



We hope you all enjoyed the half-term break and are looking forward to our last few weeks at school this year. The children have returned positively, excited and ready for the many events taking place before the summer holidays.

### **Clean Air**

Next week sees us look at the issue of clean air in our local environment as we focus on Clean Air Day activities in school next Thursday.

Each class will look at the challenges of modern-day living in terms of how this has historically had an impact on air quality and ways in which we can contribute in our own small ways to make the situation better. The children will be making posters, some of which may be turned into roadside signage to highlight the issue of air quality.

### **Farrington Journal Competition**

This is the final chance for anyone who wants to place an entry for the Farrington Gurney Journal Competition. The editor has contacted us asking if our children would be interested in taking part in a competition to design the front cover of their 50th edition due out in July and August. The illustration, on a piece of A5 paper, should be inspired by some element of the village, be that a person, place or building. Entries should be emailed to the school office and the deadline has now been extended to Monday 13th June. Please leave a space on the cover for the usual positioning of the title and date. Good luck!

### **Dental Health**

There will be an opportunity for parents to join a zoom call on Thursday 23rd June to find out more about issues related to good dental health. Jenni Carpenter, who works as an oral health improvement practitioner at Bristol Dental Hospital, will present some of the challenges families face to ensure good health, as well as be able to answer any queries you may have. We will share the link ahead of the session.

### **End of Year Dates for Year 6 Leavers**

We have added diary dates below for the end of the school year. Last year due to Covid we held a smaller leavers' event on the last afternoon for the children and their families. The feedback we received was how positive that was and how much all the parents and children enjoyed it. Therefore we are looking at holding two events on the last week. The first of these is our final Celebration Assembly up at St John's Church, along with Rev Pitt. This will include handing out certificates, awarding the Governors' Cup and reflecting on the year. This is planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 20th July, subject to confirmation from Rev Pitt. We will then invite the Year 6 families to join us on the field (or the hall if the weather is inclement) for a final gathering on the last afternoon from 2:30pm. If there are any changes to this, we will let you know as soon as possible. We have also added the Class 4 production dates into the diary dates. More information will follow on this.

Just to remind you that all our school newsletters are also published on our website - <https://www.farringtongurneyschool.co.uk/news-and-events/newsletters.htm>



### Notices

- **Breakfast Club** - unfortunately due to rising food, energy and staffing costs we are having to increase our fees from £3.50 to £4 for the eldest child and £2.50 to £3 for all siblings. This is our first increase in over five years.
- **Clubs** - Summer Strollers is cancelled next week due to the New Intake Parent information meeting. All other clubs will run as usual.
- **Class & School Photos** - proofs will be sent home as soon as they are received. We will let you know in the newsletter when the whole school photo will be available to see (in the school office). The whole school photo order options are 10x5" mounted photo £11, 17x8" Unmounted photo £16 & 17x8" mounted photo £19.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.

### Diary Dates

#### June

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)
Thursday 23rd	Parent Dental Health Zoom Meeting
Friday 24th	Class 3 Raise the Roof at Combe Down

#### July

Friday 1st	Sports Day (parents welcome after lunch)
Wednesday 6th	In school transition morning
	Final EcoWild session (Class 2)
Thursday 7th	Year 6 Transition Day
Friday 8th	Reserve Sports Day - Celebration Assembly (if no Sports Day)
Wednesday 13th	Whole School Trip to Longleat
Thursday 14th	Class 4 Production (afternoon performance - 1:30pm)
Friday 15th	Class 4 Production (evening performance - 6:00pm)
Wednesday 20th	Final Celebration Assembly at St John's Church (2:00pm to be confirmed)
Thursday 21st	Leaver's Gathering (2:30pm on the field)

### Friends of Farrington Gurney School

We hope you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the local jubilee celebrations! Date for a preloved school uniform sale to follow soon, so please hang on to any outgrown clothes.

This summer term we will be planning a festival style school disco on Friday 1st July, 6-7.30pm. From next week there will be a sign up sheet available within the outdoor classroom, for anyone able to help with the running of the event. This time, we have decided to break down the tasks into 30 minute slots to share out the different tasks, so please put yourself down to help if you can. We will be having a DJ to keep the children entertained, as well as festival attire to purchase!

We will require extra volunteers to run this next disco, as a result of feedback from the Village Hall committee following our last disco. Unfortunately if we do not have sufficient volunteers we won't be able to run this disco or future ones, due to concerns raised after our last. Parents/carers will be required to supervise their children at all times to ensure no damage occurs to hall premises.

Thanks in advance for your support with this-let's make it a good one to finish a brilliant year!



**Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week**

***'This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.'***

(Psalm 118: 24)

Did you manage to join in with any of last week's celebrations? So many villages and towns put on events from Thursday to Sunday (some even managed events earlier in the week as well) and several people held street parties to celebrate the 70 years reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Whether you are a fan of the queen or not, last week was an opportunity to celebrate for many reasons. Although it wasn't glorious throughout, the rain held off for most of the time. Many people were able to enjoy an extra day's bank holiday and, in this country, that's rare. Most village and town councils spent a lot of time putting events together, spending money and carrying out the necessary risk assessments which would enable it all to happen. If nothing else, the feeling that it was now ok to meet in large groups and to share food and drink together made it something worth celebrating.

However long it has been since the last "restrictions" were dropped, it's only been in the last few weeks that the majority of us have felt comfortable and safe to meet openly with large groups in public places. Cinemas, theatres and concert halls have all been open for a while now and people have been able to go to pubs and restaurants freely without having to wear a face mask for several months now. But this week, it seemed a bit different. There was an opportunity for everyone to be involved, for the whole country to get together with those they loved and maybe even meet face to face with family and friends who they haven't seen for a long time.

In the Bible, there are several references to celebration and several times were special events were held to celebrate different things. Jesus himself celebrated events like the Passover, the Feast of Tabernacles and even the Jewish Sabbath, although he did clarify that the Sabbath was made for man (to be celebrated and enjoyed) rather than man being made for the Sabbath (as a burden to be endured).

So as we move into summer, let's look for those reasons to celebrate. Each day is new, with fresh beginnings and opportunities. Like the psalmist, let's remember that this day has been made for us and seize the opportunity to rejoice and be glad.

