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Farrington Big Day Out



Two coaches and 111 members of the school community thoroughly enjoyed the visit to Wembley Stadium at the weekend to watch the Women's FA Cup Final. We were treated to an excellent and exciting game of football, with Chelsea running out winners after extra time - much to the delight of many 'Blues' amongst the group. We were part of history as it was the largest attendance at this fixture in its history, over 49,000 people.



Help Needed!

We are looking for a couple of handy volunteers willing to give up a Saturday morning to help remove our old shed and erect our new one on the allotment, kindly purchased by the Sperring Trust in Midsomer Norton. Please contact the office if you have the skills and are willing to help!



Walk to School Week

Thank you to the families who have made an extra special effort to ride, cycle or scoot into school this week. Hopefully the children who have taken part have enjoyed this and have arrived fresh and invigorated for the day ahead - as well as being proud of playing their part in making the air that little bit cleaner'. Maybe some are inspired to continue this now the weather (hopefully) makes this easier and more appealing.

Dance-a-thon

The children managed to keep the disco vibe going all day today in order to raise funds for FoFGs. The smiles on their faces as they enjoyed the upbeat music was a delight. We will announce a total when all sponsorship is collected. Raising funds through FoFGS is so important in us being able to fund all those extras for the children, such as the activities FoFGS have kindly arranged for next Wednesday during Wellness Week.

Wellness Week

We are looking forward to going 'off curriculum' next week for our Wellness Week. The teachers have been working hard planning a week full of fun, engaging, creative and active activities. The week includes our participation in the world-wide Outdoor Classroom Day, where we are joining schools from across the world that have also pledged to leave the school walls and enjoy learning in the great outdoors. As with everything we do in school, these weeks show our commitment to the children's Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) development. You can view our overview for SMSC here: SMSC Offer Please note: Children can wear PE kit to school all week.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

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This Week's Ace Learners







Agile Ashley

Karmann - Reception Bailey - Year 4 Thomas - Year 5 Josh G - Year 5

Compassionate Courtney

Esme - Reception Ella - Year 1 Florence - Year 2 Fleur - Year 3 Alissia - Year 4 Bow - Year 4 Liv - Year 5 William - Year 5

Engaged Eddie

Josh - Reception Amber - Year 2 Reuben - Year 2 Mya - Year 4 Alfie - Year 5 Isabella - Year 6

FG's BIG Dance-a-thon







Thank you to those who have already returned their sponsorship forms

Notices

- Breakfast Club please book Term 6's breakfast club sessions by midnight Thursday 2nd June.
- **Children's eye health -** following the theme of Wellness week please click <u>here</u> for a useful link on Children's eye health.
- Clubs All clubs will run as usual next week.
- Class Photos will be taken on the first Monday back of Term 6 smart uniform smile please!
- **Dinner Bookings -** please book term's 6's dinners by midnight Thursday 2nd June.
- Queens Jubilee Menu Change next Friday in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, those who have booked the menu change packed lunch will eat this on the playground (weather pending) in a street party formation. Those who have not ordered please bring a packed lunch for the occasion.
- **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.

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Diary Dates

<u>May</u>

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th Wellness Week (children can wear PE kit to school)

Girls' Cricket Tournament

Tuesday 24th Wellness Week - Outdoor Classroom Day (C3 Swimming as usual)

Wednesday 25th Wellness Week - Animal Encounters and Super Pirates (C4 Ecowild as usual)

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

<u>June</u>

Monday 6th June Term 6 begins

Class & Year 6 photos by Nigel Coles







<u>Friends of Farrington Gurney School</u>

Sounds like the children all had a brilliant time during their sponsored Dance-a-thon today and really kept the party vibe alive and kicking! We'll done to the year 6 team for all their efforts today. We'll let you know how much we have raised after next Friday, which is the deadline for sponsorship money. Please send in with the children to hand to their teacher, give to the office or pay by BACS:

Friends of Farrington Gurney School Sort code: 40-52-40 Account number: 00012136 Please use reference 'danceathon'

We hope the children all enjoy their Wellness Week next week, especially the visit from SuperPirates and Animal Encounters next Wednesday! All the fundraising makes activities like this possible so thanks for all your support. We are in the throes of planning our festival themed school disco for Friday 1st July, so save the date!

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Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week

'But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.' (Luke 5:16)

Our world is a busy place. There are always emails, messages, adverts and phone calls vying for our attention. Not to mention our colleagues, friends and family members. It is often hard to find a moment's peace.

This is when you need to be intentional and book in some time for yourself. Like you might book a hairdresser's appointment or a visit to the dentists, jot down half an hour or so for yourself where you can switch off from the busyness and the noise and just spend some time being you. It's ok, you are allowed. Remember you are a 'human being', not a 'human doing'!

Jesus was one of the busiest people on earth back in early Judea. He travelled to several different towns and cities, spoke to many different crowds of people, taught in synagogues, spent time teaching and leading his closest friends and the Bible tells us he performed many miracles and even brought a man back from the dead – and all in the space of three years. But one thing Jesus is also remembered for is withdrawing to lonely places and spending time with his Father in heaven. Jesus is regarded by many as one of the greatest teachers and prophets and by Christians as the Son of God. So, if he needed to spend time recuperating and recovering, surely we need to.

You may have a faith of your own and if so, these times can be valuable moments to catch up with God, listening and praying. Take yourself away and enjoy your surroundings. Maybe take a walk in the countryside. Find a place to just sit and breath in some fresh air. If you need to, ask your nearest and dearest if they can childmind for an hour or so to allow you time for this.

Like a car needs refuelling when it is on empty, we can only manage life when we are refuelled. So, this week, book in some time for you.

