



I would like to start this week's newsletter focusing on our PTA, the Friends of Farrington Gurney School (FOFGS). Over the last few years we have had a really strong core group of parents who have supported the school with both fundraising and organising special events for the children. Although this has slowed down due to Covid, they have still managed to raise some funds for the school to use this year. In larger projects, they have overseen the rebuilding of the pond and the construction of the outdoor classroom. For the last four years, the committee has been chaired by Beth Howson who is now stepping down, with Beckie Penny taking over. We would all like to say a massive thank you to Beth for all her hard work, enthusiasm and talent on the committee in leading these projects and in helping to keep the committee going - both from the staff at the school and from the committee members of FOFGS.

With Beckie starting as Chair this would also be a great time for any new members to join. FOFGS meet once every month or so, often in the Farrington Inn, and as well as arranging fundraising events, this is also a good way to meet other parents. We will always put the details of meetings in the school newsletter. FOFGS generous support means that school trips are subsidised for all parents every year as well as other larger projects. Please feel free to ask in the office for more information or catch Beckie in the playground after school.

You should all have received notification of our parents' evening by email this week. We are back to face-to-face meetings as requested by many parents in the questionnaires at the end of the summer term. We have decided that these should take place in the Hall across an afternoon and evening - where you will be able to come in the main entrance, see your child's teacher or teachers and then leave through the exit to the field. As always if you are unable to make that date then please email your child's lead teacher and they will try and accommodate you with a different time. Also if any of you are particularly concerned about having a face-to-face meeting, then a phone call could be arranged on another day as an alternative.

Finally we would like to welcome Jacob who has joined us in Year 3 this week. He is already enjoying life at Farrington Gurney and we are sure he will have a great time with us.

Mr Turull

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

At Wednesday's AGM we looked towards the year ahead and have some key dates for you to pop in your calendars:

Rags to Riches clothes collection Monday 11th October. Please leave donations bagged and water tight in the shelter between the play park and the village hall by 9am Monday 11th October. Here's the list of what can be donated:

<https://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/>

The winner of this year's Sunflower competition will be announced soon-if you haven't yet submitted your entry please send in a photo to FOFGS@hotmail.co.uk or post them on the FOFGS Facebook page before Monday 11th October.

We'll be having a cake sale after school on the last day of term, Thursday 21st October. Donations of bakes gratefully received-the more donated the more money we can raise! Please bring cakes/cookies along to the outdoor classroom at 3pm (please include a list of the ingredients used in your bakes). If you are able to help sell the cakes please let us know.

School Disco booked for Friday 19th November.

Join our Facebook group to keep up to date with what's going on, and if you have any ideas catch any of us at school drop off/pick ups, or email fofgs@hotmail.co.uk





Job Vacancy - Lunchtime Supervisor

We are still looking for a lunchtime supervisor to support our team. Please contact the school office on 01761 452419 or pop in for more information and to pick up an application form if you are interested.

This is an exciting opportunity to join our team of experienced, and committed lunchtime supervisors to work alongside the school kitchen team to ensure the safety, welfare and proper conduct of the pupils. We are looking for a well-organised and enthusiastic candidate who is willing to work closely with colleagues, build good relationships with pupils and extend play opportunities for all pupils at lunchtimes.

The hours of work are 6 hours 15 minutes per week (Monday - Friday, from 11:55am to 1:10pm)

Term time only. This position is initially until 21st Jul 2022.

Diary Dates

October

Tue 12th	Parent Forum (2:45pm in the Memorial Hall - rearranged from this week)
Wed 13th	C3 & C4 Music for Schools Assembly, 'Learn to Play an Instrument' 2:40pm
Fri 15th	Wellness Day (children to come in sports kit) Farrington Forum 'Wear a Hat Day' (or other headwear) Whole School Assembly (2:30pm in the Memorial Hall) Music for Schools Parent Meeting (3:15pm in the Library)
Wed 20th	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thu 21st	Last day of Term 1



Farrington Forum's Hat (or other headwear) Day

The Forum has decided to support...



Friday 15th October

Please bring a donation of €1

Notices

- **Football Club** - Football Club on a Wednesday for Y3-6 will now be available to book for Term 2. If you wish to renew your subscription for Term 2, or if your child would like to start the club next term, then please email the office and make payment £27/6 weeks in total if you wish to join until Christmas. Please make payment, quoting FG followed by child's name by Bank transfer to A/c Name: Think Football Coach, A/c No.: 64230724 (Business Ac) Sort Code: 01-09-02.
- **Live Well** - Bath & North East Somerset residents have a brand-new, web based resource providing information, signposting, resources and support. Whether you are looking for local childcare, a toddler group, some parenting support; information and resources to support your role as a parent carer with a child with a disability or additional need; or signposting to resources for an adult needing care or support; Live Well B&NES provides it all. Livewell replaces Bathnes 1 Big Database, Rainbow Resource (the SEND Local Offer Website) and Wellbeing Options. There are information postcards in the office. Please come & take one or call/email the office and one can be sent home with the children. Alternatively visit: <https://livewell.bathnes.gov.uk>.
- **School photos** - The school photo proofs were sent home on Wednesday. Please forward your orders to the office by Wednesday 13th October. Orders will be fulfilled during the first week of Term 2.
- **School hoodies** - We still have a few nearly new navy school hoodies with the old logo, in size 32 available for free. Should anyone like one please contact the office.
- **St. John's Church** - Sunday Service Link can be found [here](#).



Farrington's Thought for the Week by Mr Marvin

Often people say that science and religion conflict each other. Because scientific theory can explain how the universe began and how the earth was formed then we no longer need religion. Because the theory of evolution can explain how tiny amoeba evolved over billions of years into complex animals and even humans, we no longer need the Bible or to listen to anything it says. Everything's been explained for us – the hows, the wheres and the whens. Science can't answer the question of 'why' though and this is where many people would say religion or faith can play its part.

What is even more amazing is when modern science confirms what is said in the Bible. Here's an example. Children are born with two basic needs: the need to explore, so they can learn, grow and develop and the need to feel safe – if they don't feel secure, they won't explore.

Everyone needs a secure base from which to investigate and grow and from an early age, this base is usually those who take care of us - usually our parents or carers. Often one parent or carer is more likely to push or encourage a child to take chances, run risks and learn that a little danger is a good thing while the other parent or carer tends to be the comforter, the soother and the safety net. The truth is though that any parent can be both these at the same time.

Now, when a child, or anyone for that matter, does become afraid, their body activates something called the sympathetic nervous system. When this happens, our heart begins to race, our breathing becomes faster and shallower and our muscles tense up. This is when we run to our non-anxious presence – our comforter and protector, our parent or carer. When we are held, reassured and loved by this person, the parasympathetic system takes over. So our heart rate slows, our breathing becomes deep and even, our muscles relax and blood flows back to our brain. It's almost like a little voice inside us says, 'I can go out and face the world again'.

Now John, who was one of Jesus' disciples, wrote some letters to some of the new churches that had just started meeting together. Towards the end of his first letter, he wrote this.

'There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.' (1 John 4:18)

The way a comforter or protector can enable us to calm down and relax after being fearful about something is a physical example of when 'perfect love casts out fear'.



For Christians, this can also be true spiritually as well. With a God who is tender enough to love and comfort us, yet strong enough to be our rock and our fortress, we can face what life throws at us and grow stronger as a result.

Now, there's an example of science and religion working in tandem. It seems you can't have one without the other.

