



## Holidays in Term Time

Please note that we do not authorise holidays in term times. We have received an updated request form from the MNSP Trust, which can be found on our website. It gives greater clarity on this issue and of the changes in place from January.

We have an obligation to report any unauthorised absences to the Children Missing Education Service who may issue a Penalty Notice of up to £120 per parent per child in accordance with S.444(1) of the Education Act 1996.

If you are requesting holidays in term time, we will discuss this with you so you are fully aware of the possible financial implications.

## Doodlemaths

Well done to Zeta, who has clocked up a 750 day streak. Keep up the good work!

## Eco Club

Members of Eco Club welcomed Paula from Energy Sparks who came into school to discuss energy saving ideas with the children. The club is looking at



ways to reduce our carbon footprint over the coming months and years. They have already written to Alun Williams, our CEO, who has promised we will be switched over to LED lighting in the near future, and have started to plan how to engage all pupils and staff in switching off energy where possible. The initial target of reducing our energy consumption by 5% has been set, and the club has access to an online portal giving us the data we need to track our progress.

## Water Main

Thanks to all of you for your flexibility in coming to collect your children this morning. Unfortunately with a burst water main, we had no water left in school and as such, could not safely stay open. Unless you hear from us, school will open as usual on Monday morning.

Mr Dix & Mr Turull

## Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

### February 2023

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| Fri 10th | Celebration Assembly <a href="#">with Air Ambulance Cheque presentation</a><br>End of Term 3 |
| Mon 20th | Start of Term 4  |
| Thu 24th | Class 4 trip to Hampton Court<br>(Leaving at 7:30am)   |
| Mon 27th | <a href="#">Class 4 Bikeability starts - (details Emailed home today)</a>                    |
| Tue 28th | <a href="#">Class 4 Bikeability day 2</a>  |

### March 2023

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| Wed 1st  | Parents Evening (1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Village Hall; 3:30pm to 7:00pm in school) <a href="#">Sign up sheets out w/c 20/02</a> |
| Fri 3rd  | Years 4, 5 & 6 at Wells Cathedral <a href="#">Celebration Assembly</a>  |
| 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<br>Pick children up from church  |
| Fri 17th | <a href="#">Celebration Assembly (Classes 3 and 4 to show)</a>  |

## Notices

- **Class 4 Bikeability** - Information sheets have been emailed to parents. Please return the booking sheet and pay via ParentPay.
- **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.



House Points

| House Points Winners<br>(Last 2 Weeks) |      |         |        |
|--|------|---------|--------|
| Ferentone                              | Mogg | Gournay | Azelin |
| 17                                     | 26   | 13      | 25     |
| Total so far this term                 |      |         |        |
| 43                                     | 51   | 36      | 53     |

Friends of Farrington Gurney

Please submit teams for the quiz by Tuesday (31st) to [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk) Any quiz ability welcome!!!! There is always a fierce competition for the wooden spoon!!

Any good condition, used school uniform donations would be much appreciated for the pre-loved table top sale which will be held in the village hall on Saturday 4th February. Please leave donations in the outdoor classroom (in a carrier bag) next Thursday / Friday (2nd / 3rd).

**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](mailto:treasurer@farringtongurneyvillagehall.org)

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

**Friends of Farrington Gurney School**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**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](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk)  
 To pre-order your drinks  
 &  
 Let us know if you'll be entering a Team!



## Thought of the Week

**'But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."' (Ruth 1:16)**



Ruth and Naomi - He Qi (2001)

If you don't know the story of Ruth, it is well worth a read. The Vision and Values team are performing it to the rest of the school on Tuesday as an example of faithfulness.

In the story, Naomi, her husband and her two sons leave Judah during a time of famine and set up home in the neighbouring country of Moab. While they are there, both Naomi's sons marry Moabite women, but unfortunately soon after this, Naomi's husband and sons die. We're not told why they die, but Naomi is then left with her two daughters-in-law, who she encourages to stay in Moab so they can marry again, while she returns to Bethlehem in Judah. One of her daughters returns, but Ruth decides to stay with Naomi, telling her she will stick with her whatever happens.

For an elderly widow and her foreign daughter-in-law, returning to Judah isn't easy. Life for widows and single women in those days was difficult without a man and their only means of survival is for Ruth to 'glean' or pick up any grain that is left behind by the harvesters. Ruth chooses a field that is owned by a man called Boaz, who fortunately is a close relative of Naomi and is legally obliged to help

a family member in serious difficulty - like Naomi.

Boaz soon takes a shine to Ruth and after Naomi intervenes and suggests that Ruth 'declares' her love for him too, Boaz proposes. By the end of the book, Naomi, who very early on was left destitute with no family or finances, soon ends up with a supportive family and a grandson in her arms. It is a wonderful story of faithfulness and provision.

What is particularly special about this short book is that Ruth's son turns out to be the grandfather of David, the future model king of Israel.

For many people this story is an example of God's provision. It also demonstrates that when it comes to God, everyone is worthy. Ruth was an immigrant and would have had very different beliefs to the people of Israel. But she changes her faith and devotes herself to God. As a result of this, God blesses her and includes her in the genealogy of not only King David but ultimately Jesus himself.

Christians believe that God is willing to accept everyone regardless of their background or their history, as long as they want him involved in their lives. Ruth is just one of many examples of people who have experienced God's love and acceptance in their lives.



The Story of Ruth - John August Swanson (1990)