



We have noticed that several parents have started to bring their dogs on to the school playground at the beginning and end of school. Unfortunately we have had a few incidents in the last week which have affected the safety of our children. This means that we will now need to ask you not to bring dogs on the school site.

All schools in the Trust have been working on their School Improvement Plans, where we focus on the needs for our school this academic year. Some of these for us include: focusing on Early Reading through auditing our phonics provision and purchasing new resources; ensuring our whole curriculum is planned so that learning is logically sequenced; developing subject leadership for our teachers; development of maths at greater depth. As a result, not only do we intend to continue with our broad curriculum providing opportunities for all children to flourish, but also aim to meet or exceed national targets in all assessed areas. You can view last year's results below.

**Mr Turull**

**End of Key Stage Results 2019**

**Key Stage 1 (Year 2)**

	Meeting	Exceeding
Reading	<b>83%</b>	<b>33%</b>
National	75%	25%
Writing	<b>75%</b>	<b>25%</b>
National	69%	15%
Maths	<b>83%</b>	<b>25%</b>
National	76%	22%

**Key Stage 2 (Year 6)**

	Meeting	Exceeding
Reading	<b>93%</b>	<b>29%</b>
National	73%	27%
Writing	<b>100%</b>	<b>21%</b>
National	79%	20%
Maths	<b>79%</b>	<b>21%</b>
National	79%	27%

**Notices**

- **Breakfast Club** – please remember to book your child in for Term 2 if you have not done so already.
- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place next week.
- **Dinners** – The current menu will now be in place at least until the Christmas break and term 2 bookings can be made via ParentPay. Please note when making your bookings that there is a menu change; Christmas dinner is on Thurs 12 Dec and to facilitate this Korma & cheese pin wheel will now be on Wed 11 Dec.
- **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.
- **Parents' Evenings** – you may now reserve a space for parents evening on the blue clipboards in the office. If you are not able to come to the office, please call and we will book this for you.
- **Secondary School Application Deadline** – All Year 6 parents must ensure they have completed the online secondary school application by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Should you have any queries please call BANES Admissions & Transport on 01225 395204 if you are in the BANES catchment area or your Local Education Authority.

**Term Dates 2020-2021**

**Term 1**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

**Term 2**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

**Term 3**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Term 4**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Term 5**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Term 6**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

**INSET Days:**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021



### Farrington Forum

The new Forum held their first meeting of the year this week to discuss their plans for the year ahead.

They will be kicking off with a Mufti day on the last day of this term (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October). Children can wear their own clothes and bring a donation of £1. The committee will decide what they would like to raise money for at their next meeting. If children do not wish to take part in the mufti day, then they can come in their school uniform as usual.

There will also be a 'spooky' cake sale on the playground that morning, so any donations of cakes will be gratefully received. If any cakes are left over they will be sold after school. The Forum are making posters to advertise this event.

### Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Everyone is invited to our next meeting on Wednesday October 23<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Class 4 at the school.

There will be a report on all fundraising and expenditure over the past year as it will be our AGM. We will also be planning activities for the 2019/2020 school year.

One idea is to collaborate with other community members to bring back the Farrington Gurney Village Day next summer. We will discuss initial ideas before sending some representatives to the Parish Council meeting in November.

We will know more about the date – and potential special guest – to open the Outdoor Classroom during Term 2.

Hope to see you all on Wednesday!

### Community News

#### **Halloween Woodland Theatre with EcoWild**

Stage your own spooky play with a very special backdrop using natural resources. Use charcoal and chalk for face paints, bring to life the spirits of the ancestors and let them speak through you! Gather logs to make a theatre and a stage, create leaf tickets and sound effects. We will set up camp together, light a fire and help everyone to share ideas.

£20 per child includes fire cooked snack and hot drinks. Bring a packed lunch.

<https://ecowild.org.uk/whats-on/book-now/>

### School Diary Dates

#### October 2019

- Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** Class 1 Literacy Workshop for parents (2:30pm in Class 1)  
Year 4-6 Tudor House Gallery (3:00pm in Classes 3 and 4)
- Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>** Friends of Farrington Gurney School AGM (7:30pm in Class 4)
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)  
Term 1 ends

#### November 2019

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Term 2 begins
- Tue 5<sup>th</sup>** Football match at St Mary's (3:45pm)
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 Cookery session at Norton Hill  
Assembly at 2:40pm (hall)
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>** Remembrance Day Service  
Parents' Evening (3:30pm – 6:00pm)
- Tue 12<sup>th</sup>** Girls' Football Tournament (4:00pm at Somervale School)  
Parents' Evening (4:30pm – 7:00pm)