



*Today sees the end of what has been undoubtedly the strangest school year during my time in the teaching profession. But I am really pleased that in our final week we have seen nearly every child in the school, as well as our new starters for September. We are now all very hopeful that September will see a return to as close as normal as is possible.*

*I would like to thank the whole school community for everything they have done this year and the way everyone has helped to educate and support our children. The teaching and support staff have continued to work very hard throughout the spring and summer terms, producing learning for all the children at home and then all coming back into school and adjusting to the new working environment. And who would have thought that all of you would have become the teachers for a few weeks? I know this has not been an easy task, especially when many of you were having to work from home as well. But most of all so much credit must go to all the children who have coped so well during these times, whether it has been with their learning at home or at school. We all know the children at our school are fantastic and this has emphasised that.*

*It is again time to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they make their next steps to their secondary schools. We are very grateful for everything they have done in their time at our school and wish them all the best at Somervale and Norton Hill and look forward to hearing of their successes. We held a short leavers' service for them on Wednesday and although we could only have 30 people altogether in St John's Church (and no singing!) it was still a really lovely service to end our pupils' time at the school. Thank you to Rev Adam Pitt for hosting us up at the church; we will be seeing a lot more of him next year. We would also like to thank the Year 6 pupils and parents for their very kind gifts including a solar-powered fountain for the pond, books for each class, an amazing embroidered picnic blanket with all the children's names on and a brand new Christmas post box. These are all very much appreciated.*

*In September we will be welcoming 10 new children to Reception as well as another 2 children further up the school, taking us up to 91 pupils in total. We are already looking forward to meeting our new pupils as well as welcoming back all of our current ones. We will also be formally welcoming Mr Andrew Dix as our new Class 4 teacher and Head of School. He has been in for transition sessions today and you will all be seeing a lot more of him next year. I will explain a little more about how his role will work in September.*

*Last week you will have received your child's end of year report. Please feel free to send back comments from you or your child to the class teacher if you would like; all comments help us to look at what we do and improve our practices where necessary.*

*Like the children, our staff now need a break and will appreciate getting some time away from school. However we will be contactable on the office email throughout the summer so please do contact us if you have any questions. Likewise if we have any information that we need to pass on to you, then we will send these out in the form of an email update like we did in April and May.*

*Please remember that although schools are open for staff on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, the children in Years 1-6 return on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, with the new reception class starting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.*

*Everyone at the school would like to wish you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.*

**Mr Turull**



### Additions to last week's letter

There are a couple of additions to the letter that we sent out last week as outlined below:

#### **Book Bags**

Children will be able to bring a book bag to school every day. We will continue to change reading books for the younger children as before. Older children can bring a book bag or bring books within their school bag.

#### **PE Kits**

Children will need PE kits in school with the usual school PE uniform in it (please see below for details.) These may be kept in school and taken home when needed for washing.

#### **Wellies**

Children should also bring in a pair of wellies as in previous years to keep in school so they can access the field at lunch in all weathers.

### Notices

- **Breakfast Club** – If you would like to reserve a place at our breakfast club you may now do this via ParentPay. The costs are £3.50 for the eldest child and £2.50 for any siblings. Due to our current restrictions, we can only provide a simple breakfast at the moment followed by supervised childcare prior to the children going to class. Children will need to be dropped off at the school gate at 8:00am at which point they will be taken to the classroom.
- **Clubs** – the letter will go out to parents on the first day back in September for Terms 1 and 2.
- **Dinner Booking** – The new dinner menu (can be found on the website) is available to book for the whole of Term 1 on ParentPay for Years 1, 2 & Free School Meal pupils in Years 3-6. Our new Reception Year may also book meals now from 14/09/20. Packed lunches should be brought to school by all other children in Years 3-6 as outlined in the school arrangements for September. Children in Classes 1 & 2 can bring a pack lunch if they prefer. **ALL MEALS MUST BE BOOKED BY THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE WEEK THEY ARE REQUIRED. FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF TERM THE DEADLINE IS THEREFORE THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.** Any queries can be directed to the office email address
- **NFest – a message from Welton Baptist Church:** Whether your child has been to NFest every year or this is their first time, they are in for an extra special NFest Holiday Club this summer as the event moves to YouTube at 10:00 a.m. each morning from Mon 24 - 28th August. The team from Welton Baptist Church will be bringing the usual amazing mix of drama, games, crafts, singing, stories...and pies! Sign up soon as we will be delivering parcels containing T-Shirts, crafts, games and goodies to the first 250 children to register...and it's still all FREE! Check out <https://www.facebook.com/711563672228034/videos/3282025371848505/> and register here [www.weltonchurch.org.uk](http://www.weltonchurch.org.uk)
- **Summer Reading Challenge 2020** – a separate email is being sent out with details of this event.

