



Strike Action Update

Following a Trust Headteacher meeting today, we are now able to update you on plans for the strike days next week. Due to the anticipated levels of teaching staff in school, we are unable to open fully on both days. Therefore unless anything changes, on Wednesday we will only be open for children in Class 1 (Reception) and Class 4 (Years 5 and 6) including those taking part in Bikeability. We will be able to have all children back in school for the second strike day on Thursday. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. If there are any developments between the NEU and the Government, we will of course let you know. Any meals booked and paid for on Wednesday will be refunded for those children not in school.

Parent Forum

Due to the snow day we had to cancel the parent forum for this term. We have rescheduled this for Wednesday 26th April at 8:50am in the lodge.

Bikeability

Children in Class 4 have had bikeability training these last few weeks. Being safe on the road is an important skill to learn, and our children have impressed the instructor with their great listening skills and excellent cycling.



country. Each journey will be registered in school and entered onto the national database - a great initiative for encouraging healthy choices.

Like last year, our friends from Farrington Farm Shop and Farrington Inn have both offered their car parks to parents so you can park and then walk/cycle/scoot into school.

In addition, the Farm Shop have offered any of our children (proof by wearing a branded item of FG clothing) 50% discount on entry to the Playbarn on weekdays for the last two weeks of term whilst the initiative is running.

Gymnastics

Five of our children represented the school at the Year 5 and 6 tournament at Writhlington yesterday, one at Level 1 and four at Level 2. They all tried really hard on their floor routine and their vault and were not only well praised for their effort, but our Level 2 team won bronze medals, finishing in third place. Well done to all five competitors (Freya, Isabella, Liv, Rosina and William)



Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to School (Monday 20th - Friday 31st March)



Last year we took part in a 'Walk, Cycle or Scoot to School' event. We are delighted to be supporting this initiative again this year, joining ¾ million other children across the

Mr Dix & Mr Turull



Notices

- **Archery Club** - will continue into the last week of term to make up for the missed club due to the snow day closure this week.
- **Bikeability** - Group 5 (Bailey, William, Jude, Freddie, Ruby) & Group 4 (Olivia, Elias, Alfie, Xander, Summer, Mya) who missed it last week due to the closure, shall complete Bikeability on the 15th & 16th. Please remember your bikes, helmets & warm sports kit. If you leave your bike in school overnight please use a secure cycle lock as this will be at your own risk.
- **Correspondence from the MAT** - An email was sent earlier today from Alun Williams for all parents/carers.
- **Class 4 Dance Umbrella** - Thank you to those parents who have paid for their tickets please can those who have not, do so now. A letter will be sent out next week with the final arrangements for the evening.
- **Dinners** - please remember the deadline to order cooked meals is Thursday midnight for the next week. Only in very exceptional circumstances will the kitchen be able to accept orders if you have forgotten.
- **School Nurse Questionnaire for Class 1** - Please see the email sent home on Tuesday 7th relating to the Weighing and Measurement Programme for the Reception children. To opt out you must respond within 2 weeks.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Next Week's Clubs

No Eco Club Monday - Mr Dix at a meeting
Mad Science cancelled for the rest of term
No Chromebook Club Thursday

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

March 2023

Tue 14th	FoFGS Mother's Day Gifts (see below)
Wed 15th & Thur 16th	Bikeability for Group 4 and 5
Fri 17th	Celebration Assembly (Eco Club presentation)
Mon 20th	Start of Sustran Big Walk and wheel to school - see main article
Mon 20th	Class 4 to Dance Umbrella, Bath PM
Wed 22nd	Class 1 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum (letter sent home earlier this week)
Wed 22nd - Fri 24th	Year 4 Residential Trip to Mendip Outdoor Centre
Mon 27th - Fri 31st	Year 6 Residential Trip to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
	Term 4 ends

INSET Day Monday 17th April
Tue 18th April, 1st day of Term 5

From Farrington Forum & Ms Mason:

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Friday 17th March 2023

Friday 17th March will be a **Mufti Day**. Please wear something red!!
Please remember to send in a donation.

There will be a **Red Nose Cake Sale** at break time.

Could you please donate cakes to sell.

A prize for the most original Red Nose cakes!!

Please put cakes in the outside classroom on the morning of the 17th.

Cakes will be priced between **20p - 50p each**.

Cakes will also be on sale at the end of the school day if there are any left!!

Guess How Many Noses in the basket

20p a go

Sniff out the Treasure

20p a go

Guess where the red nose has correctly sniffed out the treasure on our Treasure Map.

Sweet treats for the winners!

