



### Drink & Packed Lunch Survey

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we have now devised the following short survey to collect your thoughts on the drinks children bring into school and as an opportunity to make comments on the contents of packed lunches. We will leave the survey open until next Friday and then collate the responses and feedback the findings as detailed in Newsletter 21. Please complete the survey here: <https://forms.gle/p3yncBAqGAf82xvE8>

### Sporting Opportunities

We are always happy to signpost children to out of school activities as often this is the way children find a spark that can light a life-long passion.

We have been in contact with Farrington Golf Club who have just rebranded their junior golf section and are looking for local children to join them to try out a new sport.

To assist them with this initiative, we have arranged a free golf **taster session** at the golf club with them on Tuesday 29th straight after school. It will be an opportunity to try to hit some balls and ask the organisers any questions about the sport you may have. I will be there as a familiar face to facilitate the session. It is suitable for all children from Reception to Year 6. I need to notify them of the approximate number of children attending, so please email me directly [adix@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk](mailto:adix@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk) if you are interested in your child/children attending.

Whilst on the subject of sport; it is Bath City's Family Day this Saturday with reduced admission charges (£25 for 2 adults and 2 children, or under 16s entry just £1) and activities before the game including free face painting and 'beat the keeper' game keep the children entertained. Hope to see you there!

Mr Dix and Mr Turull



### Class 1 Trip

*Class 1 had a great time at Westonbirt Arboretum on Tuesday. It was a lovely sunny day and after a snack on arrival the children enjoyed learning a little about trees before undertaking a minibeast hunt. They found a wide variety of minibeasts including centipedes, millipedes, snails and ladybirds. In groups we then made minibeast art from natural resources. We had a lovely relaxing lunch and they then enjoyed time in the playpark before returning to school. The children all behaved really well throughout and were a credit to the school.*





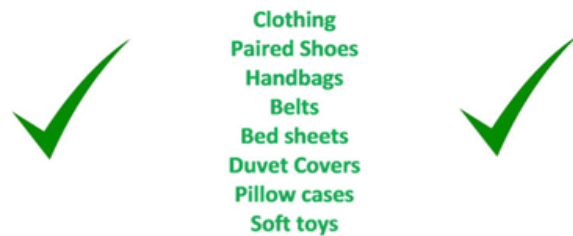
## Friends of Farrington Gurney School

The new clothes recycling bin has been really well used this week, and has had its first collection as it filled so quickly! This is a really easy way for us to raise some money for activities for the children so please do use it as much as you can-and let us know if it's full so we can arrange a collection!

We are planning some exciting things for the summer term-a sponsored physical and fun activity, a crazy hair day, and a super exciting activity day for the children - so keep your eyes open for dates and details coming soon!



### WHAT WE TAKE: (Good condition/re-usable)



### WHAT WE DON'T TAKE:



## Notices

- **COVID update** - We have had 7 new cases this week.
- **Clubs** - All clubs are running as usual.
- **EcoWild - Easter Holiday Club 11-14th April.** A fun-filled holiday club in the woods. Expect playing lots of games, creating nature art, drinking hot chocolate, cooking tasty snacks and making new friends under the green canopy. See the following link: <https://bookwhen.com/ecowild#focus=ev-siu8-20220302100000>
- **Library Service:** Please see the following link [here](#) to find fun activities and events at our local libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Wembley Family Day out - Women's FA Cup Final** - Thank you to those who have now paid for your tickets. If you have not done so please make payment via ParentPay as soon as possible.

## Wear Red Day



Many thanks for the tremendous support for our Wear Red Day. You have managed to raise a total of £165.56, so each of these worthy causes will benefit by £82.78. Thank You!





## **Covid - Public Health Recommendations and School Actions**

### **Key messages to communicate to parents/carers**

- Children who are unwell should not attend the setting and should remain at home until their acute symptoms resolve. **This has always been the case.**
- **IF** these symptoms develop into cough, temperature, changes to taste and smell, current advice remains to isolate and PCR test for COVID-19
- **IF** the test is negative for COVID-19, return to setting once well (acute symptoms resolved)
- **IF** the test is positive for COVID 19, follow advice to isolate and return once well, in line with [COVID-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts](#)
- Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has COVID-19 should continue to attend the setting as normal.

