



Queen's Death

Within school we have commemorated the queen's life through our thoughts and actions over the last week.

On Friday Classes 2, 3 and 4 solemnly walked up to church to light



candles and spend some time in quiet contemplation and our new starters in Class 1 had the opportunity to go to church with their parents, which many of them did.

The staff were very proud of the respectful way the children attended church.

Governors

Moving into the new academic year we are looking to recruit a new parent governor (or two). Two of our valued governors are stepping down after years of wonderful support, input and engagement on the board of governors - we send huge thanks and great appreciation to both Sophie Fazzi and Emily Horman.

Our Governor's are a friendly group (Adele Ross, Laura Tyrrell, Nicola Morton, Olly Lynn, Duncan Grew, Kevin Burnett, Adam Pitt, Andrew Dix, Carol Haskins and Dan Turull) and will provide assistance and training to new governors. So if you are interested in supporting the school as a governor please have a chat with one of us to understand more or send an email to arrange a call. A background in education is not a requirement (many of the current LGB do not work in education) we welcome all experiences and backgrounds.

Parent Survey Outcomes

The full details from our Parent Survey from July 2022 is now on our website. The link is here:

<https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/uploads/files/parent-survey-outcomes-2022.pdf>

Diary Dates

New or amended dates in blue

September 2022

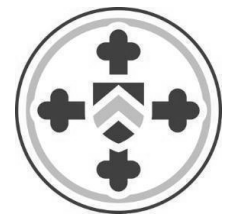
Fri 16th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
Thu 22nd	Family Service @ Church 2:45pm
Thu 22nd	Norton Hill Open Evening 4:45pm
Thu 29th	Somervale Open Evening 6:00pm
	Class 4 Trip to Downside
Fri 30th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm

October 2022

Thu 6th	Harvest Festival @ Church 2:00pm
Wed 19th	Parents Evening 1:30 - 6:30pm

Notices

- **BANES Music Lessons** - are due to start again Thursday 22nd September.
- **Clubs** - Young Voices Club starts on Monday 26th September. A final copy of the allocation list can be found on the website home page in the footer. Premier Sport will refund those who normally attend Football Club on Monday due to the Bank Holiday.
- **Data Collection Sheets (Pink)** -
- **Music for Schools** - return on 29th September.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **School Photos** - Nigel Coles will be in school on the morning of Friday 23rd September to take the children's individual & sibling school photos. We are able to offer parents who also have pre-school siblings a joint photo (if you would like to do this, arrive at 8:15am at the Reading Lodge). Proofs will be sent home later this month.



own lives, just like Elizabeth did.

Mr Marvin

Thought of the Week

'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.' (Hebrews 13:8)

Recently I heard a reflection from one of the Queen's retired dressmakers. She was talking about the Queen's bedroom and how everything in it was immaculate. Everything was polished and neat, all the objects and furniture were free of dust and in tip-top condition. That is apart from one thing. This one thing was tatty and worn out. It showed signs of wear and it was clear that it had been used a lot. What was it? The Queen's Bible.

This last week has been difficult for lots of reasons. A change in our head of state is something that hasn't happened in most of our lifetimes. The Queen was a great servant who was always putting her people first. She was someone who not only served this country for more than 70 years, but also worked closely with the commonwealth, undertaking more than 200 visits to these countries and playing an invaluable symbolic and unifying role. For these and many other reasons, most of us are deeply saddened by her passing and she will be remembered fondly.

Another important reason why the Queen's death has been difficult for many of us is because she was a constant. In an ever changing world, the Queen has always been there. Her Christmas messages alone have consistently provided millions of people with hope and joy, something many of us have come to rely upon.

In her 2016 message, she said this - "Billions of people now follow Christ's teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives. I am one of them because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and whatever they themselves believe."

The Queen's consistency and constancy are things we have held onto dearly. But for her majesty, her constant was Jesus.

In 2014 she described him as "the anchor in my life". I hope that we can all find a constant for our



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We hope you are all settling back into school routines and the new starters are enjoying their new school!

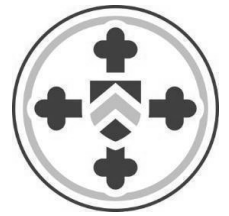
From October we will be down to 2 core members and may have to close the PTA, as it's not possible to



fundraise and offer activities without people behind the scenes supporting the organising. If anyone is willing to take on the role of secretary or chairperson please can you let one of us know and come along to the agm (DATE TBC, but will be October). Roles can be shared, so have a chat with others and let someone know if you can help. If you want more info get in touch via fofgs@hotmail.co.uk.

This Week's Ace Learners

 Agile	 Compassionate	 Engaged
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie
Albie-Blu - Year 1 Summer - Year 5 Bow - Year 5	Fletcher - Year 2 Holly C - Year 4 Mollie - Year 4 William - Year 6 Rheya - Year 6	Otto - Year 1 Noah - Year 1 Charlie - Year 3 Olivia - Year 3 Alfie - Year 6
 Lunchtime Superstars		Tilly B Alfie B Josh H Isabella A Rosina D-L



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c 19 September

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

Bath Central Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 20 September

Banned Books Week Display

Monday - Saturday 24 - 30 September

Bath Children's Literature Festival Venue

23 September - 1 October

*Book Tickets Directly with Lit Fest

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 20 September
10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 22 September

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

Digital All Social Media

NHS Better Health August - September

Banned Books Week, 24 - 30 September

Climate & Biodiversity Festival, 24 September - 2 October

Children's Book Review 24 September
Bathnes Libraries Blog



MENDIP SWING
at FARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Bar open till late!

Tickets: £5
AVAILABLE FROM FARRINGTON GURNEY SOCIAL CLUB OR BY EMAIL:
treasurer@farringtongurneyvillagehall.org

and the Mendip Sisters

SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
DOORS OPEN 19:00 MUSIC STARTS 19:30

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ST JOHN'S CHURCH CAFE

THURSDAY 22TH SEPT
3.15PM - 4.30PM

COFFEE, CAKE, AND GOOD CONVERSATION!

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

WWW.PAULTON-BENEFICE.ORG.UK

Harvest Service

WITH FARRINGTON GURNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

THURSDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2 PM

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS TOGETHER

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