



Summer Term

The children returned really fresh and ready to go this week after the Easter break. It is hard to believe we are into the summer term already, and, as always, it is shaping up to be a busy term.



NEU Strike Days

As the NEU have planned two more strike days in the next two weeks (Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May), we have again looked at contingency planning in school. We have had to prioritise the Year 6 and Year 2 children as they have national curriculum tests during May. Therefore unless anything changes we will only be open for children in Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 on both of those days. Should we be able to open for any other year groups, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Parent Forum

Please note that we will be holding our third Parent Forum meeting this coming Wednesday.

This is a chance for you to meet with us and hear some of the plans we are currently working on within school, and to ask any questions you may have. This meeting will take place in the Lodge in the playground, so if you are free, please drop in and join us; likewise, if you cannot make it but have a question, feel free to email us directly.

Field to Fork

Classes 3 and 4, attended the Shepton Mallet Showground on Wednesday to understand where our food comes from and the importance of farming to the local economy.

The children were fascinated by the variety of rural skills on show, from hedge-laying to spinning wool into yarn, as well as the big machinery on view as well.

We were delighted to also win the Scarecrow Competition, so thanks to Mrs Ponari and the children who made it!



Isabelle Oram

We learnt recently of the very sad passing, at the age of 51, of a former member of staff who worked at Farrington Gurney School for over 15 years. Isabelle started working in the office back in 2003 and after completing her teacher training, worked one day a week with us on finance from 2013, while also teaching languages in a girls' school. Her daughters also attended school here and are now raising money for The Cure CJD Campaign - a charity working to find a cure for the life threatening CJD disease. Please visit her fundraising page if you would like to donate:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/meg-oram>



Farrington Coronation Party

To celebrate the upcoming Coronation, we are planning to hold our own 'Coronation Service' in church on the afternoon of Friday 5th May.

The aim is for the children to see some of the elements of the Coronation played out 'live' ahead of the Big Event that weekend.

Children will come to school in their 'Sunday Best'.

We will be sending home some party-food boxes for parents to send back in with their children on the day for a street party. This will be in addition to their usual lunch.

The street party will be at 2:45pm with parents and carers invited to come in to join in the fun and enjoy some scones and cake supplied by the PTA.



Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

April 2023

Wed 26th	Parent Forum 8:45am in the Lodge
Thu 27th	NEU Strike Action
Fri 28th	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm)

May 2023

Mon 1st	May Day Bank Holiday
Tue 2nd	NEU Strike Action
Fri 5th	Coronation Service in the Church Coronation Non-Uniform Day
Mon 8th	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tue 9th	Year 6 SATs Week

Please note we have provisionally booked Sports Day for the afternoon of Wednesday 28th June with a reserve date of Wednesday 5th July.

Notices

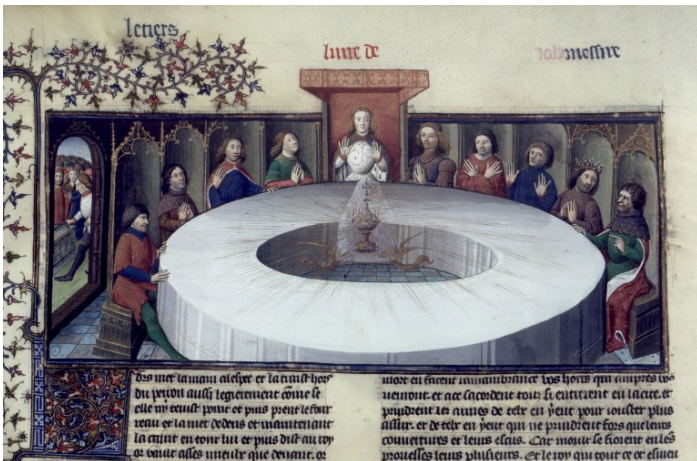
- **Clubs** - No Summer Strollers or Cricket Club next Thursday due to the NEU Strike Day.
- **Dance Umbrella Photos** - Deadline is today for your on-line photo order. Please see the flyer sent home after the performance.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Wellington Boots** - now that the children are playing on the field again at lunch time please ensure they have a set of boots in school which fit. We have sent home old boots with some children this week. There is also a selection of unnamed boots inside the gate: please look to see whether these belong to your child and take them home. Any boots which are left by the end of next week will be given to charity.
- **Village Coronation Day** - Sun 7th May 1pm - late
Free Tennis Lessons/coaching during the Village Coronation Day. The village hall committee have asked whether parents would be interested in FREE tennis coaching for the children between 3-5pm? Please send a quick email to the office in-box if you would like to take part in this. Hopefully there will be enough interest - if not, this will be excluded from the lineup of events.



