



We have reached the end of another school year and are sure your children are all looking forward to a very well-earned summer break after all their hard work this year.

Thank you to everyone who has completed a parent questionnaire – the link was emailed out earlier in the week. We currently have 35 responses but would like to double that so if you have a chance in the next couple of weeks, please fill it in. It is very useful to hear everyone's thoughts, even if your child has just left the school.

The Governors' Cup was awarded to three children this term who had all demonstrated outstanding behaviour and effort. Charlie L in Year 2 won the Key Stage 1 cup, while two of our departing Year 6 pupils, Ornella and Seb, shared the Key Stage 2 award. Congratulations to all of them.

Mr Dix and I would like to wish our Year 6 leavers the very best as they move on from Farrington Gurney to Downside, Norton Hill and Somervale. They have all given so much to our school, with great talent, friendship and effort.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our school community: our parents and families for their support and kindness; our staff at school for their dedication and care; and of course our amazing pupils for their endless enthusiasm, resilience and positivity.

We wish all of you a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you all again at the beginning of September. School opens again for the pupils on Monday 5th September.

Mr Dix & Mr Turull

Parent Questionnaire 2022

The parent questionnaire will be open for another 2 weeks to ensure we capture all feedback from our parents. We will be using this feedback to help us plan for further improvements in the future.

Meet the Teachers

There will be an opportunity on Wednesday 7th September at 3:15pm for you to meet your child's class teacher and find out about routines and expectations for the year ahead. These will take place in your child's classroom. Children are also welcome to attend (as they cannot be left unsupervised outside on the playground). Due to the amount of people who may wish to come along, please can we request that only one adult attends for each child.

This Week's Ace Learners



Agile Ashley

Frankie H
Rosina D-L
Charlie L
Ruben D
Zakhar M



Compassionate Courtney

Maybel B



Engaged Eddie

Evelyn P
Rhys P-S
Esme T
Charlotte N
Olivia B
Finn M
Sebastian P
Ivy W
Isabella A



Notices

- **B&NES COVID 19** - Please click [here](#) to read an important letter to parents concerning COVID 19 Vaccines.
- **Breakfast Club** - Places can now be booked via ParentPay for next term. If there are any children in the new Reception class wishing to book for next term, if ParentPay restrictions do not allow this (at the time you log in), you can reserve a place by emailing the office.
- **Clubs** - The Clubs Allocation Letter for Terms 1 & 2 went out earlier this week. Please check your emails for this and respond by 7th September.
- **Dinners** - Dinner options can now be booked via ParentPay for next term (deadline: 12 noon Thurs 1st September). The new Reception class will be able to book by 12 noon Thurs 8th September for the following week/term.
- **EcoWild** - Will be on a Wednesday afternoon for Class 1 in Term 1. A letter will be sent home next term.
- **Governor Vacancies** - Would you like to join the School Governing Team? If so 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.
- **Learning an instrument (Y3-6):** If your child would like to join others who learn an instrument at school please contact the following: BANES Music Hub at music@bathnes.gov.uk for vocals, cello, keyboard & strings or Music for Schools at info@mfsf.org.uk/0345 3752466 for all woodwind instruments. Lessons incur a cost which is paid directly to each provider.
- **Library Service** - Details of this Summer's Reading Challenge and lots of other fun events can be found via the following [link](#).
- **MAT Communication** - Please click [here](#) to read the end of year communication from the MAT.
- **N'Fest Holiday fun** - Please see the link [here](#).
- **NHS School Aged Immunisation Service** - We have been contacted by the NHS regarding the School Immunisation service they provide, asking for yours and your parent/carer's help in completing a survey about the experiences you've had when you received your vaccinations. The contract for this service in our area is due to be renewed and as part of this process they want to make sure it is right. To do this, they need to hear from the people who are able to have these vaccinations to find out what is and is not working well. Your feedback is very important as they wish to make sure that our future provider services can keep improving and be as efficient and effective as possible. This consultation is completely anonymous and will only be used by the relevant NHS and Local Authority organisations working on this programme. Please could you take a few minutes to complete this survey [here](#) which will close on Friday, 19th August 2022.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Swimming** - Will be on a Tuesday afternoon for Class 2 in Terms 1 & 2. Permission letters have been sent home and need to be returned at the beginning of term.
- **Wellies** - All wellies have been sent home. Please remember to bring a clearly labelled set for Term 1.

