



This week we have suffered an unusually high number of staff absences. This had led to several members of the team going above and beyond to keep the school functioning normally in what is an extremely busy time of the year. We'd like to thank the staff for their efforts and hope to be back to full strength soon.

Cost of Living Crisis

We are fully aware of the impact facing families around the cost of living crisis we are all facing. Within school we are looking closely at ways in which we can further reduce our energy costs as school budgets have not been adjusted to cover the increased costs we are facing.

Some of the ways we are looking to reduce energy use is by focusing on things such as unnecessary photocopying, heating/cooling/lighting around school. I am sure many families are also adopting such strategies at home as we all try to tighten our belts. One way parents can help school is

by letting us know if your circumstances change and you become eligible for free school meals. This means the school is able to gain additional funding through the pupil premium grant to help support your child both now and in the years ahead (even if your circumstances take you back out of the free school meals category). **If you qualify for free school meals the school can assist you by reducing the cost of trips, after school clubs, music lessons and residential.** Please either speak in confidence to Mrs Hazard in the office or Mr Dix and we can help you find out if you are eligible and support you through the very simple and quick application process.



Farrington's Fun Session

Our friends at the farm shop have offered to host an End of Year Party for the school community completely free of charge! They have invited us all down after school on the very last day of term (Thursday 21st) from the end of school until 6pm.

Children will be able to use the farm park, ride on the grass sledges, and get wet on the 'slip and slide' track. The snack shack will be open for hot and cold drinks, snacks and ice creams, plus a BBQ. As an additional treat for all the children's hard work, Farrington's are offering the children from school a free polar crush drink on arrival.

Pop the date in your diary and we will send more details out in the last week of term.



SMSA Vacancy

Are you interested in joining our team in September? We have a vacancy for an SMSA to supervise the children during lunchtime. The role is 1.25 hours per day and full training is given. See Mrs Hazard or Mr Dix for more information.

Dental Health Zoom Call

Apologies to those who tried to log in last week. Unfortunately we weren't notified about the dental health professional being ill and unable to run the session. Fortunately for us we have a dental professional within the school community who is willing to meet with parents in a face-to-face session for those who would like to find out more about all things teeth.



Notices

- **Allergies** - Please remember to let the office know if your child has any changes in medical/dietary conditions or develops an allergy. This enables us to ensure the dietary & medical notes are kept up to date on their electronic file.
- **Bath Carnival** - Any families interested in the Buggy Bloc fun at Bath Carnival please click [here](#) for details.
- **Clubs** - Summer Strollers, Games and Yoga Clubs will not be running next week due to staffing issues.
- **Dinners UPDATE** - Please could you kindly login to your ParentPay account after 5.30pm tonight to rebook your child/ren's lunch options until the end of term. This is the only time we will ask to book on a Friday in this manner and is due to new software being installed to reduce the amount of food waste. Important correspondence from the Catering Department concerning this can be found by clicking the link [here](#). Going forward the deadline for booking dinners will be Thursday midday and **not** midnight. Any questions please contact the office. Your patience is appreciated.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Sun Hats/Cream/Coats** - please remember sun hats/cream in the sunny weather and coats on the rainy days (particularly if your class is doing Ecowild).
- **The Greatest Show** - Ticket slips have now been sent out to Class 3 & 4 to reserve seats at the performance which they have been working hard towards. Please return them to the office asap and no later than Friday 8th July.
- **Music for Schools** - Lessons will be on a Thursday morning going forward from next term. If there are any children who would like to learn an instrument; please contact the office.
- **Year 4 2023 Residential Trip to Mendip Activity Centre** - Correspondence was sent earlier this week for the Year 4's residential trip next March.
- **Year 6 2023 Residential Trip to Little Canada** - We also sent out correspondence regarding next year's Year 6 residential trip in the same month.

Diary Dates

July

Tuesday 5th	Class 3 Swimming
Wednesday 6th	In school transition morning
	Final EcoWild session (Class 2)
Thursday 7th	Year 6 Transition Day to Norton Hill / Somervale
Friday 8th	Rescheduled 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)
Thursday 21st	Leaver's Gathering (2:30pm on the field) Year 6 families only



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Sports Day

Next Friday on the rearranged sports day we will have light refreshments available for parents and carers to purchase, and will also have a second hand uniform sale available on the day, so please bring some cash along.

School Disco

Thankfully the weather won't stop our summer disco so come along tonight, we can all pretend the sun is shining and the children can enjoy an evening dancing with their friends! 6-7.30pm, £3 per child (entry can be paid card or cash), please bring change for snacks and treats, ice lollies, festival headbands, funky disco glasses and glitter face paint!

Please make sure your children are supervised at all times, and encourage them to stay in the hall area where the DJ will keep them all going! We need to be out of the hall by 8 so grateful for all help at the end to clear up.



CREATIVE MINDS
Summer club
AT THE HIVE PEASEDOWN ST JOHN

£2 off per child per day with school code Cre8Minds

JULY 25TH-29TH
AUGUST 1ST-5TH
AUGUST 22ND-26TH

for more information please email
creativemindshc@gmail.com

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Voices FOR LIFE
Bath Children's Choir

Age 7 - 12 and love to sing?
Join Bath's brand new Children's Choir!

Come along to the new Voices for Life Bath Children's Choir on Wednesday evenings. Learn new songs, make new friends and grow in confidence through music.

Where: The Church of the Ascension,
Claude Avenue, Bath, BA2 1AG
When: Wednesdays, 4.15pm - 5.15pm
Cost: £30 per term



To register or for more information,
email tessa@voicesforlife.org.uk



Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week

Count your
blessings!

'Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.'



(Philippians 4:8)

Do you ever have a sense of entitlement? Are there times when you feel you are entitled to certain things or to behave in a certain way? Sometimes we hear about people in our society who shout off about their rights and what they deserve and we can often take the moral high ground, claiming that this is no way to behave. But are we guilty of doing it sometimes?

Often there are times when we feel that we are justified in complaining about how we have been treated or we allow ourselves to be unreasonable to another person because we feel that we have been wronged. In the heat of the moment, it is often difficult not to behave in this way, but afterwards when we reflect, we realise that we may have gone too far.

A sense of entitlement often comes when we forget to be thankful. In our busy world, when each day can feel like a juggernaut knocking the wind out of us, we are so preoccupied with what needs to be done and whether we can fit it all in before the end of the evening, that we can forget to be grateful – grateful for what we have and grateful for all the things we don't deserve.

We sometimes need to stop and refocus, to take a look around and remember to 'count our blessings'. In the book of Philippians in the Bible, Saint Paul asks us to think about anything that is true or honourable or lovely or excellent. When things are getting to us and we are at the end of our tether, maybe we need to take ourselves out of the situation and take some time to remember what is good about life.

So next time you are about to shout off about your entitlements or to demand what you deserve, pause and refocus – whatever is lovely or excellent, think about these things instead.

