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## 2024/2025 Staffing

We are pleased to be able to share with you the staffing for next academic year. Teachers/Teaching assistants will be as follows:

Turtle	Mrs Frampton (Mrs Huckman)
Shark	Mrs Geeson/Mrs Glover (Miss Morris)
Seal	Mrs Mathieson (Mrs Davis)
Dolphin	Mr Edwards (Mrs Haskins)

Teaching assistants (in brackets) will work across classes but will mainly be based in the classes above. Mrs Harvey will continue with her role supporting specific children and carrying out interventions.

The children will have a chance to spend some time with their new teacher on the morning of Thursday 4th July.

## Beekeeper Visit

On Tuesday Shark and Seal classes and Year 5 Dolphin were visited by a local beekeeper

who talked to us about how the hives work, what bees need and how they make honey. We also got to test some local honey and ask any auestions about bees. Both classes really enjoyed the visit and Seal Class have been creatina designs using hexagons to show what they have learnt.



## Year 6 Moving Up Celebration

Our Year 6 children attended the diocese ceremony aimed at preparing them for their transition to secondary school. The annual event was held at Wells Cathedral and attended by children from a number of schools from across the area.



## Quadkids

Our final sporting event of the year against other schools took place this week as we travelled with a team of nine to St Benedict's School in Westfield to compete in the Quadkids event. The children tested themselves against the clock and tape measure in a series of athletic challenges, scoring points as they went for the team.

As always, the children took great pride in representing the school and competed in the right spirit. It was invaluable practice for next week's Sports Day.



Mr Dix and Mr Turull

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# **Diary Dates**

New / Changed dates in Blue

#### June 2024

Mon 24th Seal Trip to Roman Baths
Wed 26th Sports Day (races from 1:30pm)
Fri 28th Celebration Assembly (9:00am)
Year 6 Residential 25 Deposit deadline
Rearranged Colour Run 2:30pm

### **July 2024**

Thu 4th Year 6 Transition Day and Farrington 'Shuffle-Up Morning' Children go to new classes for September Dolphin Class Performance (afternoon) Thu 11th Fri 12th Dolphin Class Performance (evening) Reports out to parents Tue 16th Whole school trip to Longleat Wed 17th Year 6 Pilgrimage to Paulton Thu 18th Leavers' Service at St. John's Church (9:15am) Fri 19th Last day of term

# **Friends of Farrington Gurney**

End of term party (details to follow)

We will be selling refreshments and cakes etc at sports day next Wednesday (26th). Please bring cash or card if you fancy something.

Our next PTA meeting will also be held next Wednesday, 26th at 8pm at Holly Greenwood's house. Please contact us via the Facebook page, at fofgs@hotmail.co.uk or speak to the office if you would like the address. This will be our first hybrid meeting, held both in person and online so please bear with us on the technical side!!! How to join virtually will be confirmed early next week.

We have our fingers tightly crossed that the weather remains dry for the colour run next Friday (28th), please gather any last sponsors where you can.

Full details of the end of term party on 19th July will be shared next week.

Finally, we hope everyone enjoys the family camp this weekend, looks like the weather will be lovely for it!!

## **Notices**

- Bikeability Training An email was sent on Tuesday to parents of Dolphin Class next year. Please action the google form by 1st July.
- Clubs All clubs are running as usual next week.
- Class Photos All classes and Year 6 had their photos taken on Monday 10th June and the photo order/proofs were sent home yesterday. The deadline for orders is Monday 1st July.
- **KS2 Wonka: The Musical Tickets** Please book on ParentPay for the 1:30pm matinee performance and 6:00pm evening performance. Initially there are only **4 tickets/per family** available (please email the office if you need further tickets however these are usually only available for the afternoon performance). The deadline for tickets is Tuesday 9th July. Tickets cost £2 which assists with the hall hire, purchase of props and creation of scenery. We will check you off on arrival from a central list at the beginning of the performance so we will not be issuing physical tickets. Preschool children are free: please indicate how many in the notes.
- Library events see <u>here</u> the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- Whole school trip to Longleat thank you to all who have given consent/paid. There are only a few remaining to do this.
- Year 6 Residential Trip 2025 (current year 5's) please consent and pay the deposit via ParentPay by 28th June.



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# **Thought of the Week**

"I thank you, God, for making me so mysteriously complex! Everything you do is marvellously breathtaking. It simply amazes me to think about it! How thoroughly you know me, Lord!" (Psalm 139:14)



Last week I went to see 'Inside Out 2'. I knew it would be good and I wasn't disappointed. Pixar have pulled it off again and created yet another film that reaches everyone on so many levels.

If you haven't seen the first film, you don't need to have seen it to understand the second one. If you are planning to go and see the second film, I'll try not to give too much away.

The general premise focuses around a girl called Riley. We are introduced to her "emotions" as characters who interact with each other and try to influence Riley's life for the better. Some new emotions arrive as Riley becomes a teenager and the antics revolve around two of the emotions trying to control things so that life works out best for Riley. In the end, they both realise that neither of them should dominate and that all the emotions should work together to help Riley create a Sense of Self.

One of the characters, Joy, is keen to remove all of the bad memories and experiences from Riley's life, so she believes that she is a good person. The other character, Anxiety, wants Riley to plan for all possibilities and to do whatever she can, even if it might be wrong, to enable her to succeed and have a successful life. This unfortunately ends up creating the opposite effect and Riley believes she isn't good enough.

I won't say anymore, as I don't want to spoil it for you, but the film managed in its very unique way to focus in on a human condition. We strive to be 'a good person' and to be accepted by others, but often our efforts leave us believing that we are 'not good enough'.

King David wrote lots of Psalms that share all sorts of emotions - joy, anger, sadness, fear, and anxiety.

In today's verse from Psalm 139, it says we are "mysteriously complex". As in the film, we can't just function on one emotion. It then goes on to say that everything God makes is "marvellously breathtaking" and that includes you and I.

Sometimes we take ourselves and others for granted, but we forget just how unique we are and how well we have been put together, with all our talents, abilities and foibles.

No, we're not good enough. We often make mistakes and say and do the wrong things. But with God, we are more than ourselves and when we get it wrong, we can pick ourselves up, say sorry and move on.

This week, take some time to appreciate your friends and family, but also to appreciate yourself. Remember what Psalm 139 says about you!

