



We don't have many 8-week terms but the children have kept going really well, working hard through to the end; I am sure however, that they will all be looking forward to a week off!

When we return in Term 2 it will be considerably darker in the evenings, so can we please ask that everyone takes care when walking out of the school, particularly following after-school clubs or Superstars. Can we also remind you again that parking on the pavement opposite the school provides a hazard to both pedestrians and road users, so please can you refrain from doing so.

I hope you all have an enjoyable break and we will look forward to seeing you back in school on November 4th.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** – please remember to book your child in for Term 2 if you have not done so already.
- **British Legion Poppy Appeal** – When we return the Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies and other British Legion items. Suggested donations are Zip pull/reflectors 50p, wristbands £1 and snap bands £1.50.
- **Children's Eye Health** – Please see the informative leaflet we have sent home regarding children's eye health.
- **Children and Young People Quality of Life Study** – The University of Bristol would like help with an important study which is about helping researchers and decision-makers to learn what is important to the quality of life of children and young people. They are interested in the views of parents/guardians in addition to children themselves. Each child will be given a £10 voucher as a thank you for taking part. If you are interested in taking part, please collect a pack from the office or contact samantha.husbands@bristol.ac.uk.
- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place on the first week back in Term 2.
- **Dinners** – Term 2 dinner bookings can now be made on ParentPay. Those who have not yet made any bookings will note the change to the choice of puddings, which will help save on food waste. Please tick whether your child would like the cooked pudding (choice 1), yoghurt (choice 2) or fresh fruit (choice 3). Please also note that as Christmas dinner is on December 12th, Korma and cheese pin wheel will now be on December 11th.
- **Farrington Forum** – we have already raised £129.40 today excluding any cakes sold after school. Thank you!
- **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.
- **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** – Year 6 parents must complete the online application by 31st 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.

Christmas Dates

We thought you would like to know the current plans and dates for the Christmas period. More details on these events will follow in Term 2.

December 2019

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| Thu 5th | Years 4-6 Benefice Concert at St. John's Church, Farrington Gurney (4:30-5:30pm) |
| Mon 9th | Years 4-6 BANES Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Bathwick (pm – children return to school at 4:00pm) |
| Thu 12th | Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation) and Christmas Dinner (see box on the next page) |
| Mon 16th | All welcome to Carols by Candlelight on the School Playground (6:00-7:00pm) |
| Tue 17th | Classes 1 and 2 Nativity afternoon performance in the Memorial Hall |
| Thu 19th | Year 6 pupils host our annual Senior Citizens' Party (am at school and then the Memorial Hall)
Classes 1 and 2 Nativity evening performance in the Memorial Hall |
| Fri 20th | All welcome to the Christmas Service at St. John's Church (2:00-3:00pm) |



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/>

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Thanks to all who attended our AGM on Wednesday and all who have offered help and to those giving their continued support.

A **huge thanks** also to Jenny & Dave Higgins who have donated £3,300 from their Glastonbury Festival charity work, giving us a fantastic start to our fund raising this year.

Save the date of our first event, which will be a children's disco on Saturday 30th November in the Village Hall (more details to follow).

The Children's personally designed Christmas Cards, Mugs and Tags proof is being sent home today in the book bags. Please place your orders via the on-line shop (sforders.co.uk/52Z1XTy2b) by the 25th November. Use your child's unique code from the proof to view and order.

Christmas Dinner Menu

Thursday 12th December

Roast Turkey and stuffing (GF/DF)

Or

Vegetarian Loaf with apricots (GF/DF) (Vegan)

With

Roast Potatoes

Carrots

Peas

Brussel Sprouts

Gravy (Vegan)

Chocolate Fudge Log with Cream (GF/DF)

Or

Christmas Decorated Biscuit (GF/DF)

Or

Fresh Fruit Salad (GF/DF)

ParentPay will not reflect this menu change as it defaults to the regular 3 week menu. Please book the main option for a Christmas meat meal and veggie option for the vegetarian meal. 3 puddings will be sent by the kitchen for the children to choose on the day.

School Diary Dates

November 2019

Mon 4th Term 2 begins

Tue 5th Swimming starts again (Years 2/3)
Football match at St Mary's, Writhlington (3:45pm)

Wed 6th EcoWild for Year 6

Fri 8th Year 6 Cookery session at Norton Hill
Assembly at the Village Hall (2:40pm)

Mon 11th Remembrance Day Service (10:30am)
Parents' Evening (3:30-6:00pm)

Tue 12th Girls' Football Tournament at Somervale School (4:00pm)
Parents' Evening (4:30-7:00pm)

Wed 13th Year 6 Lifeskills Trip Bristol (am)
EcoWild for Year 6

Thu 14th Year 2 & 3 Stonehenge Trip

Mon 18th Flu Nasal Spray Inoculation

Tue 19th Open Morning (9:30-11:30am)

Wed 20th EcoWild Year 6

Fri 22nd Year 5 Cookery session at Norton Hill