



## Friends of Farrington Gurney School

This group of dedicated parents are now at a point where, unless new blood is found, they may have to fold.

This would be really detrimental in terms of the 'extras' their brilliant efforts have allowed us to provide in terms of experiences and resources for the children.

As a school we are truly grateful for their efforts.

It is easy to take things for granted and if we were to lose our PTA it would be the children who suffer the consequences as we would have no way of being able to provide such great experiences such as the theatre trips, Super Pirate Experience, class trips, Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies and book bags for Reception for example. They also put on fun events for both adults and children as well such as curry nights, quiz nights, Easter Egg hunts and discos.

Please consider volunteering with a group of friends offering as much or as little time as you can to ensure we don't lose something that we value highly.

Further details can be gained from emailing [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk) or contact any of the current PTA team: Rosie Greenwood, Tor Clements, Claire Rippon, Deb Biffen and Amie Johnstone. Events can be planned in groups so that any volunteers only need to commit to small pockets of time.

The roles that are specifically needed from September for the PTA to continue are a Chair and Treasurer. All the current team are happy to attend meetings and provide guidance / support / hand over but those roles above must be filled in order to carry on!

## Net Zero Superheroes

Whilst Year 6 were on camp last term, the Year 5 children took part in a national competition based around creating innovative ideas to help contribute towards net zero.

Supported by Mr Rippon, the children worked in teams and came up with ideas which they presented to a school panel. All our school entries were submitted and out of over 330 entries nationwide, our team made it through to the last 15.

Their idea of 'the E-saver': a device that alerts people that they have left lights or

appliances on at home whilst they are out, was pitched confidently to an online panel of judges via Teams.

They received a certificate for their entry as it was graded 'Highly Commended'.

Well done to Georgia, Molly, Jacob and Bailey for this remarkable achievement, you really are Net Zero Superheroes!



## Football

Our football team had an enjoyable match at Farmborough this week. The team did well in the first half to contain the title-chasing team to only 2 goals with some inspired defending. Although we conceded more goals in the second half, the boys did themselves proud by producing some great passing and by competing in the right spirit.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

## Notices

- **Clubs** - Lego Club will not be running on Monday. All other clubs will run as usual next week.
- **Dance Umbrella Photos** - those who placed an order will have received their photo this week.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Spring Pollinator Party** - is this Saturday in the Village hall (see last week's newsletter).
- **School Uniform** - Please see the 2024 price list on the next page effective from 1st June. Purchase early to avoid any price rises which have been kept to a minimum.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.



## Diary Dates

### **April 2024**

Sat 27th Friends' School Disco  
Tue 30th Football match after school

### **May 2024**

Thu 2nd Family Cafe Service at St John's Church (9:15am)  
Mon 6th Bank Holiday  
Fri 10th Celebration Assembly (9:00am)  
Mon 13th - Key Stage 2 SATs for Year 6 pupils  
Thu 16th  
Mon 20th - Farrington Gurney Wellness Week (more details to follow)  
Fri 24th Girls' Football Match after school  
Thu 23rd Celebration Assembly (9:00am)  
Fri 24th Term 5 ends

## Friends of Farrington Gurney

Please come along to the school disco TOMORROW (Saturday) night. Hot dogs and sweets will be available. The bar will be open. Adults are welcome to bust some moves too!!!!

**FOFGS DISCO**  
Saturday 27rd April  
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm  
Farrington Gurney Hall  
£3 Per Child

Bar Will Be Open

Tuck Shop

Hot Dogs\* Available £2

Glitter Face Art

Card Machine will be available at door for entry & Hot Dogs. Please bring change for Tuck Shop etc.  
\* Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk)

**Rules**  
All children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Children should remain in the hall, no re-entry.

**EcoWild**  
You are Nature

**Holiday Adventure Club**  
Greyfield Wood

Weds 29th & Thurs 30th May  
10am - 3pm  
5-11 year olds

Sibling discount available

Craft Fire Games Fun Friends Nature Connection



### Thought of the Week

**'There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.'**  
(1 John 4:18)



I was genuinely inspired last week by the children from Year 4 who went on camp. Not only did they manage all of the tasks set for them on the low ropes and orienteering, but many of them showed real bravery and courage by abseiling fifteen metres down a sheer cliff face. Some of them looked genuinely worried on their way down, but they persevered and didn't give up.

I also took the challenge, but unlike many of the children who did it, I only went once and I can't say I enjoyed myself. The children were buzzing so much after their first attempt, that many of them went again. It was one of those days that I will remember for many years to come.

What inspired me most of all is the way the children had absolute trust in the leaders. The two instructors showed real care and compassion with all of the children, but they also managed to instil a real sense of trust. If the children hadn't been confident that the instructors knew what they were doing and that they committed to keeping them safe, I don't think they would have been as 'fearless' as they were.

It reminds me of today's verse. In the example I'm sharing, it was as if the fear was driven out of these children. This was partly to do with the children themselves - they showed genuine courage and determination, but it was the genuine care and compassion of the instructors that also drove out any remaining fear.

Many Christians would say that when they are fearful about something, they will pray about it. This is so they can bring Jesus into the situation. Like the instructors, Christians would say that Jesus knows exactly what he's doing. They have complete trust in him, because he knows them better than they know themselves. Not only this, they know that they are genuinely, completely and wholeheartedly loved. No matter what they say or do, they are still loved and they know that they are loved because of who they are.

It's only when we know this perfect love, that fear can be driven out. And it isn't bad to know someone whose love can do that!

