



With the recent announcement from the Government, we have had to adapt some of our planning for the last few weeks of term.

- We will be unable to hold a traditional Sports' Day with spectators, but will still ensure the children have an event within school time where we can complete a Sports' Day within our bubbles.
- Our end of year production will not be able to be held as a live event, but will be recorded and the filming shared with parents.
- Transition to Year 7 for our current Year 6 children will take place virtually. However there may be opportunities for children to attend a face-to-face session in a small group which the secondary schools will confirm with us.
- We are still planning to hold a Leavers' Service for the children, but again we are beholden to the guidance changing after the 4 week pause.

Bookbarn:

Our bubbles will each be visiting the Bookbarn next week for Independent Booksellers' Week. The children will be able to undertake some activities and browse the large selection of books on offer. Each child will receive a voucher as part of the event. To aid with walking, our Class 1 children will be dropped at the Bookbarn on Wednesday in the morning before school, and will walk back. All other classes will walk both ways enjoying our local countryside. Class 2 will visit on Monday morning, Class 3 on Thursday morning and Class 4 will visit on Friday morning.

Allotment Update:

Four villagers have come forward to kindly volunteer their time by getting involved in our gardening patch in the car park. We are thankful to them for their willingness to enrich our school community with their enthusiasm and knowledge. Farrington Forum will meet again this term to start the planning process of how we can make the most of this area.

Mr O Kelly:

We say goodbye to our Bath Spa student Mr O Kelly this week. He has had a very good final placement ahead of taking on his own class near home in September. We wish him well.

Cricket:

On the sporting front, the girls' cricket team had a successful time at the Kwik Cricket tournament in Bath on Monday. In blistering heat, they honed their skills over the day and ended up with victories in the last 2 matches of the day against Saltford and Farmborough. Well done girls!

Net Zero Competition:

Team 3, led by Lillian, were successful in getting through to the next round of Atkins Global's Net Zero Competition with an opportunity to win £250 or other prizes for the school. Their live panel session took place today. Fingers crossed!





Notices

- **COVID-19** - Please can you keep us informed of any positive Covid tests in your families and note below the **BANES Public Health** message.
- **Clubs** - All clubs will be running as usual next week.
- **Hats and Sunscreen** - with the hot weather, children must have sunscreen applied before school and bring a named hat with them to school please.
- **St. John's Church** - Sunday Service link to join Rev Adam Pitt:
<https://mailchi.mp/45fbab156ec7/paulton-benefice-zoom-service-13485031>

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

FOFGS are the lucky recipient of a Mulberry bag which we will be raffling (online) very soon! More details next week; it would be brilliant if we can share far and wide on social media so we raise as much as possible for school.

We are also planning an event for school families, but we are waiting for the announcement about Covid restrictions being eased before confirming the details.

Diary Dates - June

Monday 21st June	Class 2 Trip to the Bookbarn
Wednesday 23rd June	Class 1 Trip to the Bookbarn
	Class 4 swimming
	Year 2 EcoWild
Thursday 24th June	Class 3 Trip to Bookbarn
Friday 25th June	Class 4 Trip to Bookbarn
Monday 28th June	Governors' Meeting
Tuesday 29th June	New Parents Transition Carousel Morning
	Year 5/6 Football Tournament

BANES Public Health

Please read below the message from BANES regarding Covid testing using LFT and PCR.

- All staff and secondary /college students - please continue to undertake Lateral Flow Test (LFT) testing at least twice a week
- All adults in families/households with children aged under 11 - please continue to undertake LFT testing at least twice a week
- In the event of a positive LFT or the onset of COVID symptoms, a PCR test must be taken to confirm the case, and the individual and their contacts **MUST** self-isolate straightaway
- Contacts of a positive case are now also encouraged to take a PCR test, even without symptoms, to quickly detect secondary cases. Please remind contacts that if their PCR test is negative they must still continue to isolate for the remainder of their isolation period as they could still be incubating the virus



Farrington's Thought for the Week by Mr Marvin

So we've been doing 'Sex Ed' in Class 3 at the moment (or Relationships and Sex Education as it's known now). After all the initial giggling and guffawing in places, the children were able to settle down a bit and we could actually talk about puberty and the changes that were going to happen to them.

Many of them are finding the sessions a bit embarrassing, but talking it through and explaining that these changes happen to everyone and that it is normal, have hopefully alleviated any fears they might have had.

We started off by talking about babies and what support babies need. The children seemed generally interested by all this. We also had the double whammy of hearing from Mrs Glover what babies need after they are born, but also hearing from Miss Gunter about what it's like to be pregnant. This led onto a talk about why people choose to have babies and why some choose not to have babies.

The whole experience heightened our awareness of how incredible childbirth is. Although there are often lots of complications and things can get quite traumatic at times during the birth, the actual wow factor of a whole new life being made is still quite amazing.

Last week in class we briefly touched on how we inherit characteristics from both our birth mother and our birth father and we also talked a bit about conception. This week we are moving onto talking about eggs and sperm and how both are needed to make a baby. Again, it is remarkable really that these two single yet special cells can join together to create a completely new life.

I'm reminded of a Psalm in the Bible, Psalm 139. If you have time, the whole Psalm is worth a read. It is a beautiful poem all about how well God knows each one of us and how we are never out of his sight. In verses 13 and 14 it says

'For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.' (Psalm 139: 13-14)

This reminds us how we were all individually, uniquely and wonderfully made. That we are not a mistake. That we were meant to be. That great care has been taken over our creation. And fearfully has nothing to do with being fearful. Being 'fearfully made' means we have been made with great reverence, with heart-felt interest and with respect.

So whether you are a child or an adult, whether you have children yourself or are planning to have one (or another one), just remember these verses. And maybe it's worth spending a moment pondering the thought that each one of us is that beautiful miracle.

