



It has been a very busy week in the Farrington Gurney office so unfortunately we have only produced a short newsletter this week; we will be back to normal next week.

Although we are only just starting 2020, we have spent much time this week looking ahead to later this year and next academic year. Earlier this week we sent out a link to a Google Form we created to gauge the ideas of parents around the current class structures. There are benefits to both the 3-class and 4-class systems and as we always value the opinions that you as parents have, we felt your views should help us to plan ahead. If you haven't had a chance to look at the form yet, then please could you add your opinions; it is great if you put your name on, so we can also analyse if different structures are preferred by different age groups.

As well as the structures for next year, I have also been looking at staffing along with our CEO. Farrington Gurney is currently the only school within the MAT that does not have a Deputy Head or Head of School and moving forward we feel that this needs to be addressed. Therefore, we will be putting out an advert to appoint a Head of School from April 2020 who would most likely teach Class 4 in Mrs Glover's absence. We are confident of finding an excellent candidate who will be instrumental in helping the school move forward over the coming years. As always we will keep you informed of any developments.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place next week
- **EcoWild** – we haven't yet had any offers for next weekend regarding helping the EcoWild team on the field. Please could you let us know if you have some time to spare and then we can liaise with EcoWild regarding timings.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

The Friends meeting was postponed due to various reasons and will now take place this coming week on Wednesday 22nd January at 8pm which will again be at the Farrington Inn. We will be planning events for the year ahead and would love your contributions. Please attend if you can.

Our first event of 2020 will be the annual Quiz Night on Friday 7th February at the school. More details will follow shortly but we look forward to having a packed house again for this very popular event.

The Friends have set up a PayPal account to make it easier for anyone who needs to make a payment to FoFGS. We hope this will make it easier to pay for events.

Look forward to seeing many of you next Wednesday.

School Diary Dates

January 2020

- Mon 20th** Forum mufti day (details to follow)
- Tue 21st** Swimming for Years 4–6
- Wed 22nd** EcoWild for Years 2 and 3
- Fri 24th** Class 3 Trip to Aerospace, Bristol
No assembly
- Mon 27th** Winter Games Sportshall Athletics
(details to follow – UWE, Bristol)
- Tue 28th** Swimming for Years 4–6
- Wed 29th** EcoWild for Years 2 and 3
- Thu 30th** No Sensory Create Club
- Fri 31st** Year 4 Cookery at Norton Hill
Assembly at 2:30pm

February 2020

- Tue 4th** Swimming for Years 4–6
- Wed 5th** Year 2 Cricket Festival (am at
Downside – details to follow)
EcoWild for Years 2 and 3
- Fri 7th** Year 4-6 trip to Rural Life Museum