



We are really pleased to let you know that cookery lessons will be starting again for children in Key Stage 2 with the first one for Year 6 in a couple of weeks from now. This has been one of the real benefits of being in our multi-academy trust and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their visits to Norton Hill to make a variety of recipes. Due to staffing commitments at the secondary school it did look like we might not be able to continue this year. However, after talking to Mr Reeves, head of technology at Norton Hill, we have arranged for our children to return this year. More details will follow for each year group, along with a list of recipes that the children will be making.

We welcomed Miss Dowling to our school last week, who is a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) student. She has settled in really well to Class 4. As well as getting to know our children and staff, she has started to plan and deliver sessions to groups of pupils. If you haven't had a chance to meet her yet, she will often be out with the children at the end of the day as well as in the classrooms on Tuesdays after school when parents and carers are able to come in and look at work.

We have our first sporting event of the year on Wednesday next week when Mrs Glover is accompanying over 15 Year 5 and 6 children to the BANES Cross Country event in Bath. There are four races (Year 6 boys, Year 6 girls, Year 5 boys and Year 5 girls) and I am sure our children will do really well. Good luck to all of them, we will update you next week of how they get on.

Mrs Glover has asked me to let all parents know that children in Years 1 to 6 will be coming home with a Reading VIPERS bookmark. This sets out our school reading expectations and questions prompts to help support your child at home.

Finally, I have been asked by a few parents whether they can email their child's teacher directly for class matters. All our teachers have work email addresses; you are very welcome to email if you have a question or concern: Class 1 – hmason@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk; Class 2 – sshutter@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk; Class 3 – pmarvin@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk; Class 4 – kglover@farringtongurneyschool.co.uk.

I hope to see many of you at the Harvest Service later today.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **Clubs** – there will be no Running Club on Thursday as the school is receiving an external Phonics Audit on that day which means both Mr Turull and Mrs Glover will be in a feedback meeting after school. All other clubs will be taking place.
- **Cam Valley Arts Trail** – Over 40 artists shall be exhibiting their work at various venues along the Cam Valley Arts Trail. The trail is in its 7th year and is a free community event on Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd November. Fliers are in reception for those interested or visit www.camvalleyartstrail.co.uk.
- **Class 1 Literacy Workshop** – this will be taking place at 2:30pm on Friday October 18th for all interested parents and carers of children in Reception.
- **Dinners** – Please remember that the new deadline for booking dinners is Thursday night for the following week.
- **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 18th November. For further help call: 0300 247 0082.
- **School Photos** – the proofs have been sent home in your child's book bags this week. Please return all orders by Friday 11th October.
- **Year 6 Residential** – the next deposit of £65 is due by Friday October 11th. 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 19th 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

We had a great first meeting of the year on Wednesday and were really pleased to welcome so many of the new Reception parents along.

The committee discussed the outdoor classroom and having an official opening at some point in the next few months. Funding requests for this year were also discussed, including the annual contribution towards school trips and new books to support reading for pleasure.

Upcoming events include Christmas card sales, refreshments for the nativity and a potential disco in November. We are also looking at starting the 100 Club again before the end of Term 1 with draws starting in November.

The AGM will be held at school on Wednesday 23rd October – 7:30pm. We would like to invite everyone along to join us.

Farrington Forum

Well done to all the children who stood for the Farrington Forum this year. The committee has been elected as follows:

Year 6 – Archie and Noah
Year 5 – Dylan
Year 4 – Polly
Year 3 – Rosina
Year 2 – Arran
Year 1 – Rosie
Reception – Charlie L

Mrs Glover will be meeting with the children over the next few weeks to decide on what they would like to raise funds for this year.

If other children have any good ideas, then they can approach their year group representative who will take them to the meeting.

School Diary Dates

October 2019

Fri 4th Harvest service (2:30pm at St John's Church)
Tue 8th Full Governing Body meeting
Wed 9th Year 5/6 Cross Country event in Bath
Fri 11th Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)
Fri 18th Class 1 Literacy Workshop for parents (2:30pm in Class 1)
Wed 23rd Friends of Farrington Gurney School AGM (7:30pm in Class 4)
Fri 25th Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)
Term 1 ends

Forthcoming events:

Parents' Evenings will be on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November.

Nativity performances are booked for Tuesday 17th December in the afternoon and Thursday 19th December in the evening.