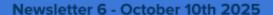
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#### Harvest

This morning's Harvest Festival at St John's church was a wonderful opportunity to share songs, poems and prayers as well as to gather together all the generous food donations. The children have been enjoying a weekly singing assembly with Mrs Frampton and it was clear to hear the positive impact of this as they sang with such enthusiasm and confidence. Thank you very much to everyone who attended and was able to donate, and also to Reverend Pitt for the service and for taking the items to the Somer Valley foodbank for us.









#### Year 5 and 6 Netball Tournament

On Wednesday, a team of girls from the Netball Club went to Downside School for the MSN Small Schools Netball Tournament. Their resilience, determination and incredible passing skills were admirable, and although they didn't win their first few matches they did end with a very well-deserved win in their final game! A huge well done to Charlotte, Bea, Olivia, Freya, Scarlett, Esme and Ella for a great team performance.











## **Year 3 Scooter Morning**

Year 3 completed their BANES scooter training this week, learning all about road safety and scooter safety. They also had fun practising their stopping and maneuvering skills and following instructions from their partner.

## Mrs Hazard

As many of you are aware, Mrs Hazard has been absent from the school office for the last three weeks. She had to go into hospital for a procedure and has been at home recovering. We are sure you will join us in sending her our very best wishes, and hope that she will be back with us within the next couple of weeks.

### Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull

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#### **Notices**

- Clubs No Netball Club on Monday due to a fixture. All other clubs are running next week. There will be no Netball Club, Singing Club or Computing Club on the week commencing 20th October due to parents' evenings
- **Dinners** Please remember the cut off for dinner bookings is Thursday midnight for the following week.
- **Dolphin Swimming Transport** Thank you to all who have paid the contribution to swimming transport for the whole term. Please can those paying weekly continue to do so ahead of each session.
- School photos These were sent home this week. The deadline date for all
  orders is Tuesday 21st October either online or by returning the form to
  school
- **SS Great Britain Trip** KS1 are visiting SS Great Britain on 22nd October. Please see ParentPay to consent/pay.
- St. John's Church Please see here the link to the weekly church events.



## **Diary Dates**

## **October**

Mon 13th	Netball Match at Welton (after school)
Tue 14th	School Open Morning (9:30am-11:30am)

Fri 17th Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)

Mon 20th Parents' Evening (3:30pm - 6:00pm)

Wed 22nd KS1 Trip to SS Great Britain (please consent/pay via Parent/Pay)

Thu 23rd Parents' Evening (3:30pm - 7:00pm)

Term 1 ends for pupils

Fri 24th INSET Day

#### November

Mon 3rd School starts

Friends of Farrington AGM in school (7:00pm-8:00pm)

Tue 11th Girls' Football Tournament at Norton Hill School (4pm-6pm)

Thu 13th School Open Morning (9:30am-11:30am)

Fri 14th Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)

Tue 18th Small Schools' Football Tournament at Norton Hill School (4pm-6pm)

Fri 28th Celebration Assembly (9:00am in the Memorial Hall)

# **School Open Mornings**

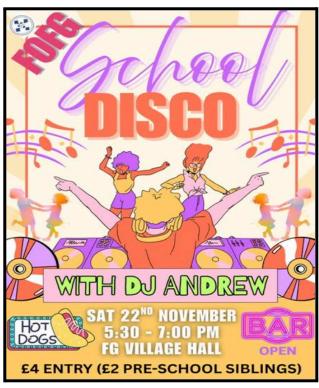
We are holding two Open Mornings on Tuesday 14th October and Thursday 13th November. Please contact the school on 01761 452419 or email office@farrington.mnsp.org.uk to book a place or to arrange a separate viewing.

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## **Friends and Community News**









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# **Thought for the Week**

# "There is no fear in love. Perfect love puts fear out of our hearts." (1 John 4:18 NLV)

If I was to ask you about your relationships, you would probably start telling me about your nearest and dearest. Your partner? Your children? Maybe a parent or parents? Possibly your friends and colleagues? Everyday we spend time in relationship with others. But what about your relationship with yourself?

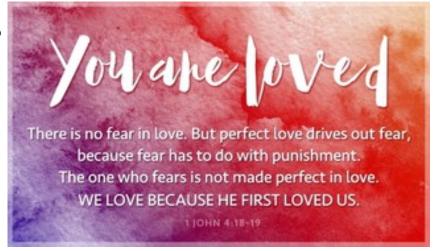
Often we don't consider the relationship we have with ourselves. We may spend time relating to others and caring for others, but do we spend that time caring for ourselves? Do we spend time looking after ourselves? What is your relationship with yourself like? If we don't look after ourselves and love ourselves, it makes it really hard to love other people.

For those of us with a faith, until we learn to love ourselves, we may never be able to love God properly either. In our verse today, it talks about 'perfect love' putting 'fear out of our hearts'. One author writes: 'I tried for years to walk in "perfect love" and failed daily. I thought perfect love referred to my loving others perfectly. Then God showed me that the only "perfect love" was His love for me – He's the only one that can love perfectly! Once that became clear, I started confessing, "I don't love everything I do, but I love myself as I am because God loves me that way. I know I need to change, and I want to change. In fact, I believe God is changing me daily. But meanwhile, I will not reject what God accepts. I'll accept myself as I am right now, knowing I won't always remain this way."

This is the wonderful truth of the Christian faith. If we truly believe that we have been uniquely made by an all powerful, all loving God, then our lives have meaning and we can know 'perfect love', love that is absolute, selfless and unconditional. Perfect love isn't possible between humans, because we are flawed and imperfect, but God is more than able to love us perfectly even though we can't love him perfectly back.

Once you know and accept that God loves you with an absolutely perfect love, then you will be able to accept yourself and even learn to love yourself. If God is able to love me, then surely I am loveable. If God accepts me, then surely I can accept myself.

This is 'good news' for everyone. So maybe it's time you took some time to spend with yourself and to love yourself. Maybe it's time to get alone with God as well and talk to him about how you feel. Maybe you will sense him communicating back with you and reminding you just how much you are loved.



#### Mr Marvin