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Year 6

A short acknowledgement to our brilliant Year 6 children on completing their assessments this week. You should be very proud of yourselves. Although some of the tests were quite tricky, you all persevered and tried your very best.

Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics

We want to say congratulations to all of our young gymnasts who performed so well at the tournament at Writhlington School last Friday afternoon. With eleven teams competing in the Level 1 competition and nine in the slightly more difficult Level 2 event.



it was incredible that we ended up finishing second place in both events, ahead of many local rivals such as Paulton and High Littleton. All of our team competed at a very high standard, a credit to our school!

Summer Term

As we are now a few weeks into the summer term, we are taking the children over to the field most lunchtimes. This is an amazing resource to have and not only provides the children with a huge amount of space to play in (even after we have drawn an imaginary line across the field to keep them nearer the school), but also means there are fewer incidents between children. Please can we remind you that as the weather improves, it is really important to have a hat, apply suncream to your child each morning. send in a full water bottle and also for those children who unfortunately suffer from havfever, to make sure they have had their tablets or medicine before school.

This Week's Ace Learners			
Agile	Compassionate		
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie	
Rosie W Isabel P Heidi M Frankie H Ruby D Teddy G Sid C Mollie C	Ruben D Molly K Josh W Mollie M Max M	Mollie S Zeta D Bea R Amelia Millie C Emily H Arlo D Neah G Felix S Lyla D Tristan W	

House Points (Last 2 Weeks)				
Ferentone	Mogg	Gournay	Azelin	
21	33	27	23	
Total for Term 5				
42	53	54	47	

Notices

- **Clubs** All clubs will be taking place next week, apart from running club on Tuesday 16th May.
- **St. John's Church** Please see <u>here</u> the link to the weekly church events.
- Village Hall Uplift Project if you are able to support the village hall with their solar panel crowdfunder project please see the item opposite.

Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School Fulfilment, Forgiveness, Foundation



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Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

May 2023

Mon 15th	Year 2 SATs Week
Wed 24th	Girls' Cricket Tournament
	Friends' Meeting at the Farrington
Inn	(7:45pm)
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly (2:30pm)
	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.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We thoroughly enjoyed the coronation celebrations last Friday afternoon. It was great to see so many family & friends. Many thanks to all those who made donations for tea and cake, these amounted to over £60.

It was also lovely to see everyone at the village day on Sunday. We raised £136 from the activities we ran. A huge thank you to the Farrington Gurney Co-op who donated the tub of sweets for "Guess the sweets in the jar".

Thanks to all the volunteers on both days, we couldn't run these events without you.

The next PTA meeting will be held at the Farrington Inn at 8pm on 24th May. Everyone is very welcome.



FARRINGTON GREEN UPLIFT PROJECT

The plan is to install **34 solar panels** on the roof of the village hall backed up with a storage battery in order to generate electricity needed for the running of the village hall. This will help to make the village hall more sustainable and viable into the future

The total cost to install will be in the region of **£50,000** and we hope to win some grant funding towards the overall cost, however we also need to directly raise funds.

Each of the 34 solar panel costs approx. £1,000 when all costs including fitting and cables are taken into account. The battery back up system costs around £16,000.

We are inviting companies, organisations, teams, groups and families to come together to donate towards the cost that will have a long term benefit to the village for years to come. Every £1 raised will help towards our target.





https://www.crowdfunded.co.uk/p/farringtongreenuplift



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Thought of the Week

'But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.' (Titus 3: 4-5)



This term in school, we have been looking at the value of Justice. It's a strange value, because we often want to link fairness and justice together, but they can be quite different.

Both are said to be impartial and in the dictionary, being just is mentioned when defining fairness and being fair is mentioned when defining justice.

But, when comparing them, the difference becomes more apparent. Fairness is about how we are treated in comparison to others - we should all be treated equally and fairly, with no bias shown towards some people or individuals. Justice has more to do with giving a person his due or getting what someone deserves.

Fairness comes up quite a lot, especially in situations where children are concerned, as in "it's not fair!" Justice is often seen to have more gravitas, probably because we think about our justice system, where people are put on trial for crimes they have or haven't committed.

Many people associate justice with God, that God is a just God. Often this can be seen quite negatively, as if God deals out punishments willy-nilly, at a whim because *no one is good enough and everyone gets things wrong*. For Christians, it couldn't be more wrong. Although God is a just God, he is also a loving God. When Jesus died on the cross he took the place for all of us, taking God's punishment for our sins on himself. It's as if the judge in the law court states what the punishment is going to be and then steps down from the platform to take that punishment in our place.

Now because justice has been served, God no longer deals out punishments - he deals out mercy and forgiveness. He does this for whoever wants to accept his mercy and his forgiveness, because *no one is good enough and everyone gets things wrong.*

So the next time someone says "it's not fair", maybe remind them that often things in life aren't fair - and this includes not getting what we deserve for the things we've done wrong. Never has life not being fair been so good!

