Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School

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Wellness Week 2024

Next week we are holding our Wellness Week: five days packed with wellness activities for the children. The overview of the week is as follows:



Monday - African Music Workshops

Tuesday - Super Pirate sessions

Wednesday - Dance sessions & Talent Show

Thursday - Circus Skills, Dance and Movement (Infants) & Tennis (Juniors) Friday - Whole School Walk ending at Farringtons Play Park (weather permitting).

The children will also be doing class-based activities led by their teachers, (as well as any essential maths/phonics/reading sessions as well). Please send your child into school in PE kits all week, and ensure they are wearing iogaers/leggings on Friday to minimise the risk of picking up ticks on our walk. Also for Friday, please send children in with the minimal equipment (e.g. no book bags) as they will need to carry what they bring into school as we are dismissing from Farrington's at the end of the day where the snack shack will be open for refreshments. collect from Please Farrington's on Friday.

Mrs Gray

Last week we omitted the details of when Mrs Gray will be leaving us. Her last day will be next Friday. Booklovers within our school community may bump into her in the future as she takes up her new role at Keynsham Library.

Hats & Suncream

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, please can you send in hats for the children to wear whilst they are outside and apply suncream in the mornings.

Notices

- Clubs All clubs will run as usual next week including Fizz Pop which is running a club in place of a cancelled week.
- Clubs Term 6. There is no Fizz Pop in Term 6.
 Unfortunately Skittles Club will end at the end of Term 5 as our member of staff who helped to run the club is leaving.
- **Library events** see <u>here</u> the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- Whole school trip to Longleat details can be accessed via this <u>link</u> and consent/payment is due via ParentPay. Thank you to 'Friends' who have helped subsidise the trip keeping costs down.

Diary Dates

New / Changed dates in Blue

May 2024

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)
No Keyboard lessons this week
School Walk collect from Farrington's
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)

Colour Run 2.30pm

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 afternoon

Fri 28th Celebration Assembly (9:00am)



Mr Dix and Mr Turull

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Friends of Farrington Gurney

Many thanks to those who have shown an interest in joining the PTA. It would be great if you could come along to the meeting next Wednesday at 8pm in the Farrington Inn. We appreciate that a couple of people have expressed interest but can't make the evening time. We will discuss this and make a plan to include you. We will also send you the minutes from next week's meeting. If anyone else is interested then please do come along, we are hopeful to have enough members for the PTA to continue but a few more would be very helpful.



School Family Camp 2024

Friday 21st June – Sunday 23rd June 2024

Please come and join us for the Farrington Gurney School Family Camp 2023. We always have lots of fun! A chance for kids to be kids for the weekend, and parents to sit back and relax. There are fire pits to hire, so we always enjoy some toasted marshmallows. Good toilet and shower facilities, as well as a pizza van and coffee hut. So you really don't need 'all the gear' to join in. You can also visit for the day.

Don't delay, book now! Details below:

Pitch Availability and charges are all online www.petruthpaddocks.co.uk

- Select the dates: 21st June 23rd June 2024
- Select <u>Pre-named family group</u> from the drop-down
- State our <u>exact group name</u> 'Farrington Gurney School' in the Group name field.

If you want to pitch with the main group, please select GRASS PITCH.

Powered grass pitches are in a line and will be a short distance away

Powered Hardstandings are in a line a 2-minute walk away

Bell tents will be pitched near the group, but other accommodation options are in a separate field, so fine to stay in but will be a 2-3 minute stroll from the rest of the group.

If you have a problem with the booking process, please either

email: webbiz@petruthpaddocks.co.uk or call: 01934 257055

Day visitors are welcome on site from 10am. They will be asked to park in the visitor's car park, register at reception and pop a few shekels into the charity tin. They are welcome to stay till 10pm when gates are then closed.

Please do take a look at their rules and their terms and conditions.





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Thought of the Week

'...he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus..' (Philipians 1:6)



I heard someone recently compare human beings to good bottles of wine. Like a bottle of wine needs a bottle opener so that you can get to the good stuff, often in our lives we need "bottle openers" to help us reach our good stuff.

One example could be when someone we know well asks us a difficult question. I don't mean a hard maths sum, but a difficult question about our lives, a question that we may not want to answer. This can be like a bottle opener because asking the difficult question might lead to us being honest with ourselves, which could lead to a positive change in our lives.

Another example might be a situation we have to go through, that might be uncomfortable or awkward at first. Often, when we go through times like this, we're given the opportunity to reflect on things which can lead to positive changes. These situations can be like bottle openers, because they can give us access to the "good stuff" within.

It may be that you can remember a time like this or maybe a good friend has asked you awkward life questions. Whatever it is, hopefully we can recognise "bottle openers" in our own lives that have helped us to become the people that we are. And it is likely there will be more people and more situations in our lives that will help bring out even more "good stuff".

Today's verse is all about "good work". Most Christians would agree that God will often "allow" certain experiences in our lives and will place certain people in our lives so that they can "draw out" the "good stuff". The verse states that God has already begun a good work in us and that he will carry on doing this good work until it is completed. Whatever experiences we face or people we come across, they can be like bottle openers, drawing out the goodness in us.

Throughout life, we sometimes discover new talents and skills. You may find yourself thrown into a situation where you are required to do something that you haven't done before, but you find that you are able to do it and even do it well. This may be where situations or conversations from our past have acted like bottle openers and brought out something good in us. Although bottle openers aren't pleasant at the time, we can see that they are often necessary.

