



*I hope all of you and your families are keeping well. Earlier today the Met Office put out a weather warning for snow and ice over the weekend. Although I know it is unlikely, should there be any issues on Monday morning we will let you know by the usual means - you will receive an email from the school office account and we will post a message on our school website.*

*After a few issues with heating at school over the last few weeks, we are having new units fitted for the KS2 classes today, so everything should now be working properly. However as we do still have to ventilate working areas, children would be well-advised to keep wearing several layers.*

*Next week we will publish a montage of pictures showing some of the work that has been submitted online and taken place in school. We are also aiming to set up a short whole school assembly next Friday that children could choose to join online. More details of this will be sent out early next week.*

### **Mr Turull**

#### **Farrington Forum:**

It was a real pleasure being able to hold our first Farrington Forum meeting this week. The children had plenty of interesting ideas to share and discuss during our virtual meeting. They decided to combine mental health, supporting our local community and keeping active into a wonderful initiative they decided to call 'The 10p Daily Challenge'. The idea is for children and their families to complete a simple, keeping active activity every day for 30 days. The children will be asked to find people to sponsor them 10p each day for completing the challenge.

The Forum have chosen the Midsomer Norton Well-Being Group (part of Bath Mind) as the charity they would like to donate half the proceeds to, with the other half being used in school at the discretion of the Forum. Forms will be emailed out today.

#### **Stand Against Racism & Inequality (SARI):**

We are pleased to be one of only 10 schools in Bath and North East Somerset to be working with SARI this term in delivering assemblies to all children about diversity and celebrating differences. The charity has tailored online zoom assemblies for both the infants and juniors to widen their understanding of how to embrace diversity in our society. The infant assembly will be next Monday and the junior assembly will be the following day.

Your child's teacher will give the appropriate links - downloading the zoom app may be helpful, but the assemblies can just as easily be accessed through your web browser.



Mr Dix

### **Notices**

- **COVID-19 – please email us should any of your children test positive for Covid-19.**
- **FOFGS** - We have reopened the ability to purchase mugs and cards through our "Late Orders" page - <https://www.school-fundraising.co.uk/late-orders/>. All orders must be submitted by 31st January 2021, and any sales through this page will generate an additional profit for the PTA, which will be paid out in February.
- **Free Fruit** – free fruit for break time will commence again on Tuesday for all key worker children in school.
- **Free School Meals Voucher Scheme** – for those eligible by benefits the voucher scheme commenced again this week. Please check your emails and SPAM for your confirmation from Edenred. Please note this is not a scheme for Infant Free School Meals.
- **St. John's Church** - Sunday Service link to join Rev Adam Pitt: <https://mailchi.mp/59f68987d60f/paulton-benefice-zoom-service-13182279>



## Farrington's Thought for the Week by Mr Marvin

In Class 3 we have been reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. When we finished the whole book I asked the children what they thought the message or moral of the story was. Some focused more on what happened to the children in the actual story, others came up with a more universal message like 'behave and listen and you will win'. But an actual moral was harder for them to grasp.

When Roald Dahl wrote his famous book, he had a few bees in his bonnet. He had a few wrongs he wanted to right. It is obvious that he didn't like greed or gluttony, that he didn't like it when children were spoilt and he hated chewing gum as well. He also seemed to have abhorred television, which was a relatively new invention. I wonder what he would have made of tablets, mobile phones, YouTube and TikTok! I'm surprised that instead of writing children's books, he was never found standing on a soapbox on Hyde Park Corner to get his points across.

What Dahl wanted to do was allow children to believe that if they are kind, polite and considerate of others, they would be rewarded. If you don't have a lot, but you behave yourself and listen to instructions, you will be the one who wins in the end. For those children who are rude or greedy or inconsiderate or spoilt or lazy or chew gum (!), they will receive their comeuppance. They will not win in the end.

We all love stories and films where the underdog wins and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is a good example. But the reality in our world is that this isn't very often the case. Often those who are inconsiderate of others or those who have the most money are the ones who seem to succeed or win.

What does it mean to win though? We often measure this against the world's standards. If you have a big house, an expensive car and go on exotic holidays (usually!) you are often seen as successful – like you've made it. If you have the best and newest of everything and have the most money to spend then you've won.

But we can be "rich" in other areas. Our family, our friends, the way we behave and the way we treat other people (and the way they treat us back). Do we think about other people and are we considerate towards our neighbour?

This reminds me of a verse from the Bible from Galatians 6 v9...

*'Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.'*

Although it can be hard to "be good", if we persevere and continue doing the right thing, then surely we will "reap a harvest", surely we will be rewarded – but maybe not in the same way as Charlie was!

