a few too many additional 'treats' sneaking into some of the children's sandwich boxes. We would like to remind parents that the majority of your child's packed lunch should follow the guidance sent out on previous newsletters. This means that there should be a maximum of one sweet item in your child's lunch box. As you may understand, when some children have several items, this leads to some children feeling there is an unfairness if others are not adhering to the same guidance. This is as well as any detrimental effects on concentration and health from consuming a significant amount of sugar.

Farewell

Today we say farewell to Chloe and Willow. We wish them well in the next stage of their educational journey.

Wells Cathedral Singing Project

The children in Years 4-6 have had their first singing session today of a project run through Wells Cathedral outreach. For the next five weeks, Mrs Macleod-Jones will be working with our pupils, before we have the opportunity to take part in a concert in Wells Cathedral on Friday 3rd March. Parents and carers will be invited to this free event and details will be sent out nearer the time.

Road Safety

Can we please remind all parents and carers to proceed cautiously around the village at either end of the day to ensure the safety of all road users. We have had more reports this week regarding vehicle users and pedestrians. We have been informed that there may be some support from BANES council to help with traffic in the village over the next year.

Girls' Football

Our team took part in the local tournament at Norton Hill on Monday. It was a bitterly cold afternoon, which was rounded off with a victory against previous winners Westfield. Well done to the team!

Mr Dix & Mr Turull



Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

January 2023

- Fri 13th Year 6 Parents Camp & SATs Meeting in Class 4 3:15pm.
- Tue 17th Year 4 Camp Meeting 4:30pm in Class 3
- Thur 19th Family Service in Church with Cafe afterward pick up children from the Church unless they are attending a club.
- Fri 27th Celebration Assembly

Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs are running next week
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events. Next Thursday is also our Family Service in the Church. Please collect from the church unless your child is in a club. Further details on the poster below.
- **Year 4 & Year 6 Residential Trip Payments** - The final instalment towards the trips are due by 3rd February (Year 4-£25 / Year 6-£93)

Friends of Farrington Gurney

A couple of dates for the diary:

Friday 3rd February: The annual quiz night will be taking place. Full details will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Friday 24th March: School disco will be held in the village hall. We will need numerous parent helpers for this to take place. Details will be provided soon.





FoFGS will be having a pre-loved uniform stall at the table top sale, due to be held on Saturday 4th February in the village hall. Please save any outgrown uniform, we will collect it during the week before. There will be a huge variety of stalls, please come along to support the event.

Our next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th January at 8pm in the Farrington Inn. Everyone and all ideas are very welcome.

House Points Winners (Last 2 Weeks)

Ferentone	Mogg	Gournay	Azelin
26	25	23	28
Total so far this term			
26	25	23	28

This Week's Ace Learners

 Agile	 Compassionate	 Engaged
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie
Thomas H Fin M Ella G Owen Ava Eddy	Archie Frankie Charlotte R Zeta Charlotte N Mollie M	William A Alfie Ruben D Tristan Jacob Reuben B Teddy Neah William C
 Lunchtime Superstars	Holly E Max Josh G Seb R	

Farrington Gurney Village Hall
TABLE TOP SALE
RAISING FUNDS FOR OVERFLOW CAR PARK RESURFACING
 SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2023
 SELLER SET UP: 12PM
 DOORS OPEN 1PM LAST ENTRY 4PM
 Sellers: £10 per table
 Buyers: Free Entry
 To book a table email:
treasurer@farringtongurneyvillagehall.org

FOFGS PRE-LOVED UNIFORM STALL **RAFFLE** **CAKES & BISCUITS**

 Club bar will be open!

ST JOHN'S FARRINGTON GURNEY
IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

ST JOHN'S CHURCH
Family service and cafe
THURSDAY 19TH JAN
2.45PM - 4.00PM
 COFFEE, CAKE, AND GOOD CONVERSATION!

 CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
WWW.PAULTON-BENEFACTORS.ORG.UK



Thought of the Week

'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' (Matthew 6:34)



The quote above is from Corrie Ten Boom. She was a Dutch watchmaker and later a Christian writer and public speaker, who worked with her father, Casper, her sister Betsie and other family members to help many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during the Holocaust in World War II by hiding them in her home.

Unfortunately, they were caught, and she was arrested and sent to the Ravensbrück concentration camp. Her most famous book, *The Hiding Place*, is a biography that recounts the story of her family's efforts and how she found and shared hope in God while she was imprisoned at the concentration camp.

After the war, Corrie returned to the Netherlands to set up a rehabilitation centre in Bloemendaal. She then returned to Germany in 1946 and met with

and forgave two Germans who had been employed at Ravensbrück, one of whom had been particularly cruel to Betsie, her sister. Corrie lost her father while they were held in prison and her sister while in the concentration camp.

It's quite surprising that after everything she went through, she was able to make this quote. For someone who had to endure existing in a concentration camp, including watching her father and sister die and even had to spend time in solitary confinement, it's amazing that she could even think about enjoying 'today' and not worrying about the next.

It's easy to find something to worry about, at the moment even more so. But as Jesus says in Matthew's gospel each day has enough trouble of its own. That doesn't mean we need to start worrying about now, but as Corrie Ten Boom says, focusing on tomorrow and the next day, just stops you enjoying the moment.

So before you start worrying about next month's bills, or next week's appointments or even tomorrow's meals, take some time to enjoy today and to live in the moment. Don't let future worries stop you from finding today's joys.

