

Welcome back to school for our summer term. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break, with possibly a visit from the Easter Bunny?

As always we have a lot going on this term, meaning the next five weeks will fly by. Below are details of our Wellness Week on the last week of this term with a whole host of activities for the children to look forward to. We also have our national curriculum tests for the children in Years 2 and 6 during May.

Wellness Week starts Monday 23rd May

We have planned an exciting week of wellness activities for the last week of this term. We will be going off-curriculum for the entire week giving the children a multitude of experiences including outdoor learning day, talent show, Jubilee parade and street party, animal handling and hat making.

Wednesday of the wellness week will see a marquee on the field with a whole day's worth of entertainment for the children to take part in hosted by 'Super Pirates' as well as a visit from Animal Encounters, who will be letting the children get up close with a variety of small creatures. Many thanks to FoFGs for funding these opportunities.

On the Friday of wellness Week, we will have a very special Jubilee Day, where the children will parade around the village wearing their jubilee hats and waving their Jubilee flags. We will have a 'street party lunch' where the children will be presented with a Jubilee memento courtesy of the churches within the village.

Providing the children weeks like this shows our commitment to developing the whole child, and it links perfectly with our SMSC offer within school.

Traffic reminder

As we start the summer term, it is probably an opportune moment to remind the school community about ensuring the safety of the children coming into and out of school during the busy periods at each end of the day. Most of the walking routes into school are either on narrow pavements or indeed, in some places, on the side of the lanes right next to cars and vans coming or going. Please continue to drive and park with caution to safeguard the members of the school community.



Drinks Survey

We have collated the results of the recent survey regarding Drink and Food in school. There were many views aired and the outcomes sent with this newsletter give a fair reflection of the responses covering 48 of our 102 children. We have added a number of hyperlinks to the document to ensure parents are fully informed to make choices on behalf of their children.

As there is a Bank Holiday on Monday, we will see you back in school on Tuesday morning. We will be holding our first Celebration Assembly of the term next Friday in the Memorial Hall, so we hope to see you there.

Mr Turull and Mr Dix



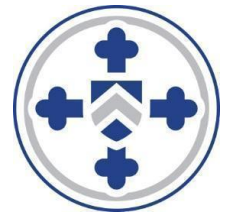
Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs have now started. Unfortunately due to low numbers Jogging/Golden Mile Club with Mr Marvin for Reception, Year 1-2 has been replaced with Gardening Club. Please email the office to be included on the list. There are limited numbers.
- **Community News** - please see on the next page flyers for an event at the Bookbarn and also an entry form for a Jubilee 'It's a Knockout' event being organised in the village.
- **Lost Property** - There is still a large amount of unnamed lost property in school (around 38 items). It will be on the playground after school next week (weather permitting). Any unclaimed uniform/clothing by the end of next week will be given to Friends to sell in the Second Hand Uniform sale.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **Parking** - Please avoid parking on the road alongside the play park as this presents a hazard for the emergency services or deliveries requiring access to the village hall. It would be appreciated if you could use either the car park opposite the school or next to the village hall. Thank you.
- **Rugby, Bristol Bears Women vs Harlequins** - the school have been offered 20% Discounted Tickets Premiership 15s season, on Saturday 7th May, at Ashton Gate. £5.60/adult & £2.40/child. Purchase tickets at [Buy Tickets: Bristol Sport Ticketing \(bristol-sport.co.uk\)](http://www.bristol-sport.co.uk) using Discount Code: B3ARH4RL20.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Uniform Labels** - For those who would like to purchase labels for their child's clothing please go to My name tags link: <https://www.mynametags.com/> Please add the school code 59675 to be when going through the check out process and a donation will be made to Friends.

Diary Dates

May

Monday 2nd	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3rd	Class 3 Swimming Class 2/Class 4 Cricket
Wednesday 4th	Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Event at Writhlington Class 4 Ecowild
Friday 6th	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm at the Memorial Hall)
Monday 9th	Year 6 SATs - English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 10th	Year 6 SATs - English Reading Governors' Meeting (7:00pm at the school)
Wednesday 11th	Year 6 SATs - Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning 1
Thursday 12th	Year 6 SATs - Maths Reasoning 2



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break!

We have a couple of dates for your diaries for the coming weeks:

School family camping at Petruth Paddocks in Cheddar, weekend of the 10-12th June. Everyone welcome, it's a very relaxed weekend of chatter, games, bbq's, campfires and water fights (weather permitting!). Book directly with the campsite using 'Farrington Gurney Primary School' to make sure you're pitched with the group.

School disco festival-style is currently being planned for the 1st July, so please save the date. We will be in need of volunteers to help the event take place so if you can offer some help, please let someone in Friends know, or drop us a message on fofgs@hotmail.co.uk and we'll add you to our WhatsApp group.

We will be holding a school uniform amnesty in a few weeks where you can clear out outgrown uniform and source the next size up. We will let you know more details of this soon, but in the meantime please do hang on to any uniform that still has life in it.

Please do keep using the clothes recycling bin in the bottom car park for any clothes, shoes, soft teddies etc - this all raises funds for the school.

