



Remembrance

On Friday 10th at 11am we will be holding a short time of reflection on the playground.

This will consist of a minute's silence along with a reading of the names of the villagers who went before us and gave their lives for our freedom.

Parents are more than welcome to join us. We will open the gate at 10:55am.

On Monday we will start selling poppy products on behalf of the Royal British Legion. Our suggested donations are as follows: poppies, zip-pulls and reflectors 50p; wristbands £1 and slap bands £1.50.

Eco Team

Arran in Year 6 is starting to get his Eco Team up and running.



He is recruiting 5 children to help take on the challenge of minimising energy use around the school.

Arran's interesting fact:

Somehow 80kw of energy on average in school is still consumed on a weekend.

Something that needs exploring further!

Music Award

We were pleased to receive a certificate this week from the UK Association for Music Education. This is pleasing as it acknowledges our commitment to promoting great musical experiences and education within our school.



Goodbye

Today we say a fond farewell to Holly in Year 3 as she moves on to pastures new. We will all miss her and wish her all the best for the future in her new school.

Mr Dix and Mr Turull

Governor Vacancy

Farrington Gurney Primary School has a vacancy on our Local Governing Body (LGB). The LGB is made up of Governors from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, and they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school. You do not need to have any experience or prior knowledge, as training will be offered. We would be delighted to hear from you; please contact Mrs Hazard (Clerk to the Governing Body) or Mrs Tyrrell (Chair of Governors) for more details.

Notices

- **Clubs** - Skittles & Computer Clubs started this week. There are still spaces available for Skittles Club - if your child would like to join please contact the office.
- **Christmas Fundraiser** - orders by 11th November. See the Friends section below. Any problems please message Friends on email: FOFGS@hotmail.co.uk.
- **Dinners** - please remember to place dinner orders by Thursday midnight for the following week. Ideally please order for the whole term.
- **Downside School Scholarships & Bursaries** - If you have considered Downside for secondary education for your child, please visit [here](#) for more information.
- **Library events** - see [here](#) the link for exciting events happening in our libraries.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Seal Class Trip to Stonehenge** - this has been set up for consent and payment via ParentPay. A detailed email via ParentPay has also been sent.
- **Year 4 Residential Trip to Mendip Activity Centre** - Please ensure deposits are paid today - or let the office know if your child isn't attending.



Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

November 2023

Mon 6th	Reception Parents' Phonics Workshop (3:30-4:00pm)
Fri 10th	Remembrance Day Assembly 11 - 11:10am on the playground (parents welcome)
Wed 8th	Seal Class Stonehenge Trip
Fri 10th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
Fri 17th	Children In Need Day (see poster)
Fri 17th	FoFGS Disco Village Hall 6-8pm
Fri 24th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm Rescheduled School Disco 6-7:30pm

December 2023

Mon 4th	Flu Immunisations AM
Thur 7th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 8th	Celebration Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 11th	Carols by Candlelight 6pm start
Tue 12th	KS1 Nativity in the hall 2pm start
Wed 13th	Christmas Dinner Day
Thu 14th	KS1 Nativity in the hall 6pm start
Tue 19th	Christmas Carol Service in St John's Church (9:15am)

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Your child should have come home this week with a proof of their Christmas design and details on how to order. There are loads of things available in addition to Christmas cards, such as thank you postcards, gift labels, mugs, magnets, candles, table mats and calendars!! Please make sure you get your order in ASAP and by the deadline of 11th November for delivery to school the first week in December.

Thanks for all the interest in our wreath making workshop. Spaces are now filled but please let us know if you are interested as we have a waiting list!

Free 5 week cooking course for children and young people* aged 5-17

Learn how to make healthy recipes on a budget

Ingredients and equipment provided for f2f courses and a £30 supermarket voucher is given for online courses
*1 adult is required to attend per family



Mon 6th Nov- Mon 4th Dec, 4-5.30pm, Oasis Hub, Oasis Church, Bath

Thurs 9th Nov- Thurs 7th Dec, 4-5.30pm, Somer Centre, Midsomer Norton

Wed 8th Nov- Wed 13th Dec, 4-5pm, online

CHILDREN IN NEED

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Spotty or Yellow clothes - £1
Cake sale - 20p or 50p per cake
T shirt design drawing - 50p per entry
(Designs template to be given out prior to competition day.)

FOFGS DISCO

Friday 24th November
6:00 pm — 7:30 pm
Farrington Gurney Hall
£3 Per Child

Bar Will Be Open
Hot Dogs* Available £2
Tuck Shop
Glitter Face Art

Card Machine will be available at door for entry & Hot Dogs. Please bring change for Tuck Shop etc.
* Meat & Vegetarian Hot Dogs will be available, if you have any special dietary requirements please email fogfs@hotmail.co.uk

Rules
All children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Children should remain in the hall, no re-entry.



Thought of the Week

**"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5: 43-45)**



*'Remember, remember the 5th of November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot.
I see no reason why gunpowder season
Should ever be forgot.'*

Most of us will be celebrating with bonfires, fireworks and sparklers this weekend. It's a great opportunity to get together with friends and family and as the nights are closing in, what better reason for making a fire and letting off a few fireworks.

Many of us know that the roots of this festival go back to the early 17th century when James I was king. In 1534, Henry VIII made himself head of the Church of England and broke from the Catholic Church so that he could divorce his first wife Catherine of Aragon. He had been a devout Catholic for most of his life, but because he wanted to end his marriage and was becoming romantically interested with Anne Boleyn, he used parliament to grant the Act of Supremacy. This meant he was allowed to annul his marriage to Catherine and it made him the head of the English Church. It also meant he would have more power so he could strip all the monasteries of their treasures and sell their land for a profit, but that's the kind of king he was.

This now meant that everyone in the country was being forced to convert to Protestantism and if they didn't, they could be imprisoned, tortured or even executed for sticking to their denominational beliefs. This was still the case in 1605 when James I was king, which is why Robert Catesby along with some other Catholics plotted to assassinate the king and blow up the House of Lords.

We know that the plot failed and that the plotters were executed, but attitudes towards Catholics worsened and there are still issues between Protestants and Catholics to this day.

I wonder how Jesus would see this?

For those who are very observant, you might notice that the verses for today were used previously on September 29th. This is because Jesus wanted his followers to love their enemies. This should of course include those who worship and practise their faith differently, but who basically believe the same thing. Both Catholics and Protestants believe in the Apostles Creed - <https://www.crcna.org/welcome/beliefs/creeds/apostles-creed>.

It's a shame that throughout history, things have often been difficult between people who profess to follow Jesus and his teachings. Jesus said don't respond with violence, respond with love, even to the point of praying for those who persecute you!

This Guy Fawkes Day, we can remember and celebrate that the plot to assassinate the king did fail and that lives were saved. Can we go even further and remember the destructive power of hatred and the redeeming power of love?

