

Governors' Cup

Unable to pick up his very well-deserved Governors' Cup before half term, Ruben was finally able to get his hands on the trophy at last week's Celebration Assembly.

Mr Turull read out his very glowing nomination to a full hall of parents, friends and peers. Brilliant work Ruben!

SATs Week 2022

This week has seen some of our children complete statutory assessments (SATs) in Years 2 and 6. The children have applied themselves well by putting in impressive amounts of effort. We are sure they have all achieved as well as they can. Thanks must go to the other year groups who have played their part by being calm and quiet around school during the tests!



Farrington Gurney Journal Competition

The editor of the Farrington Gurney Journal has contacted us asking if our children would be interested in taking part in a competition to design the front cover of their 50th edition due out in July and August. The illustration, on a piece of A5 paper, should be inspired by some element of the village, be that a person, place or building. Entries should be emailed to the school office by the deadline day of 10th June. The cover will need to have space for the usual positioning of the title and date. Good luck!

Farrington Clean Air - Walk, Scoot or Cycle to School Week

We met with Jenny Mistry from B&NES this week to ensure the school is fully involved with issues around clean air as we are located as a village on the busy A37 corridor. We are encouraging families, where possible, to take part in a Walk, scoot or cycle to School Week starting on Monday - although we know this is short notice, BANES have asked for us to do it as soon as possible and on the plus side, the weather is looking great next week! For those families for whom coming to school in cars is a necessity, our friends at the Farrington Inn and Farrington Farm Shop ('green' car park around the back) have said they are happy for you to park at their premises and walk in from there so the children feel they are involved and can then be counted as having 'walked, or even scooted, to school'.

Jenny is also interested to know if there is anyone on the parent body interested in being involved as an advocate of this initiative. More details can be found by emailing her direct at: jenny_mistry@bathnes.gov.uk We will also be holding a Clean Air Day on June 16th for the children to educate them more about this issue.



Mr Dix and Mr Turull



Jubilee It's a Knockout
Saturday 4th June 2022
Time 1:00pm

*At Farrington
Gurney*



Village Hall
To enter a team email:

Sally.bown@outlook.com OR
margaretjanepierce@gmail.com

Clean Air

Did you know?


During the morning peak, 1 in 4 cars on the road are taking a child to school. Walking your child to school could reduce the traffic on the roads and help improve the air you and your child are breathing in.

Temple Cloud and Farrington Gurney are areas of focus for the Public Health team at Bath and North East Somerset Council for the improvement of air quality in the local area. Over the next few months, they will be providing learning tools and activities for your children to encourage them to get thinking about how we can all improve the air quality in the area.

May marks [National Walking Month](#) and coincides with [Walk to School Week](#) from the 16th-20th May. Please can we encourage, where possible, parents to give the car a holiday this week and walk their child to school.

[Clean Air Day](#) is the 16th June 2022. In the lead up to this, we want to encourage your child to build awareness and develop understanding on how, in the community we could help protect our health with air pollution busting behaviours.

Please also remember to turn off your engines outside the school gates if you're stationary.



Notices

- **Clubs** - All clubs will run as usual next week.
- **Community News** -
[Keynsham Cricket Club](#) have a half term camp (Mon 30th - Wed 1st June 9-3:30pm). Please click [here](#) for further details. All abilities welcome.
[The From The Top Orchestra](#), who rehearse in the village hall have a concert on Saturday 21st May in Whitchurch. Three members of the school community play in it, so if you would like tickets, please speak to Claire Rippon, Cathy Gray or Beth Howson. The programme includes music from Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean, click [here](#) for more info.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **Menu Change Reminder** - In celebration of the [Queen's Jubilee on Friday 27th May](#) school dinners will be replaced with a packed 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 book their option 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 suncream applied before school and a sun hat available during the day.



Diary Dates

May

Monday 16th	Class 1 Height, weight & vision screening AM
Tuesday 17th	Class 3 Swimming Class 2/Class 4 Cricket
Wednesday 18th	Class 4 Ecowild
Thursday 19th	Year 5 Pop-up Multi-sports event (MSN Cricket Club 12:30-2:30pm)
Friday 20th	Parent Forum (2-2:30pm Village Hall) Celebration Assembly (2:30pm Village Hall)
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th	Wellness Week Girls' Cricket Tournament
Tuesday 24th	Wellness Week - Outdoor Classroom Day
Wednesday 25th	Wellness Week - Animal Encounters and Super Pirates
Thursday 26th	Class 3 Trip to Caerleon Class 4 Swimming Gala
Friday 27th	Wellness Week - Jubilee Celebrations Key Stage 2 Talent Show Term 5 Ends

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Sponsored Dance-a-thon!

The children have all bought home their sponsorship forms for next week's Dance-a-thon. Please encourage and support them to seek sponsorship for this fun and active event!

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 can be returned by Friday 27th May to Class or office if you prefer, and can be paid by cash or bank transfer:

Friends of Farrington Gurney School, Sort code: 40-52-40, Account number: 00012136

Please use reference 'danceathon'

Our next FOFGS (PTA) meeting will be next Wednesday 18th May at The Farrington Inn, please come along if you're interested in being involved in organising more activities and events for the children.



Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week

As I write this, it is raining heavily outside. In fact, it hasn't let up all day. It has been one of those days where everyone has been running late at home, other drivers are travelling a little slower than you would like them to and you can't find some of the work you need for that morning. It's hard to be positive on a morning like this.

I imagine we all have days like this. We focus on what isn't going so well and on what needs doing. We prioritise the urgent and the mediocre. We forget to pause and take in all the goodness there is around us.

I have been reading a book by a man called Brian Heasley. In his book 'Be Still' he looks at the concept of wonder. He focuses first on the idea of a filtered life, that so often Instagram and other image-rich media stop us from being able to wonder at the ordinary. They create the illusion of perfection so that life then only looks good when we see it through a filter.

"A filtered life can rob us of wonder. If we are not careful, our appreciation of what is beautiful becomes distorted. Our definition of beauty needs an overhaul. There is beauty in toast, in wrinkled skin, in industrial skylines. There is beauty in barren deserts. There is beauty in hospitals. There is beauty in rust." (Be Still (2021), Brian Heasley, p.68-9)

I challenge you this week to stop looking down and to start look up. We get so focused on what's ahead of us, what is next to do that we forget to notice the sky, the birds, our loved ones and how precious and unique they are. We spend so much of our lives noticing the things that need fixing or updating - walls that need repainting, floors that need new tiling and skirting boards that need replacing. We forget to be grateful for all that we have in our lives, even if they are discoloured walls, stained carpets, scuffed tiles or peeling skirting boards.

Let's look for beauty all around us, beauty in the ordinary and beauty in the chaos. Let's listen out for the sights and sounds of nature. Maybe open a window or your back door and listen out for birdsong – the song of a blackbird can sound as beautiful as an Aria by Puccini (if you like opera) or a ballad by Adele.

The book of Psalms is a set of 150 songs and poems, written by various people, many of them by King David and his son Solomon. Psalm 72, written by Solomon talks about wonder.

Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,
who alone does marvellous deeds.
Praise be to his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory.
Amen and Amen. (Psalm 72: 18-19)

This week, take some time to wonder. And give thanks. Whether you have a faith or not, we can all give thanks for so much in our lives.

Look for the beauty in the ordinary and rejoice in the everyday.

