



Whole School Longleat Trip

Next week we have our trip to Longleat which we hope will be fun for all the school. The forecast is for very hot weather so please ensure the children have a high factor sun cream applied which will last the period of the trip. Those on FSM/or in Class 1 or 2 can have a packed lunch provided by the school kitchen however they are just sandwiches, crisps, fruit and a biscuit. Please let the office know by Monday morning at 9:00am should you require one of these for your child. Those with annual passes please see the email sent home earlier today. We will be leaving Longleat at 3:30pm with an estimated return time of 4:30pm.

The Greatest Show

Next week Class 4 (with some help from Class 3) are putting on the end of year production. Please remember to book your tickets. If you don't have a child in one of those classes, you are still very welcome to come along as long as we have some space. It is a real showcase of all the talent we have in Year 6 and below!

Sports Day

It was great to be able to run a whole Sports Day again today and the weather was very kind (almost too kind with the heat!) Thank you to the FoFGS for refreshments and obviously to all of you who were able to come and support. The winning team was Azelin.



Mr Dix & Mr Turull

UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNORS

Moving into the new academic year we are looking to recruit a new parent governor (or two). Two of our valued governors are stepping down after years of wonderful support, input and engagement on the board of governors - we send huge thanks and great appreciation to both Sophie Fazzi and Emily Horman.

We are a friendly group and will provide support and training to new governors. So if you are interested in supporting the school as a governor please have a chat with one of us to understand more or send an email to arrange a call (adele.ross@msnpartnership.com). A background in education is not a requirement (many of the current LGB do not work in education) we welcome all experiences and backgrounds.

Thank you

Adele Ross, Laura Tyrrell, Nicola Morton, Olly Lynn, Duncan Grew, Kevin Burnett, Adam Pitt, Andrew Dix, Carol Haskins and Dan Turull



Notices

- **Allotment Rhubarb** - There is Rhubarb available on the school allotment, next to the car park for anyone who would like to cook at home - a small donation would be greatly appreciated, given to the office - enjoy!
- **Clubs** - The last club is Football & Summer Strollers on Monday. There are no further clubs this term.
- **Dinners UPDATE** - Thank you for your patience with the new look ParentPay dinner booking system. We believe the initial teething problems have been resolved. However, if you have any questions or feedback please email the office and they can be forwarded to the catering department. Going forward the deadline for booking dinners will be Thursday midday and not midnight (as before).
- **Ecowild Summer Adventure Club** - being run in Greyfield Woods. Week 1: 25th-30th July, Week 2: 1st-5th August, 10am-3pm
A fun-filled holiday club in the woods! Expect lots of seasonal activities and games; make nature art and crafts, eat tasty snacks on the fire each day, do treasure hunts, explore the woods, build dens, drink hot chocolate and make new friends under the green canopy! Run by EcoWild's experienced outdoor practitioners with training in Forest School, Craft, Nature Connection and Wellbeing, Outdoor First Aid and full DBS. Booking link: <https://bookwhen.com/ecowild#focus=ev-sn1l-20220725100000>
- **HAF Summer Activity Programme** - details have been emailed home to pupils in receipt of FSM's eligible by benefits. Please check your email in-box/spam.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **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.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **School Photos** - your orders have arrived and will be sent out today.
- **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. The deadline has been moved to Monday morning for any last orders.



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Week 3 - 8th August
Week 4 - 15th August
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Diary Dates

July

Monday 11th	
Tuesday 12th	Class 3: Swimming
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 Farrington Farm Park FREE Fun Session after school 3.15pm onwards

