



Gymnastics Success

Well done to our gymnastics team from Class 3 who thoroughly enjoyed the local competition held at Writhlington Sport Centre. We were placed 5th in the Level 2 and 6th in the Level one, as well as Isla-Mae picking up an individual bronze medal! Great effort team!



New Bench from Men's Shed

The Friends of Farrington Gurney School have funded a reading bench from Men's Shed, who are based at Farrington Farm Shop. The bench has been sited on the allotment and can be used as a reflective space for the children to spend some quiet time. The original 'Buddy Bench' in the playground has also gone back for a repaint and general spruce up.



Please ensure you have received/read the letter sent home this week regarding the trip to the Women's FA Cup Final! There have been a few last-minute changes. We are expecting to be back in Farrington no later than 10pm (allowing for the eventuality that Chelsea and Manchester City need extra time and penalties) and earlier if the game ends in normal time. With over 120 of the school community travelling, it promises to be a day to remember.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

This Week's Ace Learners



Agile Ashley

Albie - Blu - Reception
Heidi - Reception
Holly - Year 1
Harry - Year 1
Bea - Year 3
Summer - Year 4
Charlie O - Year 6



Compassionate Courtney

Amelia - Year 1
Bea - Year 3
Freddie - Year 4
Archie - Year 5



Engaged Eddie

Ted - Reception
Arthur - Reception
Millie - Year 1
Ralph - Year 2
Ruben - Year 2
Florence - Year 2
Mollie - Year 3
Daisy - Year 3
Xander - Year 4
Alfie - Year 5
Rosie - Year 6



Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs will run as usual next week.
- **Class 3 Trip to Caeleon, Wales** - A gentle reminder to parents/carers to please pay via ParentPay if you have not done so already. Thank you.
- **Community News** - Please see below Flyers for: Entry form for a Jubilee 'It's a Knockout' event being organised in the village
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **Lost Property** - The remaining unclaimed unnamed lost property will now be given to Friends to sell in the Second Hand Preloved Uniform sale. Please name all your children's uniform/clothing.
- **Menu Change** - In celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on Friday 27th May school dinners will be replaced with a pack lunch which the children will enjoy as a picnic (weather permitting). Parents can order via ParentPay or alternatively bring one in from home for that day. A school pack lunch consists of a *sandwich (ham, cheese or egg), *sausage roll, *cupcake, fruit or yoghurt, water and *bag of crisps. Parents/Carers will need to access ParentPay to amend/book/cancel their current option to reflect this change by midnight of Thursday 19th May - Thank you. *Gluten free options will be available for those with dietary requirements.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Sun Hats/Cream** - it looks like we shall be having some sunny hot weather over the coming weeks. Please ensure your child/ren has a sun-screen applied before school and a sunhat available during the day.
- **Uniform** - Please see [here](#) the link for the up to date uniform prices from Norton Sports & Camping.
- **Wembley Ladies FA Cup Final Trip** - those who are attending the Wembley trip on Sunday 15th May please check your email for the final details sent Thursday 5th May.

Diary Dates

May

Monday 9th	Year 6 SATs - English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 10th	Year 6 SATs - English Reading Governors' Meeting (7:00pm at the school) Class 3 Swimming Class 2/Class 4 Cricket
Wednesday 11th	Year 6 SATs - Maths Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning 1 Class 4 Ecowild
Thursday 12th	Year 6 SATs - Maths Reasoning 2



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Call for outgrown school uniform! We will be selling outgrown school uniform in a few weeks, for everyone to replenish the school wardrobe. If you have any school uniform you can donate please can you either drop this to the office or pass to Claire Rippon who has kindly offered to collect the uniform and hold onto it until the sale date.

We are excited to tell you about our planned sponsored Dance-a-thon on Friday 20th May! Our year 6 pupils will be leading the way by acting as 'party hosts' throughout the day in the outdoor classroom, with all children in rotation playing a part in keeping the dancing going for over 5 hours! Sponsorship forms will be coming home today, so please keep an eye out for them.

Thank you for supporting us with these activities and events, all donations received will go towards more educational opportunities, resources and extra curricular activities for the children (like Super Pirates and Animal Encounters!)

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,

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



Thought of the Week

On 9th May 1950, the Schuman Declaration was presented by French foreign minister Robert Schuman, proposing the creation of a European Coal and Steel Community, whose members would pool coal and steel production. The ECSC was the first of a series of supranational European institutions that would ultimately become today's "European Union".

This Monday, marks 72 years since European governments agreed that pooling coal and steel production would make war between historic rivals France and Germany 'not merely unthinkable, but materially impossible' (taken from the Schuman Declaration). It was believed, that merging economic interests would not only raise standards of living but would be the first step towards a more united Europe.

Regardless of whether our country is part of the European Union or not, this determination for peace in Europe still stands and the attack on Ukraine by Russia just reiterates its importance. It also reminds me of a story we shared with the children in collective worship this week.

An anthropologist had been studying a Brazilian tribe and had often worked alongside the children. As he was preparing to leave the tribe, he played a game with the children. He bought lots of sweets, which he placed in a basket that was tied to a tree. He drew a line on the ground and asked the children from the tribe to wait behind the line. He explained that when he said, 'Go!' the children should run to the basket as fast as they could. The first to reach the basket would win all the sweets.

The anthropologist shouted, 'Go!' but to his surprise, the children took hold of each other's hands and ran together towards the tree. When they arrived at the tree, they shared out the sweets between them.

The anthropologist asked the children why they had done this. A young girl piped up, 'How can one of us be happy if all the others are sad?'

In 1950, there were lots of benefits for having a peaceful Europe, but surely one of them was to create a continent that worked together for the common good. Our value this term is 'koinonia' and this idea of a Christian fellowship that works together for the good of the whole community is very much like this. With the situation in Ukraine at the moment, it is very difficult for us to be happy and comfortable when a country so close to us has been left devastated and broken.

What does this mean for us in our everyday lives? Well, Jesus was once asked by an expert in the Jewish law what he needed to do to gain eternal life. Jesus asked him what was written in the law, asking him to consider what he believed he needed to do. The man replied by summing up the Jewish law into two commandments, something Jesus also did in the Gospel of Matthew (see Matthew 22: 34-40). Here are those two commandments.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

(Luke 10:27)

At this point, when the man asked who his neighbour was, Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan. This parable is an example of someone working for the common good, someone who couldn't be happy while another man was so sad.

Sometimes we can be so wrapped up in the urgent, that we forget to think about what else is going on around us. Are we aware of people in our lives that are hurting? Is there someone we know who might need cheering up? We may not have caused them any upset ourselves, but shouldn't their sadness affect our happiness?

Today, if you have a moment, maybe send a message or text to someone you know would appreciate it. You could even call them or pay them a visit. As well as making them feel better, it will most likely boost your own happiness.

Love the Lord your God
with all your heart, with all
your soul, with all your mind
and with all your strength
and love your neighbour as
you love yourself.

Luke 10: 27