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Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to school next week for our autumn parents' evenings. To minimise waiting times for everyone, teachers will be keeping to the ten minute slots that have been booked. Your child's books will be available for you to look at outside the classroom either before or after your appointment. Please enter the school through the school gate and make your way to your child's class. If you are unable to attend the sessions next week, please do contact the class email to arrange a separate time as we would like to meet with all parents/carers.

Year 5 and 6 Netball Match

Thank you to the girls in Dolphin Class who have written the following match report after their game against Welton this week:

The Year 5 and 6 girls who have been a part of Netball Club, have taken part in a tournament at Downside and a knockout match at Welton. We won 9-5 against Welton and have really improved our passing in matches. It has been hard as the matches have been on a full sized court but we have adapted really well. We have had lots of fun and we are looking forward to our next game. **Charlotte, Bea, Olivia & Freya.**

Speeding

We have had a couple of parents approach us this week about cars speeding through the village, at drop off and pick up times. This has been particularly noticeable on School Lane, just before you turn into Church Lane. The village became a 20mph zone a couple of years ago and we would ask that all drivers take particular care, especially in the streets around the school, with many of our oldest children walking to school without an adult.

Farrington's Eco Warriors

This week has seen the first meeting of our new Farrington Eco Warriors. They have exciting ideas for some environmentally-friendly initiatives, and will be starting a weekly Festive Finds event throughout November.

Mrs Geeson and Mr Turull



Ferentone made the most of their extra playtime after earning an incredible number of tokens over the past three weeks. A huge well done to all the houses for all their hard work keeping the school tidy and living out the school values.



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Notices

- Clubs 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** Please be aware that the deadline date for all orders is <u>Tuesday 21st October</u> 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.
- **Year 6 Secondary Applications** A reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers that the deadline for secondary school applications is <u>Friday 31st October</u>.

Free Sleep Webinars

The School Aged Health Service is offering free webinars focused on Sleep and Emotional Health and Wellbeing for parents and carers of primary school-aged children. These sessions will provide information and practical tips to help children build healthy sleep habits and emotional resilience. To sign up, please scan the QR code below. These webinars are also available to view afterwards via the School-Aged Health Service website under 'Helpful Advice':

Sleep Webinar





Date: Weds 3rd Dec 25

Dates: Weds 22nd Oct 25

Time: 13:00-14:00 Time: 13:00-14:00

Diary Dates

<u>October</u>

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)

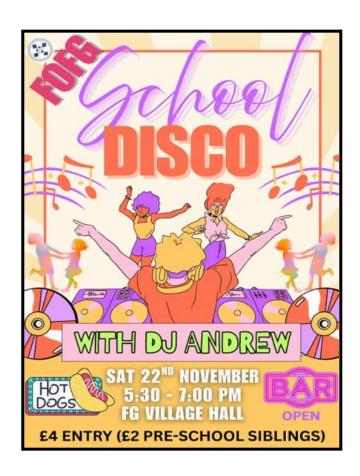
Tue 18th Small Schools' Football Tournament at Norton Hill School (4pm-6pm)

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

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Thought for the Week

"I lift up my eyes to the mountains — where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121: 1-2 NIV)

I went to a wedding this last weekend and it was a real privilege to be part of the day. I hope they don't mind me saying, but both the bride and groom were more "mature" than many engaged couples, but it was clear that they loved each other very much and wanted to include a lot of friends and family in their celebrations.

Often at weddings, it is usual for the couple to choose a reading from 1 Corinthians 13, which talks about 'love'. You may well know the passage - 'Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud...'. (1 Corinthians 13:4-13 NIV). It is a lovely passage all about love, which isn't just limited to married couples.

But the passage this couple chose was <u>Psalm 121</u>. It isn't a conventional passage for weddings, but there was a good reason that they chose it.

Both the bride and groom had a faith. Throughout life, they had experienced support from people like friends and family, but they had also experienced God's support. Now that they were going to spend the rest of their lives together, this support would primarily come from each other and not so much from other people. But what they also realised is that even together, they would still need to rely on God's support and love.

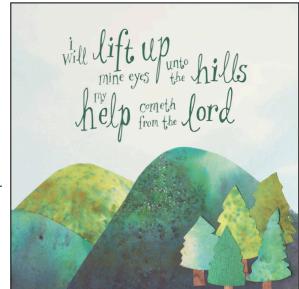
Being a couple, doesn't mean leaving God out of their relationship - very much the opposite. They recognise their need of him within their marriage as much as before their marriage. They recognise that their help still came from God; that it is he that doesn't sleep and that it is he who watches over them when they do.

I wonder where your help comes from? We all need support. Sometimes we need it more than at other times, but having good friends and supportive family close at hand can make all the difference

But what about when they are not there, when they are busy or away or it's late and they are asleep. It's often those times when you need comfort and care the most.

I know that both the bride and groom on Saturday had known and experienced God's love and comfort and whether together or apart this was and still is a reality for them. This is of course their personal experience, but unless they are completely deluded or mad, that does make it difficult to argue against.

So next time you're in a fix, maybe it's a good time to ask the question - 'where *does* my help come from?'



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