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Parent Forum

Many thanks to those who came to parent forum on Wednesday. It was good to get feedback on a variety of issues related to school.

It was felt clarity around the morning drop off in particular was required.

We would like to remind you that for everyone's safety, we don't 'stop and drop' outside of school, and park at either of the hall car parks, but not the access road, which blocks people's view and isn't safe.

The gate is open at 8:35 for a 10 minute window, to allow the school to meet its required hours. From Monday, the gate will close at 8:45 and the register will be taken at 8:50, to allow those children arriving at 8:45 5 minutes to hang their bags and settle. If your child arrives after 8:50 they will be marked as late in the register.

A concern of many parents over the course of the year has been the speed of traffic moving around the school at either end of the day - please proceed with caution around what are quite narrow approaches to school. We have a meeting in a few weeks with BANES Highways about more measures to support us in reducing speed and keeping children safe.

We also shared the news that, subject to a satisfactory risk assessment being completed, we will be travelling to St Fagan's National Museum of History in Cardiff for our whole school on Wednesday 12th July. We will give you more details at a later date.

Coronation Party Details

Party boxes will be coming home today (or can be picked up from the office if needed next week). Please supply your child with a named box of food of their choosing. Due to allergies/intolerances, children can only eat the food supplied for them. Children will be expected to come to school in their 'Sunday Best' - please note, this does NOT include sports kit!

The service in the church is for children only - with parents, carers and friends welcome to come into school at 2:45 to enjoy some cake and music.

Children will go back to class at 3:10 to gather their belongings for the end of day.

It would be great if you could join us.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

House Points (Last 2 Weeks)			
Ferentone	Mogg	Gournay	Azelin
21	20	27	24

This Week's Ace Learners			
Agile	Compassionate		
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie	
Mya B Alissia R Rosie W Fleur C Grace L Owen A Evelyn P Paris C Ollie E Lyla D Scarlett B Felix S	Georgia M Freddie J Lotte G Holly C Karmann W Josh W Jacob H Rhys P-S William C Magnus B Finn D Ella W	Daisy D Holly C Zeta D Holly G Isabel P Miltiadis C George C Amber S Bertie D Sebastian P Albie-Blu Olivia B Year 6	

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Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

May 2023

Mon 1st	May Day Bank Holiday
Tue 2nd	NEU Strike Action
	Year 6 Swimming Session
Fri 5th	Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Tournament
	Coronation Service in the Church
	Coronation 'Sunday Best' Day
Mon 8th	Coronation Bank Holiday
Tue 9th	Year 6 SATs Week
Mon 15th	Year 2 SATs Week
Wed 24th	Girls' Cricket Tournament
	Friends' Meeting at the Farrington Inn
	(7:45pm)
Fri 26th	End of Term 5

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

Message from Catering

The catering budgets have been reviewed over the last few weeks and the inevitable conclusion is that costs will have to rise in order to meet increasing food, transport and staffing pressures.

With effect from September 1st 2023 the cost of meals to those paying in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will be $\pounds2.80$ (currently $\pounds2.60$).

Notices

- **Clubs** Running & Drawing club are cancelled next Tuesday due to Strike Action.
- Cost of Living Crisis With the crisis around household budgets being a pressing concern for many, as a school we are registered with Somer Valley Foodbank to be able to issue vouchers for any of our families who find themselves in a genuine crisis situation. The vouchers provide for 3 days of emergency food assistance. Should

assistance. Should you need to access this help, please contact Mr Dix or Mrs Hazard on a strictly confidential basis.



• Free School Meals -

if your work situation has changed, you may now be eligible for Free School Meals for your child/ren. Please visit the B&NES Free School Meals Eligibility Checking Service which now has a new web page on the B&NES website with a link to an online benefit related free school meal application form which can be found <u>here.</u> This is a very simple process. Alternatively you can contact the school office.

- Library Service Please see the following link relating to all that is happening in our local libraries with particular interest to the King's Coronation.
- **St. John's Church** Please see <u>here</u> the link to the weekly church events.

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6 week

term from £51



Baskervilles offer Gymnastics and FreeG classes at 5 locations around Bath

- Englishcombe Lane
- St Mark's School
- Bath Sports Centre
- Culverhay Leisure Centre
- Broadlands Academy



Book online: www.baskervillesgym.co.uk | 01225 330001 Baskervilles Gymnastics, Englishcombe Lane, Bath BA2 2EJ

Half TE **MULTI-SPORTS** AT KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 31st May Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd June 9.00am-3.30pm Welcome to all Ages 5-12 Varied multi-sports/activities £20 Inclusive & friendly A Low child:coach Ratios DAY Learn new skills Meet new friends HAVE FUN! Contact - tombryan@live.co.uk - 07891918722

Friends

We will be running various games and activities during the Coronation Village Day on Sunday 7th May. These will include skittles, cake pop decorating, guess the number of sweets in the jar and more. Please come along to the village hall from 1pm to join in the fun.

We are planning a silent auction which will take place in June. If you (or family / friends) are able to donate anything we can auction then please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk to let us know. We so far have donations such as; hair dresser voucher, dog groom, beautician voucher, car valet. Anything that we can auction is very welcome!!

Please remember to book a pitch for the school family camp on 30th June - 2nd July if you wish to join us. Please see previous newsletters for full details.



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Thought of the Week

'Later, Levi held a banquet in his home with Jesus as the guest of honour. Many of Levi's fellow tax collectors and other guests also ate with them.' (Luke 5:29)



In our society, we often place a lot of value on celebrating. Sometimes this is for something of real importance - a birthday, a wedding, the birth of a child. Sometimes the celebration isn't for any great event - celebrating a sunny day, reaching the end of the working week, sometimes getting to the end of a difficult day!

There are several examples of celebration in the Bible. In the Old Testament, there were seven annual festivals which after the Jews went into exile increased to ten. Every week, Jews would also celebrate the Sabbath by having a special meal on Friday evening and many Jews still celebrate Shabbat to this day.

As we move into the New Testament, these festivals were still marked and celebrated many of these Jesus celebrated himself. But there are also other examples of Jesus celebrating. When Matthew (Levi) decided to follow Jesus, he was invited to eat with them and others. When Zacchaeus changed his ways and decided to pay back the people he had cheated, Jesus invited himself to eat at his house. Jesus and his disciples also famously attended a wedding in Cana and he even helped out with the wine! In the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father throws a massive party when his son finally returns. Many of us have an extra day to enjoy this weekend. This doesn't happen very often in our country so it is worth taking the opportunity to celebrate. There are different reasons why we have an extra day's holiday at the start of May, many seem to be connected with either celebrating work or fertility.

But May can also be seen as the beginning of Spring and it's also usually the time when the weather improves and we can enjoy being outside more.

Whatever reason, let's take the opportunity, if we can, to enjoy an extra day and see it as a reason to celebrate - celebrate family, celebrate spring, celebrate life.



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Scarecrow Trail PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

Please register your scarecrow by emailing treasurer@farringtongurneyvillagehall.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 💦 👔