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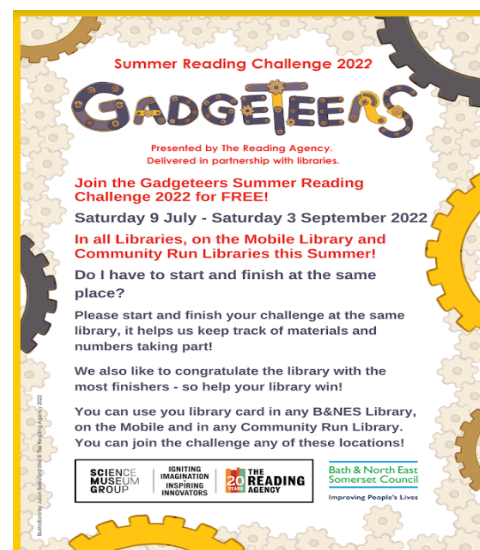
Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the school disco last Friday. We had a brilliant turn out, the DJ kept the feet moving and there was a happy festival vibe flowing!

Whilst we don't have any more fundraisers or activities planned for the remainder of this year, we do have ways we can continue to fundraise over the summer holidays:

Name Tags - If you purchase name tags for your child's uniform through My Name Tags (www.mynametags.com), you can help raise some money for the school. Please use School code 59675 on check out.

Clothes and textiles recycling bin - the big blue bin in the bottom car park will continue to be checked and collected, and this is a really easy way for us to raise money for the school while you are clearing out unwanted clothing. Please pop anything in there at any time, and if you notice it's full anyone can contact the company to arrange a collection-number on the bin.

For the next academic year we are looking for people from our school community to join FOFGS and consider taking on some of the roles (Chair Person, Secretary, Village Hall Rep and occasional volunteers). Perhaps a group of you are interested in getting involved together? If you are interested and want to know more, please catch one of us after school pick ups or drop us an email on fofgs@hotmail.co.uk.





Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week



*'For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's
womb.*

*I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful,*

I know that full well.'

(Psalm 139:13-14)



Every day, we can choose our mindset. Do you tend to see the worst or do you tend to see the best? We wake up in the morning and if we have one type of mindset, we will see all the things that are wrong – the dodgy floorboard or the tired old carpet, the plates and cups that haven't been washed up from the night before, the paperwork that hasn't been filed away, the burnt toast and the lukewarm tea.

Or we can wake up with a completely different type of mindset. So, although the sun isn't shining at least it isn't raining. Or, ok it is raining, but at least the garden will get a good watering. Maybe instead of seeing the things that need fixing, we can look around and see all the good things about our house – that we have shelter, that we have a place to sleep and somewhere to cook ourselves a good meal, that we have a place to relax and wind down at the end of the day. Instead of seeing the unwashed cups and plates, maybe we can remind ourselves how lucky we are that we have plenty of utensils with which to make ourselves food and plates to eat the food on – while we roll up our sleeves and get them washed up for the next use. And yes, even that dreaded paperwork. Maybe as we are looking through it, we can remind ourselves of all that the paperwork stands for – bills and receipts for the things we can use and enjoy in our house, MOT certificates and insurance details for the cars that we can use, making it easier to get about and mortgage and house insurance information again to remind us of the place where we feel most safe and comfortable.

We can do this with people as well. It is easy to sometimes hurry through a day, without properly acknowledging the people that you are interacting with. We will often make an effort to "engage" with them if we need them for something, but are we really taking the time to properly interact with them? Are we seeing the good in these people and recognising their uniqueness as a person or are we seeing them as a means to an end. And how often do we complain about the people we are in contact with – looking for the worst in them rather than the best.

King David wrote many of the Psalms in the Bible and in Psalm 139, he talks about the intimate knowledge of God with his creation. For Christians and many others, each individual's uniqueness is believed to be God given and not only this but each individual has also been given innate God-like qualities and talents (see James 1:17). Each person is seen as being divinely unique, a miracle of creation and therefore someone who needs, and deserves, to be seen with a positive mindset.

So tomorrow, when you wake up, which "mindset glasses" are you going to put on. Will you see the worst in everything, or maybe you will see everything half-heartedly, not really bothered either way. Or maybe, just maybe you will wake up making an effort to see the best in everything and everybody. Believe me, not only will everyone you meet feel better for it, but you too will reap the benefits.

