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Teaching Staff 2023-24

Following our recent recruitment, we are pleased to be able to confirm the following staffing structure for September.

Class	Year	Teacher/s	TAs / HLTA
1	Year R & 1	Mrs Frampton	Mrs Nowell
2	Year 2	Miss Rowlinson-Baker	Mrs Davis
3	Years 3 & 4	Mr Marvin / Mrs Oates	Mrs Gray
4	Years 5 & 6	Mr Dix / Mrs Glover (maternity)	Mrs Haskins
Intervention TA			Mrs Huckman

There is only one position left to fill, that of the temporary 0.6 teacher in Class 4 covering until Mrs Glover returns. Due to this not having been filled, we have decided to hold back our 'Shuffle Up' session until Wednesday 19th July to allow more time to recruit a suitable teacher.

We had the pleasure of meeting the new Reception parents this week and talking to them about what their children's first year at school will look like. We are also continuing to work on planning and resourcing for next year. During the summer holiday the canvas canopy on the end of the infant building will be removed and a new solid structure will be put in its place, to enable the children to spend more time outside with continuous provision.

Strike Days

As noted in the recent email, we are open on both strike days next week.

Jumpers and Cardigans

There have been an increased number of jumpers and cardigans either going lost or not making it back to the right home in the last few weeks.

Could you please check name labels on the tops you have at home. This seems to be affecting Class 2 and Class 3 the most.

Parent Questionnaires

It is that time of year again where we send out our questionnaires to gain your valuable feedback on the school. In the past the comments you have provided have really helped us hone in on what parents see as the priorities for improvement and as a result, we have been able to make changes. Please look out for it next week; we would ask that you return them by the end of term.

Sports Day

It was a tricky call to cancel sports day this week. Thank you for your understanding as we know full well that many children need to be mentally prepared for such a different day and that busy parents have to juggle in order to be able to attend and support their children. If in doubt, we are duty-bound to err on the side of caution where the health and safety of the children is concerned. Fingers crossed for next week...

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

House Points (Last 4 Weeks)				
Ferentone	Mogg	Gournay	Azelin	
41	40	59	56	

This Week's Ace Learners Agile Compassionate Engaged Eddie Ashley Courtney Karmann Alfie B Olivia C Paris C Isabel P Lyla D George C Miltiadis Teddy G Rhys PS Bea R Henry B Amelia Martha Scarlett B Arthur J Albi-Blu Sebastian P Albie L Charlotte R Millie Ella W George C

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Notices

- **Clubs** All clubs will be taking place as usual next week.
- Photos We expect delivery of the photos by Friday 14th July. Any late orders should now be directed to Clare at Nigel Coles Photography via email: nigel@colesphotography.com.
- Pollinator Party- This aims at being a fun way to find out more about what pollinators are and why they are so important - designed to be fun and friendly for adults and kids. There will be walks, talks and bug-box building. All the posters will be on display and everyone can vote for your favourites - Saturday 15th July
- **St. John's Church -** Please see <u>here</u> the link to the weekly church events.
- **St. Fagans whole school trip** please ensure that you have consented & paid for the trip via ParentPay the deadline is Monday.. Trip costs incl. Transport, workshop and goody bag. If you have any concerns please contact the office.
- The Wizard of Oz Performance Tickets please book/pay for your tickets via ParentPay. £2 each (pre-school children are FOC) which includes the cost of the hall hire, purchase of props and creation of scenery.

3 tickets per family have been allowed per performance for each Class 4 child and those Year 4 girls who are extras. If you require more please email the office.



Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

July 2023

Sports Day (rearranged)
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)
Shuffle up day
2pm Leavers' / End of year
Assembly



Two additional dates for our Summer Club: **Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th August**

<u>Friends of Farrington Gurney School</u>

Thank you to all those who bid on items in our summer auction. We received lots of bids, congratulations to all who won a prize. Also, a final huge thank you to all those who donated something. You enabled us to raise an impressive £801.

There will be a summer party held on the final day of term, Friday 21st July. This will be on the field / in the village hall from 3.30pm til 5.30pm. Full details in next week's newsletter but please save the date!!

Please continue to put preloved, unwanted clothes in our clothes bin, found in the car park opposite school. This gives us a good regular income.



Book tickets here:

https://bathfestivals.org.uk/childrens-literature/

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Thought of the Week

'It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this freedom as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your freedom. Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows.' (Galatians 5:13)



'Mother Teresa' by Rajasekharan (2022)

Love is mostly something you do instead of something you feel..

St Paul wrote, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love" (Galatians 5:13).

So how are you supposed to express your love? According to one author, as follows:

'A son drives for five hours to be with his mother on her birthday. A friend mentions a book he is interested in; his friend remembers and finds a copy to give to him for no visible reason. A middle-aged couple in a restaurant see a young husband and wife with little money and secretly pay their bill. A father knows how much his daughter likes having a clean car, so he sneaks over to wash it for her by surprise.

People in a small group message each other throughout the week as a way of expressing their care. A wise man once said that just as the three laws of real estate are "location, location, location," the three laws of relationship are "observation, observation, observation." The people who give life to us are people who notice us. They know what we love and fear. When we work to truly notice someone else, love for them grows. When we work to truly observe another person, in that self-forgetfulness our own soul flourishes.'

Mother Teresa used to say: 'If you can't do great things, do little things with great love. And if you can't do them with great love, do them with a little love. And if you can't do them with a little love, do them anyway.'

Love grows when we serve people.

