



Class Structure for Term 6

With Mrs Glover leaving us at the end of this term to start her maternity leave, we have been busy recruiting a member of staff to replace her on Thursdays and Fridays. We are delighted to have Mrs Pearson joining us for the summer term. She is an experienced teacher who we know will fit well with our team and is really looking forward to getting to know the children in Class 3. Meanwhile, Mr Marvin will continue to be in class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Class 1 Recruitment

As you will now be aware, Ms Mason is leaving us at the end of the summer term after a wonderful 19 year career at Farrington. We have started the process of recruiting staff to join our team as we look ahead to September. Once we have further news on this, we will share it with you. We have also been planning the class structures for next year and will be able to give you more information on that soon as well.

Uniform

We are currently reviewing our specification for uniform ahead of the new academic year. The move to Norton Sports and Camping as our supplier has proven to be popular and convenient and we will be retaining them for our logoed goods, which are not changing. One area we will be giving clarity on will be footwear. Fashion boots have made an appearance, so we will clarify footwear next term ahead of parents buying new shoes for September. We will also be insisting that long hair needs to be tied up and there should be no jewellery worn (apart from stud earrings). No make up, including nail varnish, will be acceptable either. Children can wear watches, but not smart watches.

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - can now be booked for term 6 via ParentPay the menu remains the same.
- **Clubs** - All clubs will be taking place next week, apart from running club on Tuesday 16th May.
- **Dinners** - can now be booked for term 6 via ParentPay and we recommend you book a term in advance. Please remember that it is critical that you remember to book by Thursday midnight for the following week, as our Catering Team order the food on Friday morning for the following week. If you forget to book, we can request a jacket potato for your child or sandwich only in very exceptional circumstances.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

May 2023

Wed 24th	Girls' Cricket Tournament Friends' Meeting at the Farrington Inn (7:45pm)
Thurs 25th	C4 Cookery Session (see email)
Fri 26th	Celebration Assembly Class 1 & 2 showing (2:30pm) End of Term 5

June 2023

Mon 5th	Term 6 begins
Tue 6th	Year 5 and 6 Cricket Tournament
Thu 8th	Class Photos
Wed 14th	Class 2 Singing Event at Farrington Golf Club
Fri 16th	Celebration Assembly




School Family Camp 2023

Friday 30th June -
Sunday 2nd July 2023

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
- Select **Pre-named family group** from the drop-down
- State our **exact group name '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.

THE ETCHES COLLECTION PRESENTS

THE CHILDREN'S FOSSIL COMPETITION 2023!

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www.theetchescollection.org/fossilcomp



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



Coming Soon!

Our children's writer in residence Tessa Bide has started a story for you!

"Sunlight peeks through the gaps in my curtains and nudges me awake for the first day of the Summer holidays...."

Our Children's Story Writing Competition will be starting this half term. We'll send out the full story excerpt and all the competition details next week!

Open to ages 11 and under

Great prizes for the winners!



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c 22 May



Bath Central Library

Storytime Session
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 23 May

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 24 May

Art in the Library - Immaterial by Alison Harper
Mon - Sat During opening hours 3 - 26 May

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 23 May
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft
Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 25 May

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme
Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 22 May

Storytime Sessions
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 24 May

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library

Half Term Creativity Corner

27 May - 3 June

During Library Opening Hours

Keynsham, Bath & Midsomer Norton library

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.



Thought of the Week

“My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours.’”

(Luke 15:31)



'Prodigal Son' - He Qi (2013)

This week, I am revisiting a parable that I looked at earlier in the year (February 3rd, issue 19), the parable of the prodigal son.

Previously, I focused on the younger son and how when he returned home, his father ran to meet him and flung his arms around him, an image of absolute joy and love.

Often, when this parable is read, the end is left out. We know there is an older brother who has remained at home and has continued to work for the family business faithfully, but we don't often think about him.

In the parable, while the father and the younger son are celebrating inside, the older son returns from working in the fields to hear the sound of music and dancing and the smell of freshly cooked 'fattened calf'. He is understandably cross. Not only has he been forgotten and left out of the occasion, but he is more angry that his younger brother, who had

treated his father so abysmally, is being treated like this and his return is being celebrated.

At times, we can feel like that older brother. It can seem unfair when people we know seem to get all the breaks, often when they do little or nothing to deserve it. Maybe you also have a sibling who seems to get more attention than you, even though you are told you are both treated equally.

For Christians, the message of the story is primarily about God's abundant mercy, especially for people who have messed up, but who have seen the error of their ways and have come back to God.

The older brother can often be seen as an older and possibly wiser Christian who has always tried to do the right thing and has never run off to go their own way and live selfishly.

The crux in the older brother's part of the story is when the father tells him that he is always with him and that everything he has is also his. Rather than comparing himself to his brother, the older brother fails to realise that he has always had his father's attention, love and care.

What a wonderful revelation! If the father in the story is meant to depict God, then knowing that he is always with you should be enough to know just how blessed you are. But not only this, we are told that 'everything I have is yours'. Not only can we have God's presence in our lives, but we can also ask for his blessings, his love, his mercy, his forgiveness, his peace and so much more. I hope that we are able to take God up on his offer.