Let's see how much money we can raise for Red Nose Day.

Thank you from the Farrington Forum.



Friends of Farrington Gurney

A sign-up sheet will be in the playground next week for volunteering to help at the school disco on 24th March. Please note that we will be unable to hold the disco if all slots aren't filled.

The next pta meeting will be held on 29th March at 8pm in the Farrington Inn.



Mother's and Other's Day Sale



Tuesday 14th March

An opportunity

to buy a little gift for someone special.

There will be a range of gifts available for the children to choose from.

All Gifts

£2

Please send money to school with the children



Organised and run by FoFGS.



PETRUTH PADDOCKS
Free Range Camping

School Family Camp 2023

Friday 30th June -
Sunday 2nd July 2023

Please come and join us for the Farrington Gurney School Family Camp 2023. We always have lots of fun! A chance for kids to be kids for the weekend, and parents to sit back and relax. There are fire pits to hire, so we always enjoy some toasted marshmallows. Good toilet and shower facilities, as well as a pizza van and coffee hut. So you really don't need 'all the gear' to join in. You can also visit for the day.

Don't delay, book now! Details below:

Pitch Availability and charges are all online www.petruthpaddocks.co.uk

- Select the dates
- Select **Pre-named family group** from the drop-down
- State our **exact group name 'Farrington Gurney School'** in the Group name field.

If you want to pitch with the main group, please select **GRASS PITCH**.

Powered grass pitches are in a line and will be a short distance away

Powered Hardstandings are in a line a 2-minute walk away

Bell tents will be pitched near the group, but other accommodation options are in a separate field, so fine to stay in but will be a 2-3 minute stroll from the rest of the group.

If you have a problem with the booking process, please either

email: webb@petruthpaddocks.co.uk or call: 01934 257055

Day visitors are welcome on site from 10am. They will be asked to park in the visitor's car park, register at reception and pop a few shekels into the charity tin. They are welcome to stay till 10pm when gates are then closed.



U8'S GIRLS TEAM

Was your daughter inspired by the **England Lionesses** this summer? Is she in **school years 2 or 3**? We want her to join our brand new U8's football team...

SATURDAYS 10:30AM

- ✓ Skills & ball techniques
- ✓ Footwork exercises
- ✓ Strategy & teamwork exercises
- ✓ Fun games & matches



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FREE TRIAL SESSION AVAILABLE





Thought of the Week

'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.' (Luke 19: 9-10)



Zacchaeus - Benjamin Hummel (2016)

Most of us will know the story of Zacchaeus, the man who climbed a tree so he could see Jesus. You may even know the song 'Zacchaeus was a little man'. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=liAe6GNKtec> But what was it that made Zacchaeus do this?

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. At that time, the Romans were ruling over Judea, and they employed Jews as tax collectors to pay for the upkeep of the Roman army in Palestine. Most people lived simple lives and the new taxes put a real strain on them. Not only this, but many of the tax collectors, including Zacchaeus, also cheated people out of more money when they collected, which enabled them to become very wealthy. This meant that tax collectors were hated by the other Jews.

So although he had more than enough, Zacchaeus didn't have any friends. More than this, Zacchaeus recognised that his money and his possessions were not enough for him. He was desperate to see Jesus. He had probably heard all about him. On his way to Jericho, in the previous chapter, Jesus had restored the sight of a blind man, so maybe Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus perform a miracle. Or was there more?

Most of us crave acceptance. It's inherent in us to want to belong. Often people will go to great lengths to feel they belong to something - a family, a workplace, a club or even a gang. Like us, Zacchaeus wanted acceptance. He originally thought that wealth would provide what he needed for his life, but it wasn't enough. Something was still missing from his life. Could Jesus be who or what he needed?

And how does Jesus treat Zacchaeus? This was a man who had been stealing from other people, many of whom couldn't afford to have any more money taken from them. He was also hated by everyone else that knew him. Surely he wasn't worth talking to - he definitely didn't deserve Jesus' time.

Jesus stops, looks up and tells Zacchaeus that he is coming to stay at his house. Regardless of how he had lived his life and regardless of what everyone else thought, Jesus spent time with Zacchaeus. He reminds the crowds that he is a son of Abraham, which for the Jews at the time meant he was still included. Even after making wrong choices in his life, Jesus recognised Zacchaeus' need and changed his whole life around. The tax collector sold half his possessions to give to the poor and paid back four times the amount to anyone he had cheated.

So are we as willing to accept others like Jesus did, even if they do seem like outsiders? Are we even aware of our need for acceptance like Zacchaeus was? What does this mean for us?