Diary Dates

September

We will be having INSET Days on Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September. All children in the school will return on Monday 5th September.

Monday 5th
Tuesday 6th
Thursday 8th

Reception Class in until 12 noon this week
Class 2 Swimming
BANES & Music for Schools Music Lessons start




Community News

Bath Children's Literature Festival is BACK for 2022! A 10-day celebration of kids' books from Friday 23 September until Sunday 2 October! As Europe's largest stand-alone children's book festival, we can't wait to welcome household names, debut authors and a host of illustrators to Bath for an exciting line-up for all ages.

A return to Bath of much-loved national treasures Michael Rosen and Jacqueline Wilson; TV comedian Rosie Jones, award-winning author of Heartstopper Alice Oseman, former CBeebies presenter Cerrie Burnell, current Waterstones Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell, well-known entertainers turned successful children's authors – David Baddiel, Julian Clary, Richard Ayoade and Dermot O'Leary – as well as Emma Carroll, Patrice Lawrence, Antony McGowan, Hannah Gold, Kiran Millwood Hargrave and Katherine Rundell who are all releasing new novels are among the many who will be appearing at this year's festival. Booking is open! So visit

<https://bathfestivals.org.uk/childrens-literature/whats-on/> to see the full-line up and grab your tickets!



www.girlguiding.org.uk

"We NEED YOU.....We want YOU.....We'd like YOU in our Clutton Brownie Group TOO!"

Could you be a Brownie Unit Helper (Hero) ?!

KIND Unit Helpers (18+) required to volunteer for our Brownie Group!

When : Wednesday evenings (term time only) 6pm-7.30pm
Where : Clutton Village Hall
Willingness to help with having fun; join in girl power activities and enjoy helping our Brownie group.

For more information on this wonderful, volunteering opportunity, please contact Alyson at cluttonbrownies@yahoo.co.uk

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Thank you for everything this year, I hope you have a fantastic summer holiday!



Friends of Farrington Gurney School
Summer Quiz

£2 a quiz sheet
Email fogfs@hotmail.co.uk for the questions and payment details!

All correct quiz sheets will be entered into a prize draw in September

Good Luck!



FOFGS 2021/22

WE HAD A SLOW START TO FUNDRAISING DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, BUT WE MADE UP FOR IT!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR TO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN

- Subsidised transport for activities and trips
- Tickets for all children to attend Snow White at Bristol Hippodrome
- Christmas Lights Trail
- Refreshments at Carols By Candlelight
- School Disco
- Quiz Night
- Table Top Sale at Village Hall
- Easter Egg Hunt and egg for each child
- Fixed clothes recycling bin to raise funds and recycle
- School Family Camping at Cheddar
- Second-hand uniform sale
- Sports Day refreshments
- Summer Festival Disco
- Funding interior furnishings for new school library
- Refreshments at year 6 end of year shows
- Summer Quiz
- Funded a new bench for the school allotment
- Sponsored Dance-a-thon
- Paid for SuperPirates and Animal Encounters during School's Wellness Week

HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



Mr Marvin's Thought of the Week

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

(Matthew 11:28-30)



It's ok to take a break. In this busy world, we often feel pressurised to carry on working well into the night, over the weekends, even when we should be having a holiday. We often put this pressure on ourselves, as if the world will stop turning and everything will fall apart if those emails aren't answered, or you don't attend that meeting or, heaven forbid, the ironing isn't done.

In the Bible it talks about the world being made in six days. Most people don't see this as a literal six days, but for many people the pattern of working six days and having a seventh day to rest is really important and not to be ignored. Surely it's better to take a restful day once a week than to burn out and take months off work due to stress?

Rest is important and necessary for us to function as human beings. It will mean we will have better mental health, a healthier immune system and it will also give you increased concentration and memory – so you become more effective when you are working the other days of the week.

As well as the work/rest pattern seen in the story of creation, Jesus also told us to come to him when we are worn out. For Christians around the world, taking time out to pray or read the Bible or to gather with other Christians are all ways to feel rested, to get away from the busyness of life and to recover their lives. Spending so long in the frantic, messy and stressful earthly life can make us feel weary and frustrated. For Christians, taking time out to be with Jesus allows them to leave all that behind and to live more freely and lightly, focusing not on their earthly lives, but their eternal lives.

So, whatever you're doing over the next six weeks (which no doubt will still include lots of work), do remember to take a proper rest and spend some time away from all the frustrations of this life.