This guidance above is current, but further national guidance for the period 1st April onwards is due to be published, and will set out the steps that people with COVID-19 symptoms should take to minimise contact with other people from this point in time, when free asymptomatic and symptomatic testing will no longer be available.

At school this week, we have made some decisions to try and stop the further spread of Covid among our pupils. We have kept the children in their own classes when indoors: for lessons, eating lunch and wet breaks. The children are still able to meet outside at break time or lunch time. We have also reverted back to hosting all assemblies in class. We will run these regulations for two weeks and should the cases of Covid at school have reduced significantly, will then revert back to the previous guidelines.

## **Diary Dates**

### **March**

Monday 21st	Governors' Meeting (7:00pm at the school)
Tuesday 22nd	Class 4 Downside Day
	3:45pm Netball Tournament at Norton Hill School
Wednesday 23rd	Parents Evening for <b>Class 4</b> 1:30pm - 6:30pm
Monday 28th	Dance Umbrella at Bath Forum
Tuesday 29th	Final swimming for Year 6
Thursday 31st	Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics Event at Writhlington (1:00pm)

### **April**

Monday 4th - Friday 8th	Year 6 Residential Week
Tuesday 5th	Final swimming for Year 5
Wednesday 6th	Parents Evening for <b>Classes 1, 2 &amp; 3</b> 1:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday 8th	Easter Service (am)
	Term 4 ends





**Farrington's Thought for the Week by Mr Marvin**

Do you consider yourself poor?

'What a weighted question,' you may ask. 'What's the context? Relative to who or where? Why are you asking me this question in the first place?'

According to a recent report by McKinsey & Co, England is 5th in the list of the richest countries in the world this year, behind China, the United States, Germany and France. The report was published after examining the national balance sheets of ten countries which own over 60% of the global income. It often seems like we're the poor relation to some of these bigger and more glitzy countries, but according to the report, England isn't doing too badly in terms of global wealth.

Now, most people if asked if they want more money will say yes. The amount specified will often differ, but many of us have an amount that we believe would make us financially secure or at least would pay the bills and pay off the debts so we wouldn't have to "worry" about them. But often, even if someone is quite wealthy, they will still say that they want 'a little bit more' to make them truly happy.

So, it comes as quite a shock, when we read in the Bible that Jesus states:

***"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God."  
(Luke 6:20)***

What is Jesus saying here? Is being poor better than being rich? Could he even be saying it is better to be poor than even financially stable? What does it mean and how can we be "blessed" if we are poor? Well elsewhere in Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a rich man and a beggar named Lazarus and it is clear from his description of Lazarus' existence that being poor isn't nice and easy (see [Luke 16:20-21](#)). Jesus isn't even saying that being poor is a good thing. There is nothing good about poverty itself and it is clear that we should make the effort to earn a living and provide for our families (see [1 Thessalonians 4:11-12](#)).

If we look closely at what Jesus is saying, he links being poor with the kingdom of God. Those who find themselves poor are blessed because they are more likely to allow God to work in their lives and to have God's blessing upon them. Often, if people are financially secure or wealthy, they will be more self-reliant and less likely to ask others for help. If you are poor and don't have enough, you will need to rely on the help of others. Jesus seems to be saying "If you find yourself poor, then you are blessed because you are more likely to see your need for God and therefore become more reliant on God working in your life."

Jesus isn't suggesting that we make ourselves poor in order to be blessed, but he is saying that you can be blessed even though you are poor. He is even going so far as to say that being poor isn't the worst thing in the world - far better to have the kingdom of God and be poor than the other way round. Society now and then would say you were blessed if you were wealthy, so what Jesus is saying is an example of 'the upside-down nature' of living God's way. This verse is counter-cultural and it isn't the only example.

For most of us, things are becoming tighter financially and it is likely to get worse. Maybe it's time for us to recognise our reliance on others to help us during these difficult times. For some of us, it may even mean turning to God in prayer and recognising our reliance on him.

