



Head of School Appointment

We are extremely pleased to announce that after a rigorous interview day last week, we have successfully appointed a new Head of School for September.

Mrs Catrin Geeson, who is an experienced teacher, school leader and SENDco was the successful candidate and we are excited by her appointment. She currently works at a larger school in Bath and has also worked in small schools like ours.

She will be joining us for some overlap days next term, where she will meet with the children and staff, to help a smooth transition for the new school year.

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in the process, as well as the other candidates who showed a real interest in working at our amazing school.

Staffing

Aside from our new appointment we are now organising the rest of our staff team ahead of next academic year. In the next couple of weeks we will share with you our plan for which members of staff will be working in each class next year, as well as the class structures.

Bug Hotel

You may have noticed a bug hotel has appeared on the allotment. Our friends at Volker Highways offered some time to come along and build this with the members of Green Tree Club. They also gave the children some gardening gifts and explained the importance of creating habitats for minibeasts.



Football

The season ended with our team winning the final two games of the season against St Marys and Shoscombe.

The team consists of children from Years 4 to 6 and they have competed in the right spirit for the whole season - be that when we have been well beaten or winning comfortably.

All that remains is for the kit to be washed and returned ready for next season!

Class Emails

We noticed this week that some emails are still being sent to the old class email addresses

(c1@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk for example). These emails have now been shut down and no longer accessible.

Please use the named class emails which are monitored regularly by the staff in each class.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

Diary Dates

New Dates are in blue

May 2024

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
Fri 24th	(more details to follow)
Thu 23rd	Girls' Football Match after school
Fri 24th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am)
	Term 5 ends

June 2024

(Term starts Monday 3rd June)

Mon 3rd -	Year 5 Greece Trip
Fri 7th	
Mon 10th	Class Photos (and Year 6 leavers)
Fri 14th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am)
Tue 18th	Year 6 Moving Up Day Wells Cathedral
Thu 20th	Cafe Service with Rev Pitt Village Hall
Mon 24th	Seal Trip to Roman Baths
Wed 26th	Sports Day (reserve date 10th July)
Fri 28th	Celebration Assembly (9:00am)



Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs will run as usual next week.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **Music Lessons** - if there is a child thinking of taking up the Clarinet with Music for Schools please let the office know as we have been offered an instrument which can be used free of charge.
- **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.

Friends of Farrington Gurney

Thanks to everyone who came to the disco last Saturday. The children seemed to have a fantastic time and it was a great chance for parents to socialise too!! The event raised around £300.

Just a reminder that we urgently need some more members on the PTA. The more people who can help, the smaller amount each individual needs to do!! All those on the PTA currently have jobs, hence it can be fitted in around other commitments!! All roles can also be shared between a couple of people if desired! The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 8pm in the Farrington Inn. If you want any further information, please contact Rosie Greenwood, Tor Clements, Debs Biffen, Claire Rippon or Amie Johnstone. Alternatively please email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk

MAY HALF TERM

MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

at KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB
BS311HU

Tue 28th, Wed 29th, Thu 30th & Fri 31st May
9.00am-3.30pm

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Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st May

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Individual Days: £23 Full Week (3 Day Week): £62

Standard Prices
Individual Days: £27 Full Week (3 Day Week): £73
Full Week Sibling Discount details available on website

All Soccer Camps at Paulton Junior School, BS39 7QY
Soccer camps are aimed at boys and girls aged 7-11

Summer Soccer Camps
Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th July
Wednesday 31st July – Friday 2nd August
Early bird booking discounts available now

Course Times: 9:30 – 3:15
(can arrive from 8:45)

Example of Our Day Plan

8:45 - 9:30	Sign in / Arrival Games
9:30	Welcome / AD Rules
9:45	Fun football activity
10:45	Snack break
11:00	World Cup Style Football Tournament
12:30	Lunch
1:15	Tournament continued
2:45	Daily Awards
3:00 - 3:15	Sign Out

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Thought of the Week

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

(Luke 10:36-37)



'The Good Samaritan' by Vincent Van Gogh (1890)

Believe it or not, the story of the 'Good Samaritan', one of the best known of Jesus' parables is only mentioned in one of the four gospels.

It is difficult for us today to imagine what it would have been like for Jesus, who was a Jew, to tell this story to a group of Jewish people, which included Jewish leaders and teachers. It was extremely controversial to make the hero of the story a Samaritan, all of whom were seen as completely bad by Jews, while at the same time vilifying a Jewish priest and synagogue worker.

It's not really a story about how 'nice' we are, it is a story about how one of 'them' helped one of 'us'. Think of a group of people that you consider 'them' rather than 'us' and put the word 'good' before them and it might begin to make some sense of what Jesus was doing here.

Jesus was showing his listeners not only that the least unexpected people can perform the most wonderful acts of kindness, but that this is the challenge for all of us. Can we show kindness, or agape, to the same measure as this Samaritan?

For most of us, the answer is probably no. The reality for Christians is that we need God to cover the gap. We can't measure up to this ideal, so we need God's grace, love and mercy. But it doesn't mean we can't try. Who could you be a 'good samaritan' to this week?

Everyday, we're bombarded by news of negativity, hostility, and bad behaviour. It's important to balance that with the many examples of people from all over the world who dedicate themselves to kindness and compassion.

Just a few examples are:

[Muslim young men In France protecting a Catholic church.](#)

[A German church hosting Muslims without a place to pray during Ramadan.](#)

[Generations of Muslims in India taking care of a Jewish synagogue.](#)

And although fictional, this video gives a little insight to the difference little random acts of kindness can do. [Life Vest Inside](#)

