



Our annual Harvest Festival is now just two weeks away and next week we will put in the newsletter a list of food requested by the Somer Valley Foodbank, which children can bring in to school if you wish to donate an item. This year Gemma Ward (one of our Foundation Governors) is arranging an afternoon of different activities for the children to take part in before the service at 2:30pm at St John's Church. Everyone is welcome to join us up at the church for the service in which we will also be handing out bibles to the new children at our school. There will be no hot dinners on that Friday, so children will need to bring a packed lunch. However, if your child is in the infants, or if you qualify for free school meals, then we can order in a packed lunch. Please return the slip attached to the newsletter or email it back to the office.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **Clubs** – Board Games club on Monday will be run by Mrs Hazard & Mrs Gray due to a Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership meeting for all teachers. There is no Running Club on Thursday as Mr Turull is attending a maths meeting. All other clubs will take place as usual.
- **Data Collection** – a few of these are still outstanding, please could you return any that are still at home.
- **Dinners** – the new kitchen now requires a week's notice for school dinner orders. Therefore, all dinners for the week beginning Monday 30th September should be ordered by the evening of Thursday 26th September.
- **EcoWild** – sessions will continue for children in Reception and Year 1 every week in Term 1.
- **School Photos** – Nigel Coles will be in school on Wednesday 25th September to take the children's individual photos and photos with any sibling in school. We are able to offer parents who also have pre-school siblings a joint photo. Please arrive earlier to the school library at 8.30am if you would like to take up this opportunity.
- **Teaching Assistant** – please remember to tell anyone who may be interested about the teaching assistant vacancy in the infants - <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teaching-assistant-bath-and-north-east-somerset-1238015>. The closing date for this is at the end of the day on Monday 23rd September.

Homework

The table below outlines the homework that will be set regularly for the children in each class. We try and find a balance of activities but of course with our various online activities (DoodleMaths/Reading Eggs) there are always more tasks your child can undertake.

	Class-based home learning	Topic-based home learning
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read at least three times a week • Keywords at least three times a week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic related home learning challenge
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read at least three times a week (this could be on Reading Eggs) • Weekly spellings (tested on Fridays) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termly activity linked to Geography/History or Design Technology depending on the term
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maths games - these can be changed weekly or kept for an extra week if the children are enjoying playing them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic based learning: Termly project which will be due in on the last Monday of term (this could be a presentation, model, art work or other task)
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read at least three times a week (this could be on Reading Eggs) • Weekly spellings (tested on Fridays) 	
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times table practice (or Doodle Maths) • Piece of English or Maths work given out each Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termly project which will be due in on the last Monday of term (this could be a presentation, model, art work or other task)
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read at least three times a week (this could be on Reading Eggs) • Weekly English and maths tasks given on a Friday for the following Friday 	
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly spellings • Doodle Maths tasks 	



Farrington Forum

The new Farrington Forum for 2019-2020 will be elected on Friday 27th September for children in Years 1 to 6. The Forum will be led by Mrs Glover again this year.

All children in Years 1 to 6 can put themselves forward for election, unless they were on the committee last year.

To be able to put themselves forward, children need to produce a short speech or presentation for their class, as well as a poster if they would like, which will be displayed around their classroom during next week. Voting will take place during the morning next Friday and the new committee will be announced in assembly that afternoon.

Good luck to all the children who put themselves forward.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

It was lovely to see so many new parents at our welcome morning at school at the beginning of term.

Everyone is welcome at our next PTA meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 2nd October at the Farrington Inn.

Please join us if you can, it's a good way to meet parents from each year group, and to learn about the school community.

We are planning to have an official opening of the new outdoor classroom that everyone worked so hard to fund. There is a possibility of celebrity attendance, watch this space for more details!

Open Morning

We have set the date for our school's Open Morning which this year will be on Tuesday 19th November from 9:30am to 11:30am.

This will be an opportunity to welcome prospective parents who are thinking of sending their children to our school. Like last year, the Year 6 children will help show visitors around the classrooms. We are very proud of the learning opportunities that we provide for all of our children and look forward to showing this to new parents.

We will advertise the Open Day through flyers, the local nurseries and in the local press, but please do mention it to anyone you think would be interested.

School Diary Dates

September 2019

Wed 25th Individual School Photos
Fri 27th Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)

October 2019

Fri 4th Harvest activities and service (afternoon)
Tue 8th Full Governing Body meeting
Wed 9th Year 5/6 Cross Country event in Bath
Fri 11th Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)
Fri 25th Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)
Term 1 ends

Term 2 starts back on Monday 4th November. We will soon be able to confirm with you dates for Christmas events.