Thought of the Week

'When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.'

(1 Corinthians 2:1-2)



From a manuscript of *Lancelot and the Holy Grail* (c. 1406)

Lots of people are inspired by the legend of King Arthur and his knights. Glastonbury is visited by thousands of people every year in search of evidence of this legendary king.

One of the reasons I believe the story is loved so much is because of the image of the round table. Kings and leaders have often put themselves above their subjects and seen themselves as better than them. But in the story of King Arthur, he sits with his knights at a table where no one is the head. The king sees himself as an equal with the rest of his people and the table means that no one is seen as being better than anyone else. The table becomes a leveller.

In today's verse, Paul is writing to the church in Corinth. This was a difficult church at the time and there was confusion over truth and conflict between its members. There was jealousy in the church and those who were in leadership or seemed to know more were behaving arrogantly towards others. Not a good advert for the church - then or now!

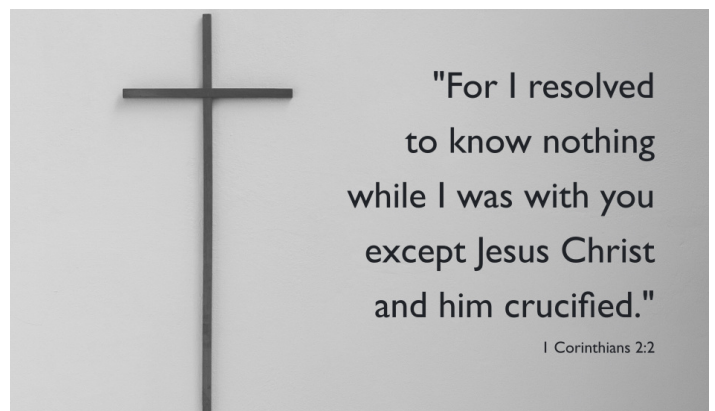
Paul focuses instead on the Good News of Jesus. Unlike the world that often focuses on wealth, popularity, education or appearance, Jesus lived and died for all, regardless of their status in society.

Like King Arthur's table, Jesus is the great leveller. It doesn't matter how the world views you, the Bible says that all have missed the mark and everyone needs God's forgiveness. No amount of money, followers, botox or post-nominal letters will get you any nearer to being accepted by God. The wonderful news is that everyone can be accepted and valued equally in God's eyes because of Jesus' sacrificial love and death on the cross.



The Last Supper by Leandro Bassano (c. 1578)

When I look at the image of the round table, I like to imagine that it is Jesus sitting there, surrounded by his followers. None of their wisdom, wealth or popularity matters, all that counts is that they are loved and accepted by him. All of us are equal at the foot of the cross.





FARRINGTON GURNEY

Coronation Talent Tent

CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED FOR TOP 3 ENTRIES IN EACH CLASS

Class 1 - Flowers

- Single Flower (any variety)
- Bunch of Flowers
- Single Rose
- Garden in Seed Tray or Pan

We encourage the use of recycled materials

Class 2 - Art

- Cardboard Model of a Castle
- Painting or Drawing of King
- Poem or Prose Relating to the Coronation
- Village Photo

Class 3 - Baking

- Un-decorated Sponge
- Any Type of Decorated Cake
- Decorated Cupcake

Class 4 - Vegetables

- Any One Single Vegetable
- Home Grown
- Most Deformed Veg
- Figure Made From Veg

Can be shop bought
A friend for Golin Carrot

ALL ENTRIES UNDER 18 TO INCLUDE AGE WHEN DISPLAYED.

FARRINGTON GURNEY

Coronation Village Day

PICNIC

PARADE, SKITTLES, BBQ, GAMES, DISCO AND MORE...

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

1PM TILL LATE

FARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL, CLUB & FIELD

BAR OPEN ALL DAY!

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Coronation Scarecrow Trail

PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Please register your scarecrow by emailing treasurer@farringtongurneymemorialhall.org with your name and address

Theme - "The Royals"

- Scarecrows to be displayed from Monday 1st May
- Judging will take place over Friday 5th/Saturday 6th (weather dependent)

If possible, please make your scarecrows moveable so they can be displayed near the Hall on Sunday 7th

Prizes for best 3 scarecrows

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Coronation Fancy Dress Parade

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

1:00PM FOR 1:30PM START

PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE BEST AND MOST CREATIVE COSTUMES:

- Best costume made out of recycled material
- Family Group
- Individual (<11 yrs, 11-17 and adult)

MEET AT FARRINGTON GURNEY TENNIS COURT