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## Morning Routine

Many thanks for your cooperation around the tighter window of 8:35am to 8:45am in the mornings. This has led to a smoother start to the day in all classes.

Arriving after 8:45am causes children to lose learning time and distracts the office from their admin in checking registers and ensuring the dinners are all correct. If you are struggling to meet the gate times regularly, we will be contacting you to ask if there is any support required to ensure the children arrive on time. Our Education Welfare Officer came in for her termly visit this week and while our whole school attendance is one of the very highest in the Trust, she did ask that we share the following image as more children are starting to arrive late.



#### Classes for Next Year

Having announced the change in class structure for next year, we will shortly be confirming which staff will be working in each class, following some more recruitment next week. We are looking at giving the opportunity for parents in the current Reception class to discuss these changes if they would like, similar to a Parent Forum meeting. Please contact us if you have any questions in the meantime.

### **RSE**

During Term 6 classes will be undertaking their Relationship and Sex Education lessons in line with our statutory duty to deliver this element of the curriculum. These lessons have proven to be successful in educating the children around relationships and their own, and others', physical and emotional development...

When we redesigned this area of the curriculum in 2021, we consulted with parents around the content and produced this <u>overview</u> which gives information around the content delivered. Please take time to read it and come back to class teachers with any questions you may have.

### Sports Day

We have planned for our annual Sports Day to take place next Wednesday weather permitting. As in previous years, the children will undertake a carousel of activities during the morning with the teachers and support staff, before parents are invited to join us for races which will start at 1:30pm. Please can all children come to school in PE kits, wearing their school PE t-shirt and also with water bottles, sun hats and sun cream applied as usual. While we understand that you may want to take photos of your children during the races, please make sure no photos are on social media without shared permission of all the children in the photo.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

# Book thank you

A massive thank you to all the parents who brought in books for our Accelerated Reader Scheme. We have managed to add over 150 books to the scheme, and also added some books, outside of the scheme, onto the shelves in our Reading Lodge. We are very grateful to all who donated, but special mention to the mums of Liv, Lotte/Neah, Karmann/Tristan/Rheya & Amber.

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## **Notices**

- Clubs All clubs will be taking place as usual next week.
- Evolve Summer Camp Have Sporting Fun throughout the Summer holiday at Ston Easton. There are discount fliers in the office if you would like one.
- Photos The proofs were sent home for you to place your order ideally on-lline or send the envelope back to the office. Order deadline for free delivery to the school is 29th June.
- **MAT Chair of Governors Resignation** please see letter <u>here</u> for your attention.
- **St. John's Church -** Please see <u>here</u> the link to the weekly church events.

## **Diary Dates**

New dates and amendments in blue

#### June 2023

Mon 26th New Intake Parents' Meeting

(4:00pm)

Wed 28th Sports Day (see above - 1:30pm start)

Thurs 29th Deadline for photo orders

Fri 30th Celebration Assembly (Classes 3 & 4

showing)

### **July 2023**

New Intake Picnic (12:00pm on the
field - in the Memorial Hall if wet)
New Intake Taster Session (1:30pm -
3:00pm)
Whole School Trip to St Fagans
Wizard of Oz Matinee (1:15pm)
Wizard of Oz Evening (6pm)
2pm Leavers' / End of year
Assembly



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## **Friends of Farrington Gurney School**

Just two more days to get any final bids in on our fantastic Summer auction. Some amazing bargains still to be had. Bidding ends at 6pm on Sunday.





https://bit.ly/3Jgc7FO



## Summer Reading Challenge 2023 at Paulton Library!

Ready! Set! Read! 🏵 🏵 😍

Yes it's nearty here, and this year look out for a sporty theme! Remember our Tree of Cogs from 2022? Perhaps you are new to the Challenge? If so, then make sure you are READY!

It is open to all Primary-aged children, BUT YOU HAVE TO HAVE YOUR OWN LIBRARY CARD TO TAKE PART! Don't wait until the Challenge begins, get yours today so that you are

# Ready!

- Visit the Library any day soon and pick up a joining form or join online.
- Get your Parent or Carer to complete it and visit the Library with some ID when the Library is open.
- · We can enrol you while you wait.





From July 8<sup>th</sup> visit our Library with your card and register for the Challenge. Choose some books from our huge selection.



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Hooray! You have accepted the Challenge!

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# **Thought of the Week**

'He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers." (Matthew 21:13)



'Purification of the Temple' by El Greco (Doménikos Theotokópoulos) (1600)

Do you sometimes get angry? I know I do!

This week in collective worship, we looked at the time that Jesus cleansed the temple and the children were generally shocked to see Jesus so incensed.

The problem with understanding why Jesus was so angry is that we are only given the bare bones of the situation. In Matthew's Gospel, it just says he drove out those who were buying and selling things without much of an explanation why. Was it just because they were buying and selling? Does Jesus have an issue with commerce?

For Jews at this time, to be able to worship at the temple, they would usually have to present an animal for sacrifice - as a way of saying sorry for the things they had done wrong. This again upset Class 3, but they felt better when they were assured that no horses, dogs or cats were injured!

Unfortunately, many of the worshippers travelled a long way and so they had to buy their animals when they got to Jerusalem. The worshippers were also expected to pay a 'temple tax', but this could only be paid using

the correct Tyrian shekel, so any other type of coin had to be exchanged.

Now, you've probably guessed it already, but yes, those buying and selling in the temple were probably overcharging these visitors, so buying their animals and exchanging their coins was costing them more than it should. Instead of it being about people coming to worship God, it was more to do with making money at other people's expense, especially those who could ill afford it. This was the time of Passover and many Jewish visitors would want to worship in the temple, so this was a form of exploitation.

Now maybe it is clearer as to why Jesus was so angry and why he was so keen to 'drive them all out'.

This type of anger is known as righteous anger, when someone is angry because of an injustice being done to someone else. When we get angry, is it for this reason? Are we angry about those who are suffering in our world or those struggling to buy enough food? Are we doing something about this anger that we feel?

Or is our anger more like selfish anger? As I explained to the children, selfish anger is when you get angry because you can't have chips for tea!

This week, if something you see or hear about makes you angry, what can you do to make it better. Can you send an email to your local MP? Is there a charity that supports the results of what's happening? Do what you can to make a difference. And if your anger is selfish...maybe we need to keep quiet...

