

Parent Forum

We welcomed parents and carers to our latest Forum before Celebration Assembly last week. Some of the topics covered were plans for a whole school end of year trip to Longleat on July 13th, the return of Sports Day (date?), plans for the new 'lodge' to replace the library (this will be built and ready for use ready for September) and more details on the school's involvement in the village Jubilee Day on June 4th. We will be displaying over 100 portraits of Queen Elizabeth created by the children in the Memorial Hall, which will be well worth going along to view.

Parents asked about our numbers for September. We were able to confirm that we will be welcoming 15 children, including both siblings and new families, from within our village and from other nearby locations. We assured parents that although we took a larger cohort last year, what makes us special is our size and the individual care we can therefore afford to all children - and therefore we are not looking to expand the school from what has made it successful.

Relationship and Sex Education

Last year we launched a revamped RSE offer to the children. The legislation behind teaching 'sex-ed' had changed and we used the Changing Me units from our PSHE scheme (Jigsaw) to deliver this to ensure we covered all the statutory content. We had positive feedback last year and are therefore planning to deliver this year's Changing Me units in the same way. Although the offer stays the same, please remember your child is a year older, so please consult the overview document and our approach which can be found here: [Relationship and Sex Education](#) so you are fully aware of what they will be taught for their year group. These lessons will be delivered during Term 6.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the class teacher in the first instance.



Dance-a-thon

Well done to the Dance-a-thon children who, through very generous sponsorship, raised an amazing £978.00 by keeping an all-day disco running on Friday.

Special mention must go to Albie-Blu, Arthur, Fin and Sebastian in Class 1, Ella in Class 2 and Evelyn in Class 3 who all raised over £50 each!

Every penny raised was very much appreciated and goes directly to benefitting the children with all the extras such as this week's fun-filled week.



Swimming Gala

Our team of nine swimmers attended the Gala on Thursday afternoon this week. They took part in 13 events including freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and relay races. The team worked really hard and were over the moon to find out they had won the small schools' event. A fantastic result! Special mention to Ornella who won both of her races and Freya who won both of her races. We will give out their medals at the first assembly in Term 6.

Jubilee Week

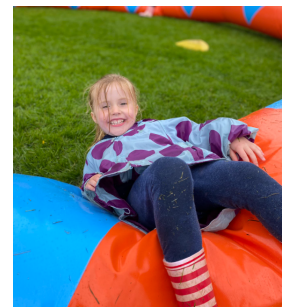
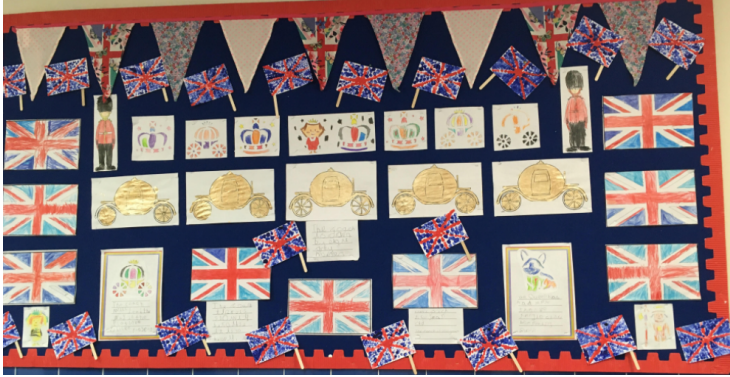
We have spent time this week celebrating the upcoming Jubilee. The churches in the village kindly donated Jubilee Mugs to every child in school to mark the occasion. Margaret and Sally from the local churches were on hand to make the presentation during the street party held on the last day of Wellness Week.



Mr Dix and Mr Turull



Wellness Week Photographs





Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - please book Term 6's breakfast club sessions by midnight Thursday 2nd June.
- **Clubs** - All clubs will run the first week of next term as usual (Lego club has now ended and Dance/Yoga Club starts).
- **Class & School Photos** - to be taken on Monday 6th June - smart uniform - smile please!
- **Letter from Alun Williams from the MAT** - please click [here](#) for the recent parent/carer letter.
- **Dinner Bookings** - please book term's 6's dinners by midnight Thursday 2nd June.
- **Ecowild** - it will be the turn of Class 2 to do Ecowild next term. Please bring appropriate clothing.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Sun Hats/Cream/Coats** - please remember sun hats/cream in the sunny weather and coats on the rainy days (particularly if your class is doing Ecowild).