Bookbarn's May Day Madness

**300,000 Book - Mega Kilo Sale
Books will be Sold by the Kilo!**

**Friday 29th, Saturday 30th, Monday 2nd ~ 9am - 6pm
Sunday 1st ~ 11am to 5pm.**

Bookbarn @ Hallatrow Business Park, Wells Road, High Littleton, Bristol BS39 6EX
10 miles from Bristol and Bath on the corner of A37 Bristol Road and A39 Well Road.

Bookbarn has acquired a huge amount of vintage, rare and antiquarian book stock.
So 300,000 pre-loved books must be sold to free up space on our 15 miles of book shelves!

Extra Special Deals for Children's Books

Café will be Open - Coffees, Teas and Lovely Cakes

**The Darwin Rare Books Room will have
5,000+ vintage, rare & antiquarian books
available at up to 40% discounts.**

1000+ Handmade Oriental Rugs: up to 30% discounts.

We will be stocking the Bookbarn Book shop from Saturday 23rd April 2022 onwards. You are welcome to come if you want to get "early bird" discounts and access to these books first!

Contact us: 01761 451333 (During all opening hours)
Or email us at: bookbarn@bookbarninternational.com



Jubilee It's a Knockout

Saturday 4th June 2022

Time 1:00pm.

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we are planning to arrange a Jubilee It's a Knockout, for those who remember the popular TV programme, it's a light-hearted competition playing challenging games as a team, (some activities may include water/bring a change of clothes).

A team will comprise 1 male adult (over 18), 1 female adult (over 18)

1 male teenager, 1 female teenager

1 male age 8-12, 1 female age 8-12

For under 18's if not playing with a family adult please can parents of the children sign to give permission.

To enable us to plan and prepare for the day we will need teams to be registered by Friday 27th May, there will be a limit on the number of teams so please book early.

Send your completed forms to:

sally.bown@outlook.com or

margaretjanepierce@gmail.com

To enter please fill in the form below,

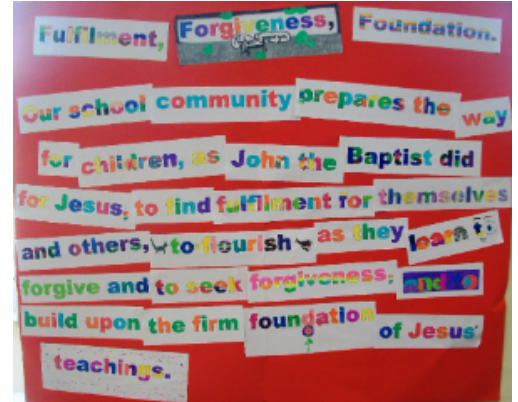
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Adult male (over 18)		
Adult female (over 18)		
Teenager male		
Teenager female		
Child male 8-12		
Child female 8-12		



Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week

In one of our assemblies this week, we looked through our school vision. We focused primarily on the three key words that our vision is hinged on – fulfilment, forgiveness and foundation. The children in Class 3 were keen to talk about what they got fulfilment from and the different hobbies and interests they had that made them feel fulfilled. In Class 4, there was a big discussion around forgiveness - when it is easy to forgive and the reality that it is often hard to forgive.

Towards the end of the assembly, the children watched a dramatisation of Jesus being baptised by John the Baptist. We talked about why our vision centres on John and how our local church is dedicated to him. In Class 3, we even talked a bit about how he lived and his eating habits (Matthew 3:4)! But the children seemed quite keen to talk about baptism.



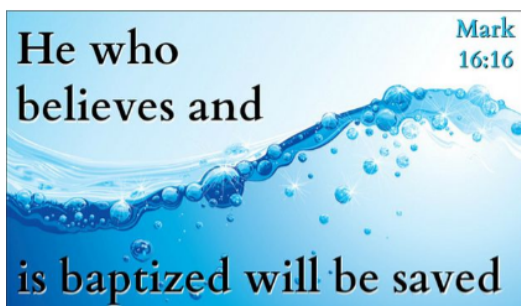
This is a subject that we look at within RE regularly. The children in Year 4 were able to talk about why Christians get baptised and how it is symbolic of them starting a new life and also symbolic of the wrong things they have done being washed away. They had even remembered hearing about some different baptism stories where Christians had been baptised at different ages and in different places.

What the children could also see is that baptism is a sign of commitment. If a Christian decides to get baptised, they have to stand in front of their friends and family and explain what they are doing and why. After this, they then have to confess their belief in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit before being put under the water. For many Christians, it is a difficult thing to do, but they do it because they believe it is the right thing to do. Jesus said,

“Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved...” (Mark 16:16)

What matters to you? Who or what are you committed to?

Often, the little, urgent things that are demanding our attention can drag us away from what really matters. The day to day jobs, the inbox of emails, the latest Twitter feed – these can all get in the way of the important things. These might include prioritising a loved one and spending time with them, or it could be taking the time to plan an important event or anniversary. For those of us who have a faith, maybe it's about spending some quality time with God, praying and reading his word.



Whatever it is, I hope that you are able to find the time to show your commitment to that person or that activity. Don't let urgent tasks stop you from pursuing what is important. If it matters to you and you are committed to it (or if they matter to you and you are committed to them), then plan in the time and pursue it.