



*We were very pleased to receive a letter today from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, the Minister of State for School Standards. He has written to us to congratulate us on our 'very high standards of achievement' in our writing assessments last year, which for the second year running put us in the top 1% of schools in the country. I know how hard our staff have worked to improve children's writing and would particularly like to thank Mrs Glover, who as English subject lead and Year 6 teacher, has inspired the pupils to do so well.*

*As I am sure you are aware, we had a visit from Ofsted on Tuesday this week. We welcomed two inspectors into the school; they spent the day focusing on reading, maths and RE as well as behaviour, safeguarding, personal development and many other aspects of the school. They spoke to pupils, parents, Governors and staff and will now write up the report, which usually takes about 5-6 weeks before publication. We all felt that it was a very fair inspection and I would like to thank everyone involved, including members of the Trust who popped in as well. Credit as always must go to our wonderful pupils who demonstrated how well-mannered, enthusiastic and helpful they were all day long. I would also like to thank all the hard work and dedication of our staff. As soon as we have the report we will send out a copy by email and letter to all parents.*

*We have started planning our Book Week at the beginning of March which will again involve trips to the Bookbarn and much more. Please see below a message from Mrs Glover and Mrs Ross (English leader and Governor) about the week.*

**Mr Turull**

### Book Week

As part of the book week activities taking place in school at the beginning of March, we would like to invite parents, carers, friends, family and grandparents to share a favourite story (or chapter or poem) with one of the classes. We will arrange a few slots during the week for this. We had a few new books introduced to the school last time and the children really enjoyed it. If you are interested in supporting this, please contact Mrs Glover or Adele Ross; alternatively, you can leave your name at the office and we will be in touch.

Thank you in advance for your involvement and support.

### Notices

- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place next week.
- **Music Lessons** – due to the Years 4/5/6 trip to the Rural Life Museum on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February, music lessons on that day have been moved to the day before (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February).
- **School Dinners** – there will be a new menu in place for the beginning of Term 4; this will be added to ParentPay next week for you to choose meals for your children.

### Sportshall Athletics Tournament



On Monday, some children from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Winter Athletics Final at the University of the West of England. There were lots of other schools (some large and some small) competing in the tournament.



Many races took place like the obstacle, 1+1 and many more! As well as having these races, we also did some field events: chest push, hop skip and jump, speed bounce, long jump, javelin and vertical jump.

There was a winner from the large and small schools; we came joint 7th out of the small schools. We really enjoyed every second of the day!





### Class 3 Trip to Aerospace

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, Class 3 visited Bristol Aerospace. We spent a really fun day, learning about programming, flight, space and sound. When we first arrived, we had a workshop where we had to use our computing skills to program a robot on Mars. We had to plan our route in groups and then carry out the algorithm, using tablets to program the robot. Unfortunately, we weren't able to program the robot correctly, so we started debugging our programs in order to get the robot to carry out the task.

After this we had our lunch and then we walked over to the separate hangar where the last Concorde made is housed. We enjoyed investigating the interior of the plane and we took a class photo.

Finally, we had another workshop all about sound, which allowed us to investigate ways of cushioning the sound of Concorde's sonic boom. We had a short time to look around the rest of the exhibition before taking the minibuses back home. It was a great day out.



### Friends of Farrington Gurney School

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**Quiz  
Night**

**Friday 7th February, 7.30pm, Class 4**

4 people per team; tickets are £10 each and include pizza, generously donated by [Domino's](#) of Midsomer Norton



Booking form available from the school office

Bar available for soft and alcoholic beverages  
Pre-order your chilled bottle of prosecco for £12!

*All funds raised will directly benefit children at school*

### School Diary Dates

#### February 2020

- Tue 4<sup>th</sup>** Swimming for Years 4–6
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup>** Year 2 Cricket Festival (morning session at Downside School)  
EcoWild for Years 2 and 3
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** Year 4-6 trip to Rural Life Museum  
No Friday assembly
- Tue 11<sup>th</sup>** Internet Safety Day  
Swimming for Years 4–6
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup>** EcoWild for Years 2 and 3
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 Cookery at Norton Hill  
Assembly at 2:30pm  
End of Term 3
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup>** Term 4 begins  
Author/illustrator visit  
Rugby coaching for Classes 2 and 3 begins
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup>** Swimming for Years 4–6  
Year 5/6 Speak Out competition