Diary Dates

June

Monday 6th June

Term 6 begins

Lego Club has now finished - all other clubs as usual

Whole school, Class & Year 6 photos by Nigel Coles

Tuesday 7th

Class 3 Swimming

Wednesday 8th

Class 2 Ecowild

Thursday 9th

Dance & Yoga Club starts

Monday 13th

New Intake Meeting (4:00pm) for next year's Reception starters

Tuesday 14th

Year 5/6 Quadkids Athletics Tournament (details to follow)

Thursday 16th

Year 6 Cricket Tournament (Sulis Club, Bath)

Friday 17th

Celebration Assembly (2:30pm in the Memorial Hall)

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We hope all of the children have enjoyed their Wellness Week including SuperPirates and Animal Encounters on Wednesday! The photos on Twitter are brilliant, and it makes all the fundraising worthwhile to see such happy faces!

We don't have a final count yet but at the moment we have raised approximately £978.00 from the sponsored Dance-a-thon last Friday, which is fantastic! Please can all remaining sponsorship money be sent in by BACS as soon as possible:

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

Please use reference: 'danceathon'

After half term we will be asking for volunteers to offer short bursts of time (15 minute slots) on sports day and at the festival disco to help run refreshments and sell raffle tickets. More to follow, but we'll likely put a sign up sheet in the outdoor classroom. This seems the fairest way to run these events as we only have a small handful of regular volunteers, so thanks for your support with this.



Have a lovely half term and enjoy the Platinum Jubilee celebrations!

Community News



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

Jubilee
TENNIS



Farrington Gurney
Tennis Court

FREE to all children and parents
<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/FarringtonGurneyTennisCourt/Events>

SATURDAY 4TH JUNE
12.30PM - 2.30PM

Coaches and helpers to support and encourage you to 'pick up a racket!'



In association with
SOMER VALLEY
TENNIS



TICKETS ON SALE AT VILLAGE CLUB WHEN OPEN

FARRINGTON GURNEY
VILLAGE JUBILEE

Saturday
4th June 2022
KIDS PARTY
3:00-4:00PM

THE AMAZING GLYNN DAVIES WILL BE PRESENTING AN HOUR LONG CHILDRENS PARTY
TICKETS £2 EACH

PRICE INCLUDES ENTRY AND GOODIE BAG CONTAINING SANDWICHES, CRISPS, TREATS AND DRINK.
DIETRY REQUIREMENTS MUST BE NOTIFIED AT TIME OF TICKET PURCHASE.



DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?

New music groups
KS1 & 2

- Beginner groups - strings, guitar, woodwind
- Saturday mornings in term time
- At Warmley Music Centre

VISIT: [INTEGRAMUSIC.CO.UK/GETINVOLVED](https://www.integramusic.co.uk/getinvolved)



EcoWild
You are Nature

GREYFIELD WOODS
Holiday
Adventure Club

Two days of holiday club fun in the woods for 6 to 12 year olds on the 30th and 31st of May, 10am to 3pm every day.

CRAFT, FIRE, GAMES, FUN,
NATURE CONNECTION, FRIENDS

[ECOWILD.ORG.UK/BOOK-NOW](https://ecowild.org.uk/book-now)



Supported using public funding by
Department for Education
ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week



Thought of the Week

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10: 36-37)



Some of the children in Class 3 this week were telling me that they hadn't celebrated the Jubilee last year and it was at this point that I realised that they didn't really understand what a jubilee was. I explained that these sorts of celebrations only happen every ten years because we are celebrating the number of years that our queen has been reigning and therefore we mark each decade as these are special amounts of time. The last time we celebrated our queen's reign on the throne was in 2012, the same year as the London Olympics - which of course was before any of the children in Year 3 or 4 were born. It just reminds me just how special and rare these events are and why it is important to mark them.

This week in one of our collective worships, we have been looking at how we greet people and make them feel welcome. As a school we see how important it is to make people feel welcome and how this is a way of showing them that they matter as fellow human beings. Our Queen has welcomed and greeted a lot of people during her 70 year reign. She has visited many countries around the world and is always shaking people by the hand and speaking with them, showing them that they are worthy of her time.

The Queen has explained how her faith as a Christian helps her with this. In her Christmas message in 2004, she explained how Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan had influenced her.

In the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus tells us about someone who helped someone else and treated them with care and respect, even though they were from a different country and religion.

The Queen said, ***'For me as a Christian, one of the most important...teaching is contained in the parable of the Good Samaritan, when Jesus answers the question, "Who is my neighbour?" ...Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour. The need to look after a fellow human being is far more important than any cultural or religious differences.'***

The Queen's message is clear – treating other people with kindness and being welcoming is important. We can make others feel welcome through our words and actions, just as the Queen makes people feel welcome by saying hello and shaking hands.

Now, you may not be a royalist or even particularly fond of our queen, but she has certainly worked hard over her long reign and has always been a good example of someone who has made time for others regardless of their culture, religion, race and place in society.

This coming week, when most of us can enjoy a few extra days off, let's take a moment to consider the importance of welcoming others and



Farrington Gurney Church of England Primary School
Fulfilment, Forgiveness, Foundation

Newsletter 32 - May 27th 2022



how we can help look after our fellow human beings, whoever they may be.