



Twitter and Instagram

Just a reminder that we use Twitter to showcase what is going on in school.

Having recently purchased 2 new iPads to ensure we capture and share more photographs, all staff are now aiming to tweet out on a more regular basis.

If you haven't yet joined our 119 followers, maybe sign up this weekend and scroll back through some of the hundreds of pictures and videos of school life we have shared over the last 3 years or so; it gives a real flavour of our busy school!



We are also ironing out some technical issues, and are about to launch on Instagram as well for those people for whom this is a more popular platform.

Wells Cathedral Singing

As we said a few weeks ago, our children in Years 4-6 are having an amazing opportunity, receiving singing lessons before a performance with three other schools in Wells Cathedral. On Friday 3rd March we will take the children down to Wells and after rehearsals in the morning, they will perform at around 1:00pm. A letter will be sent out next week but all parents/carers will be able to come and watch.

Wellness Day

We are having our termly whole school Wellness Day next Thursday based on celebrating *ourselves as individuals*, with a range of activities planned throughout the day. As the focus of this day is art related, the children can come to school in their usual uniform. We will share photos of the day with you through our social media accounts and in next week's newsletter.

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

February 2023

Fri 10th	Celebration Assembly with Air Ambulance Cheque presentation End of Term 3
Mon 20th	Start of Term 4
Thu 24th	Class 4 trip to Hampton Court (leaving at 7:30am)
Mon 27th	Class 4 Bikeability starts - (details emailed home today)
Tue 28th	Class 4 Bikeability day 2

March 2023

Wed 1st	Parents Evening (1:30pm to 3:00pm in the Village Hall; 3:30pm to 7:00pm in school) Sign up sheets out w/c 20/02
Fri 3rd	Years 4, 5 & 6 at Wells Cathedral Celebration Assembly (Reception and Years 1 - 3)
Wed 8th	Year 6 camp children having lunch and get together in Greyfield Woods with High Littleton and Clutton Year 6
Thu 9th	Family Service in Church 2:45 - 3:15 Pick children up from church
Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly (Classes 3 and 4 to show)

Clubs Next Week

No Eco Club on Monday (Mr Dix out)

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - Please book via Parentpay for Term 4.
- **Dinners** - Please can you start booking dinners for Term 4.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **Residential Trip Payments** - for those with a final payment, please make these now.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.



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



Friends of Farrington Gurney

The quiz will be held tonight (Friday 3rd) in class 3 at 8pm. If you want to join in but aren't yet part of a team then please just come along, you will be very welcome to join a team!

Thank you for all the donations towards the pre-loved uniform table top sale tomorrow (Saturday 4th). Please come along to support the event in the village hall between 1pm and 4pm. It is the first of many fundraisers to raise money towards the resurfacing of the car park opposite the school.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 6 February



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 7 Feb

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 11.00 - 11.30 am 8 Feb

Boy Giant Sand Sculpture
Mon - Sat During opening hours 18 Jan - April

Art in the Library - Tin City by Jo Nye
Mon - Sat During opening hours 5 Jan - 24 Feb

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 7 Feb
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30 am 9 Feb

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 6 Feb

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 8 Feb

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July, collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library

Piano Lessons

Do you love music? Would you like to learn to play an instrument?

Starting at the end of February, places are available to learn piano/keyboard in school. Lessons can be individual or in a small group. The cost is from £6.25 per lesson.

For more information, email Rachel



(Rachel_williams@bathnes.gov.uk) and to apply for lessons, fill in the online form at www.banesmusiconline.co.uk



Thought of the Week

'But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.' (Luke 15:20)



The Return of The Prodigal Son (etching) - Rembrandt Van Rijn (1636)

The story of the Prodigal Son turns up in RE lessons a few times while the children are at school. For Christians, the story is important, because it shows a real example of what God is like.

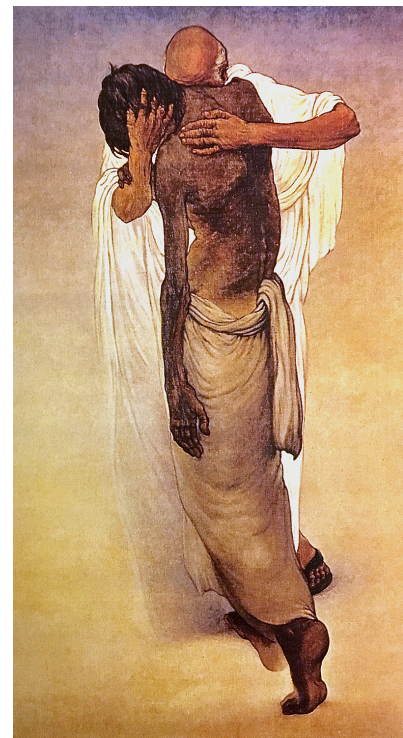
Most of the time, when Jesus told a parable, his listeners (including us) seemed ok with the outcome - The Good Samaritan, The Unmerciful Servant, The Sower etc. But with The Prodigal Son, we often feel that the son has got off a little bit too easily. Jesus must have preempted this which is why he included the other son in the parable (Luke 15:25-32).



Prodigal Grace - Mike Moyers (2010)

Jack Graham, a pastor of a baptist church in Texas, has this to say about it. 'This isn't a father who can't wait to punish his sinful son...who has written him off as wasted and worthless. This is a loving, caring father who can't wait to embrace and welcome him. He runs down the road to meet him...What you see...is a picture of the Father's love for you...eager...excessive...approachable...abundant.'

For Christians, this is how they believe God is like. A God, who's not like an ancient, grumpy headteacher or judge, who looks down on us disapprovingly, but a God who gives us another chance. And he doesn't offer us forgiveness begrudgingly, as if to say "I'll let you off this time, but next time you'd better watch it!". No this is a God who is loving and caring, a God who runs to embrace us and welcome us. This is a God whose love is eager, excessive, approachable and abundant. Surely this is the sort of love that we could all do with?



Forgiving Father - Frank Wesley (1950)