



*Last Friday I had a visit from Claire Mirams, who has taken up the role of Executive Headteacher in the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership. Part of her role is to work alongside Headteachers on aspects of school improvement. We spent the day focusing on the areas we would like to work on this year, including progression of phonics and sequencing of mathematical concepts. Claire spent some of the time talking to different pupils and as always I was very proud of how well our children spoke and how clear it was that they enjoy coming to school. They were very positive about behaviour and about the learning they take part in.*

*I'd like to remind all parents and carers that you are welcome to come in to your child's class to have a look at their books and see the progress they are making. We have changed the day to a Tuesday this term as many parents requested a different afternoon. Many of you have found coming in to look at books a useful way to see what your child has been learning and to provide you with ideas of other ways to support at home. As the teachers have staff meeting on Tuesdays, they are usually around for 15-20 minutes after school if you have any particular questions about the books.*

*We have had a couple of incidents of inconsiderate parking that have been passed on to us this week. Please can all parents/carers who are dropping off or picking up use the car park opposite the school or if that is full, use the car park around by the Memorial Hall. No-one should be dropping off on the road by the school or parking on the pavement as this is not only dangerous for children and pedestrians, but also causes a hazard to other road users. Thank you for your cooperation with this.*

*Although we are only a few weeks back into the school year, the bugs are already spreading around our pupils. I appreciate that it can be very tricky to find childcare when your child is poorly, but both the Trust and BANES guidelines are that a child should be off school for 48 hours following their final bout of sickness or diarrhoea. These bugs spread very easily and the more we can do to contain them, the better.*

*I look forward to seeing many of you at our Harvest Festival next Friday. The children are going up to St John's Church for activities from lunchtime and then the service will be at 2:30pm. All classes will be contributing and we will also be giving out bibles for the new pupils in the school. For those of you who have not been to the church before, parking is limited so you might find it easier parking at school and walking up.*

**Mr Turull**

#### **Notices**

- **Clubs** – there will be no Board Games club on Monday as Mrs Glover is at an English subject leader meeting. All other clubs will take place as usual.
- **Dinners** – as the new kitchen now requires a week's notice for school dinner orders, all dinners for the week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October should be ordered by the evening of Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.
- **EcoWild** – sessions will continue for children in Reception and Year 1 every week in Term 1.
- **Harvest** – please remember to send in your slip if you will be requiring a packed lunch provided by the kitchens next Friday lunchtime.
- **Headlice** – we have had several incidents of headlice across the school – please can you check your child's hair and treat if necessary.
- **Nasal flu vaccination** – e-mails and yellow fliers have been sent home detailing how to register your consent for your child's nasal flu vaccination which is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. For further help call: 0300 247 0082.
- **School Photos** – the proofs will arrive in school next week and be sent home in the book bags.
- **Year 6 Residential** – the next deposit of £65 is due by Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please can all Year 6 parents make payment via ParentPay. If you are going to have any problems paying this instalment, then please let us know.



### Open Morning

We have set the date for our school's Open Morning which this year will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 9:30am to 11:30am.

This will be an opportunity to welcome prospective parents who are thinking of sending their children to our school. Like last year, the Year 6 children will help show visitors around the classrooms. We are very proud of the learning opportunities that we provide for all of our children and look forward to showing this to new parents.

We will advertise the Open Day through flyers, the local nurseries and in the local press, but please do mention it to anyone you think would be interested.

### Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Everyone is welcome at our next PTA meeting at 8pm on Wednesday 2nd October at the Farrington Inn.

Please join us if you can, it's a good way to meet parents from each year group, and to learn about the school community.

We would especially like to welcome new parents to the school who would either like to join us in our fundraising or would simply like to meet a few more parents.

Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday!

### Harvest Festival

At our Harvest festival we will be collecting food for the Somer Valley Foodbank. Please see the items below. Many thanks for your support.

Instant Coffee	Tinned Custard
Long -life Fruit Juice	Ketchup & Brown Sauce
UHT & powdered Milk	Tinned Macaroni Cheese
Tinned Meat	Soup
Pasta Sauce	Tinned Rice Pudding
Savoury Snacks	Sponge Puddings
Sweet Snacks	Tinned Spaghetti
Household Cleaners	Shampoo
Shower Gel	

If you are able to donate any of these items, then please send them to school with your child next Friday where they will be taken up to the church for the Harvest Service in the afternoon.

### School Diary Dates

#### September 2019

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)

#### October 2019

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>** Friends of Farrington Gurney School meeting (8:00pm at Farrington Inn)

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** Harvest activities (afternoon)  
Harvest service (2:30pm at St John's Church)

**Tue 8<sup>th</sup>** Full Governing Body meeting

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** Year 5/6 Cross Country event in Bath

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** Class 1 Literacy Workshop for parents (2:45pm in Class 1)

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)  
Term 1 ends

***Term 2 starts back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We will soon be able to confirm dates for Christmas events.***