



This week's newsletter starts with fantastic news as I would like to let you all know that Miss Shutter and her fiancé are expecting a baby. Everyone at school is over the moon and wishes them all the best. Miss Shutter has decided to teach until the Christmas break and we are starting the process of recruiting a teacher to cover her maternity absence. We will keep you informed of how this develops over the next few weeks.

We will be holding a short Remembrance service on Monday 11th November from 10:45am. Each class will be involved as in other years with prayers and songs. We will hope to have this on the playground but it may have to be moved to a classroom due to the weather. We have welcomed a handful of parents each year to the service and are very happy for anyone to attend if we are able to hold it outside, but please note that if the service moves inside there will not be room for visitors.

On Thursday 5th December at 4:30pm, there will be a Benefice Schools Advent Carol service for the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 organised through the local churches of Paulton, High Littleton and Farrington Gurney. This year – the second time the event is being held - it will take place at St John's Church in Farrington Gurney. Each school will perform a carol as well as joining in with the congregation singing some other carols. We will send out more information nearer the time, but hope that all the children in these year groups will be able to join us for this.

Next week we are holding our two parents' evenings. We look forward to sharing information about your children's progress and showing you the work they have produced so far this year. If you have not yet managed to book a slot, then please contact us. I will be available in my office on the Monday session to talk to any parents who have concerns or thoughts. I will also be here for the end of Tuesday but not until just after 6:00pm as I am taking the girls' football team to a tournament. Please do come and find me if you have any questions you would like to ask.

We are also holding a couple of events next week as it is both Anti Bullying Week and Children in Need. On Tuesday we will be holding an 'Odd Socks Day' where children come to school in their usual uniform but wear a pair of odd socks – as bright and colourful as they would like! Then on Friday we are holding a few events for Children in Need – please see the box on the next page for more information.

Mr Turull

Notices

- **Breakfast Club** – there is availability every day so please book via ParentPay or contact the office.
- **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.
- **Christmas Dinner** – please note that we have had to change the date of our Christmas dinner to Wednesday 18th December due to the general election on December 12th. This means there will be no menu changes this term.
- **Dinners** – please remember that the new deadline for booking meals is Thursday night for the following week.
- **Clubs** – all clubs will be taking place next week except for Board Games on Monday due to parents' evening.
- **Farrington Forum Mufti & Cake sale** – the overall amount raised is a fantastic £182.48. Thank you everyone.
- **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.
- **Open Class** – Open Class sessions are on Tuesdays straight after school where parents/carers have the opportunity to view the children's books and see the class displays.
- **Parents' Evenings** – there are still 13 children whose parents have not signed up to see their teacher next week. Please contact us if you are unable to make the sessions and we will find another time to for an appointment.



PE and School Sport

We started our football league season with a match against St Mary's Writhlington on Tuesday this week. We took 10 players with us from Years 5 and 6.

The match started well and we were 3-0 up in the first ten minutes. However, a couple of defensive lapses saw St Mary's come back in to the game with 2 goals, the score balanced at 3-2 at half-time. The second half went in our favour and we ended up scoring another 7 goals to win the match 10-2 with all of our players getting at least 30 minutes playing time on the pitch. A great start to the season!

Coming up next we have the girls' tournament next Tuesday followed by the small schools' event at the end of November. On top of this we also have the Year 5/6 swimming gala before the end of term.

FoFGS 100 Club

We are reinstating the FoFGS 'lottery', known as the 100 club to raise funds for the school. This year it will run for the remainder of the school year; 10 months, from November 2019 until August 2020.

The cost will be £1 a month and payment will be required when entering. So if you join now to start in November it will be £10. Each entry will be allocated a number. The club is open to anyone who wants to join! Parents, grandparents, friends and relatives. You can buy as many numbers as you want - the more participants the bigger the prize fund! (with 50 members this would be a monthly prize of £20). There will be a monthly draw which will be done via a random number generator; the winner will be announced in the school newsletter and on our Facebook page.

To enter please pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Friends of Farrington Gurney School) in a sealed envelope with your name and contact details (phone number/email address), either to a member of the PTA or the school office. I will then let you know your allocated number.

Claire Rippon

Farrington Forum



What you need to know:

- 'Children in Need' themed **Mufti** (optional)
 - Pay £1 to wear pyjamas or spotty clothes
 - Friday 15th November
- **Art competition** (if you are interested?)
 - Pay 50p for a colouring sheet (available from your Class Teacher)
 - Colour your Pudsey (write name and class on the back)
 - Deadline: Friday 15th November
 - The Forum will judge at lunchtime
 - KS1 and KS2 winner revealed in assembly!
- **Break time fun!**
 - Please bring some money along to play some games the forum have planned:
 - Guess the name of the teddy - 50p
 - Where is Pudsey? - 50p
 - Guess the smarties in a jar - 30p

School Diary Dates

November 2019

- Fri 8th** Year 5 Cookery session at Norton Hill
Assembly at the Village Hall (2:40pm)
- Mon 11th** Remembrance Day Service (10:45am)
Parents' Evening (3:30-6:00pm)
- Tue 12th** Odd Sock day to support Anti-Bullying
Girls' Football Tournament at
Somervale School (4:00pm)
Parents' Evening (4:30-7:00pm)
- Wed 13th** Year 6 Lifeskills Trip Bristol (am)
EcoWild - Year 6
- Thu 14th** Year 2 & 3 Stonehenge Trip
- Fri 15th** Children in Need Day (see box)
- 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
Assembly at the Village Hall (2:40pm)
- Wed 27th** EcoWild Year 5
- Thu 28th** Small Schools' Football Tournament at
Somervale School (4:00pm)