



Website

The Parent Survey for the year ahead noted that it would be helpful to share more information about what is being taught in school. We have had termly newsletters in place for a number of years as an overview, but have now upgraded the 'curriculum' pages so you can see in much greater detail what your child is learning and the knowledge we are aiming for them to gain as a result of their lessons.

All the information you need should be found in this section of the website, including spelling lists and the termly newsletters in case these are misplaced during the term.

We would also like to remind you that you are very welcome to come in on any Wednesday straight after school to take a look at the work your child has been doing in class.

School Improvement Visit

We welcomed Mr Lees into school on Wednesday. He works as a school improvement partner for the MSNP and spent the day with us. He was impressed with the ability of the children to express what school was like for them, and also their ability to articulate their learning.

As a result of his visit, we will be able to action some points which will keep us on our continual improvement journey.



Years 4, 5 & 6 have been in great voice during their Wells Cathedral Singing sessions.



Proposed Industrial Action

As you are probably aware, teachers who are members of the National Education Union (NEU) have recently voted to take strike action. There are four potential dates for schools in this area which have been set as: Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.

There are many members of the NEU among our staff and it looks likely that they will support this action, which therefore may have an impact on the school. A letter was sent from the Trust yesterday in regards to the strike days, explaining how the situation will change from school to school. We are currently working out staff ratios and will email parents by the middle of next week with any changes for February 1st. Our aim will be to keep the school open for as many pupils as possible.

Diary Dates

[New dates and amendments in blue](#)

January 2023

Fri 27th Celebration Assembly - Air
[Ambulance Cheque presentation](#)

February 2023

Fri 10th Celebration Assembly (Classes 3 and 4 showing)
End of Term 3
Mon 20th Start of Term 4
Thu 24th Class 4 trip to Hampton Court (Leaving at 7:30am)
Mon 27th Bikeability starts (details to follow)

March 2023

Wed 1st Parents Evening (1:30 to 3:00 in the Village Hall) 3:30 to 7:00 in school)
Fri 3rd Years 4, 5 & 6 at Wells Cathedral
Wed 8th Year 6 camp children having lunch and get together in Greyfield Woods with HL and Clutton Year 6
Thu 9th Family Service in Church 2:45 - 3:15
[Pick children up from church](#)



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 instalments towards the trips are due by 3rd February.

Friends of Farrington Gurney

A few date reminders:

Wednesday 25th January: PTA planning meeting, 8pm in the Farrington Inn. All welcome.

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

Saturday 4th February: Pre loved uniform stall at the table top sale in the village hall.

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.

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Quiz Details

- **Friday 3rd February 2023**
- **8pm**
- **In Class 3**

Teams of 4

£10 per person (Includes snacks, nibbles & treats!)

Bar Available on the night
(please pre-order prosecco / lager / beer / wine / G&T / soft drinks)

Please email: fofgs@hotmail.co.uk
To pre-order your drinks
&
Let us know if you'll be entering a Team!



Thought of the Week

'The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.' (John 10:10)

Well, we've made it past 'Blue Monday', but it can still sometimes feel a bit humdrum and dull in January for most of us. Of course, if you're really enjoying January then please, carry on.

In our collective worship next week, the children are looking at the film Wall-E. If you don't know the film, you can find it on Disney+ or probably rent it online.



The film is all about a robot called Wall-E who has been left behind on earth to clean up all the mess. He along with many other robots have been given the job of tidying up after all the humans, who have all flown off to the huge mothership in space.

Every so often, other robots are sent back to earth to see if there is any life growing there. One robot called Eva, comes to earth and Wall-E shows her a small plant he has found, proof that the Earth is habitable again.

Eva summons the ship that brought her to Earth and along with Wall-E she is transported back to the mothership. After lots of adventures and confusion, Wall-E and Eva manage to get the plant to the captain, to show him that the humans can start making plans to go back to Earth.

Unfortunately, for the past 700 years, the humans have become more and more inactive and have just been living very dull lives being waited on by technology. Also, when the captain begins to return to Earth, he is stopped by the ship's autopilot, Auto, because he is concerned that the planet may still be dangerous to live on and wants to maintain human existence. It is at this point that the captain exclaims 'I don't want to exist, I want to live!'. You can watch the clip here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwN5Km_1X9E.

Sometimes it can feel like we are just existing, like we're just going through the motions. And the news and cost of living issues don't make it much easier.

Jesus said that he came that we may have life and have it to the full. What would this mean for you? What is it that allows you to live life to the full?

It might be simply meeting up with an old friend that you haven't spoken to in a while. It might be spending some quality time with your family. Maybe it's a favourite hobby or finding some quiet time just for you.

Whatever it is, maybe you can find some time for this in the next week - an opportunity to live life to the full.