### School Uniform

As many of you will be ordering school uniform during the summer holidays, we thought we would remind you of the expectations of what the children will wear to school:

**Boys** – white shirt or white polo shirt with or without the school logo. Alternatively, a navy blue polo shirt can be worn. Navy blue school jumper with the school logo. Grey or black trousers or shorts, black shoes with black, grey or white socks.

**Girls** – white blouse or polo shirt with or without the school logo. Navy blue jumper/cardigan with the school logo. Grey or black skirt, trousers or shorts, or a summer dress (blue gingham). Black shoes with black, grey or white school socks, or black or grey tights.

**P.E.** – t-shirt with the school logo on in house colours. School navy hoodies are optional; children can wear a school jumper or other plain hoodie if not. Navy blue or black shorts (leggings or tracksuit trousers in colder weather). Trainers preferable to daps.

All our uniform can be purchased through the school website, as well as other items if you choose, such as book bags. Click on the Information tab and then on uniform on the left hand side. Alternatively please visit <http://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/farringtongurneyceprimaryschoolbs396ty>.



### DoodleMaths – Summer Challenge

*In these unusual times, preventing learning loss is more important than ever, so we've created our biggest **DoodleMaths Summer Challenge** ever and made it even easier to take part!*

*Step 1: Log in to the Parent Dashboard and in the Summer Challenge panel, press Register next to your child's name*

*Step 2: Encourage your child to earn 750 stars (or 600 if they were born after 31/08/13) and achieve a 14-day streak in DoodleMaths*

*Step 3: When your child has reached their goal, visit the Parent Dashboard and press Submit entry to claim their reward*

*If you have any questions or need any help, just head to the Parent Dashboard or [doodlemaths.com](http://doodlemaths.com), and click on the green chat icon to find answers or speak with the Doodle Parent Support Team.*

### School Diary Dates

#### July 2020

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** Term 6 ends

#### September 2020

**Tue 1<sup>st</sup>** INSET Day

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** INSET Day

**Thu 3<sup>rd</sup>** Term 1 begins for Year 1 – Year 6  
Home visits for Reception children

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** Home visits for Reception children

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** Term 1 begins for Year R (mornings)

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** EcoWild begins for Year 1 (letter to follow)

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** New Parents' Coffee Morning (11:00am)

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** Reception in until 1:15pm all week

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup>** Reception in full time

*Please note that the office email will be monitored over the summer holidays so please contact us if you have any questions.*

### Friends of Farrington Gurney School

**Family Camping in Cheddar:** Calling all campers! Don't forget the camping weekend at Petruth Paddocks in Cheddar from **Friday 4th - Sunday 6th September**. This has been an annual event for the past 3 years. Last year, children from all year groups attended, and had great fun playing on their bikes, having water fights and roasting marshmallows. When you book, please mention Farrington on the online booking form to ensure we all camp together <https://www.petruthpaddocks.co.uk/> You can also join us for the day if you would prefer not to camp! For more details, please email [fofgs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:fofgs@hotmail.co.uk)

**Welcome for new parents:** tentatively scheduled for Friday September 11th at 11am in the outdoor classroom. All are welcome. Sadly we had to postpone the planned opening for the new outdoor classroom - it will happen next term, date TBC once it is safe to do so.

**Uniform:** If you have existing uniform to sell/give away or are looking for different sizes, please see the FOFGS Preloved Uniform Facebook page.

Thanks to you all for supporting FoFGS over the past school year. Despite it being quite short, we did manage a school disco, a quiz and gifts for Mother's Day. All the funds raised will be donated to school for supplies, equipment or trips (when possible). Special thanks to all Year 6 parents for their many years of support for FoFGS.