



Celebration Assembly



It was lovely to see the hall filled this afternoon for our first celebration assembly of the year.

We have spent time reflecting on some things that have been less of a priority post covid.

Daily singing within school seemed to have fallen off the radar. Singing is a truly uplifting activity, and is good for wellness, so we are making it a priority in the school day.

Throughout school each fortnight, we are learning/practising a song to share with parents each celebration assembly.

The sound of children ringing through the school this last couple of weeks as they perfect Autumn Days has been joyous! By the end of the year the children will have 18 songs and hymns in their repertoire - and you will get to hear them all.

Mrs Oates

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed Mrs Oates has some good news to share with the rest of the school now that she has shared it with Seal class - she is expecting her second child in the new year.



We will share further news regarding how we will cover her maternity leave at a later date.

Email Data Security

We currently use gmail for all communication with parents. This week we have been informed that, although we can continue to email you all individually, we are no longer allowed to bulk email you using gmail's bcc (blind carbon copy) function as this carries a higher risk of a data breach. For the next week or two, please use the school website on a Friday to find the newsletter while we are investigating other mail options. We will update you on this next week.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

This Week's Learners of the Week

Compassionate	Mollie M, Albie-Blu, Bea, Georgia
Agile	Eddy, Albie, Holly C, Owen
Responsible	Neah, Kayden, Toby, Rosie.
Engaged	Sid, Charlotte, Ella G, Grace.

Well Done - Keep up the Good Work!

House Points for Good Manners (Last 2 Weeks)

Ferentone	Mogg	Gournay	Azelin
22	18	38	33
Total for Term 1			
22	18	38	33

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

September 2023

Mon 18th	Reception children in full time
Wed 20th	Evacuee Trip for Dolphin Class (see ParentPay for details)
Thu 21st	Individual photos (wear uniform) Family Cafe Service at St John's Church (2:30pm) - pick up from Church
Wed 27th	Friends of Farrington Gurney School meeting at the Farrington Inn (8:00pm)
Fri 29th	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm in the Memorial Hall)



Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - There is plenty of availability at Breakfast Club starting at 8am each day should you need wraparound care for your children. Please book via ParentPay.
- **Clubs** - all clubs are running as usual next week.
- **Dinners** - the office will be checking accounts next week for any over payments and correctly where necessary following the recent gremlin.
- **School Photos** - Nigel Coles will be in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st to take the children's individual and sibling 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 8.10am at the hall). Shark & Dolphin class should arrive in uniform and bring PE Kit to change into after the photos.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Unicorn Farewell Festival** - Click [here](#) for info.
- **Year 6** - Residential Trip information & consent/payment information has now been uploaded to ParentPay for parents to action.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

A reminder that we will be holding our first meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 27th September at the Farrington Inn. All very welcome, no pressure to dedicate any particular amount of time but new / fresh ideas would be fantastic to hear.

If you have any unwanted, clean clothing items then please pop them into the clothing bin in the corner of the car park opposite school. We receive a healthy regular income from these donations.

COMMUNITY DAY
PAY WHAT YOU LIKE!

BATH CITY
FOOTBALL CLUB

BATH CITY v
DOVER ATHLETIC

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER - 3PM KICK OFF

SCAN ME

CAM VALLEY
ROTARY CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday
23rd September

Farrington Gurney
Village Club

Doors open at: 07:00pm
Quiz starts at: 07:30pm

£5
Per Person
MAX.
6 PER
TABLE

ALL PROCEEDS TO LOCAL
ROTARY CHARITIES

ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL



Thought of the Week

'That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!' (1 Corinthians 4: 16-17)



This year, our school has a new vision. Farrington Gurney is 'a place where all can flourish, find fulfilment and experience life in all its fullness.'

We want and believe this for all the children and adults in our school community and we believe that this is possible by embedding our four key learning values - **C**ompassion, **A**gility, **R**esponsibility and **E**ngagement - **CARE**.

We have linked these key learning values to our overarching Christian values of love, trust, forgiveness, perseverance, hope, justice, courage and koinonia. Agility we believe is linked very closely with perseverance and forgiveness. To be agile, we need to learn to forgive ourselves if we get it wrong and if we are agile learners, we will persevere even when things seem difficult.

Today's verse is all about being agile, because it reminds us never to give up. Whenever we face something difficult in our lives, we can choose to knock it on the head and call it a day or we can demonstrate and exercise agility and see it through.

For many of us, as we move towards our twilight years, it can often be harder to keep

pushing forward and taking on new challenges can seem like just too much. When we were younger, we may have had more energy to manage new things or could stay up later so as to cope with the extra workload. As we get older, we can often notice the strain more readily and we find ourselves complaining about being tired all the time, so taking on new ideas and challenges just seem to be out of reach.

For Christians, this is where a helping hand from God can make all the difference. Although we may feel like we're wasting away physically, we can be soaring spiritually, because of God's input everyday. Often this is why prayer and the Bible are so important to Christians, because this is where they get refuelled and renewed. This is where the difficulties and troubles we face can pale into insignificance when "weighed up" against the might of an eternal God.

If you are facing a difficult situation this week, I hope and pray that it will get resolved. And if you are taking on a new challenge, remember to exercise agility. If you need to, take some time out to gather yourself together and to renew yourself. But afterwards commit to carrying on and be determined not to give up

