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#### Sports' Day 2024

The weather was kind and we held a successful Sports' Day on Wednesday. The morning was filled with activities run by the teachers and coordinated by our House Captains and Sports' Leaders.

The points gained in the morning were then added to the points gained in the afternoon after which the yellow house of Mogg were the victorious team.

Many thanks to all the parents and friends who attended and made it along to cheer their children on, and to the children who competed in the right spirit.



# Sports Kit

Continuing the sporting theme, if your child has represented the school at a sports event this year using a school sports kit, could you please return it washed ready to be packed away for next year by the end of next week.

Relationship and Sex Education Sessions As in each of the last 3 years, we have delivered our RSE sessions during Term 6. The overview of the main themes we cover can be found <u>HERE</u>.

If you have any questions about these lessons, please contact your child's class teacher.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

#### **Diary Dates**

New / Changed dates in Blue

# **July 2024**

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Mon 1st	Deadline for Class Photo orders
Thu 4th	Year 6 Transition Day and Farrington
	'Shuffle-Up Morning': Children go to
	new classes for September
Fri 5th	Non-Uniform Day - bring £1 suggested
	donation to school for the PTA
	Final Keyboard Lessons for Term 6
Thu 11th	Dolphin Class Performance (1pm)
Fri 12th	Dolphin Class Performance (5:30pm)
	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
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#### Friends of Farrington Gurney

End of term party (details to follow)

We hope everyone had fun at the colour run today. Please return all sponsorship money ideally via direct payment to the Friends bank account: Sort Code 40-52-40: Account: 00012136 Name: Friends of Farrington Gurney School.

Please see below details relating to the end of term party on 19th July.



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#### **Notices**

- Bikeability Training An email was sent
  Tuesday to parents of Dolphin Class next year.
  Please action the google form by 1st July. No
  money is required at this time.
- Clubs All clubs are running as usual next week.
- Class Photos Deadline is Monday 1st July.
- Dinner Menu Sept 25 can now be viewed on the school website. \*\* NB) Childrens options can be made from Thursday 22nd August \*\*
- on ParentPay for the performances. Initially there are only 4 tickets/per family (please email the office if you need further tickets however these are usually only available for the afternoon performance). The deadline for tickets is 9th July & cost £2 which assists with the hall hire, purchase of props and creation of scenery. You will be checked off on arrival from a central list 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 8 remaining to do this.
- Swimming Dolphin Class will be swimming in Terms 1 & 2 from the first day back. Please see communication & return consent via ParentPay.
- Year 6 Residential Trip 2025 (current year 5's) to ensure your child's place is held, please consent and pay the deposit via ParentPay by 28th June.



# FREE family cycle training

This Summer B&NES Council is pleased to offer free family cycle training in Midsomer Norton at Free Rangers Forest School Nursery.

This one to one course is designed to instruct the lead family member how to shepherd the group with road safety tactics. It also aims to improve children's cycle skills and road awareness while having fun with parents! The first hour will introduce basic cycle skills and will take place under a barn. Then, the group will have activities on a cycle lane and carefully selected local junctions under guidance of our instructor.





There is no minimum age but to attend this course, all riders must be able to ride a bike (set off, pedal, slow down and stop). If required, we can offer bike & helmet loans free of charge.



To see available dates and book a space, scan the QR code or email: <a href="mailto:bikeability@bathnes.gov">bikeability@bathnes.gov</a>

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#### **Thought of the Week**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard." (Matthew 20:1-2)



The Bible records a lot of what Jesus said, stuff that people still remember and quote 2000 years later. A lot of what Jesus had to say he told through parables

This week's parable is often hard to read and without feeling upset. It's all about a landowner who goes out early in the morning, say 6 or 7, to hire some workers to pick grapes in his vineyard. He agrees to pay them a denarius, a Roman coin which was the usual daily wage of a day labourer at the time. And so they get to work.

The landowner goes out again at 9 o'clock and hires some more workers and again at noon and 3 o'clock. He finally goes out at 5 o'clock, practically tea time and hires some more workers who have been standing around all day doing nothing.

Everyone works through until 6 and then the workers are called to receive their wages. Those who were hired at 5 o'clock are paid first and they are given a denarius, which is exactly what the first workers agreed to be paid. These first workers now expect to receive more because of this, but when they are given their wages they also receive a denarius, the same amount of money.

Many of us find this very difficult to deal with. How can workers that worked 12 hours be paid the same amount as those who had only worked 1 hour? Now although a business wouldn't be able to function like this, the landowner makes some very valid points at the end of the parable. First, he reminds the early workers that they did agree to work the whole day for a denarius. Second, the landowner reminds them that it is his money and he has every right to pay those who were hired last the same as he agreed to pay them. He finally challenges them by asking them whether they are envious because of his generosity.

We can completely understand where the early workers are coming from, but at the same time, they have no right to demand more from the landowner, nor to dispute the pay he has given any of the workers.

This parable reminds us that all our blessings are from God's generosity and not our own doing. We shouldn't look at what others have and become bitter and jealous. As we know, rivalry is soul destructive because everything we have and all of life itself is a gift from God.

Let's remember this week not to fix our eyes horizontally on what others have, but to look up and around and remind ourselves of just how many blessings we also have received. When we consider just how much we have received, we can't help but be truly thankful.

