



House Points

Your child may have come home since the start of term and shared their joy at having gained a token for their house team.

The children are rightly proud of being a member of their house and it is always a pleasure to be able to plan events where the house teams spend time together - the recent wellness day for example. The token reward is a further way for the children to work as a team.

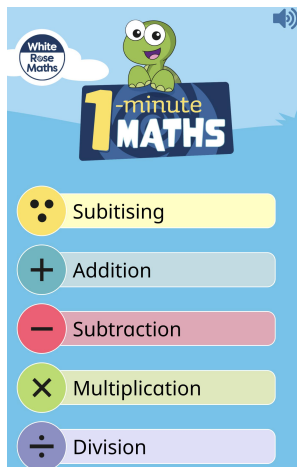


So, how do children win tokens for their team?

Farrington Forum met and decided that it would be nice to reward children for good behaviour in class and around school, as well as showing courtesy and good manners to others.

We will reveal the team with the most tokens during Celebration Assembly each 2 weeks, and a final termly total winner being revealed at the end of each seasonal term. The Forum will consult their peers to decide on a suitable reward for the winning team.

1 Minute Maths from the White Rose



As you will be aware, we follow the White Rose Maths scheme in school and they have recently launched their '1 Minute Maths' app. It is free to download and, if used little and often, will help children from Reception right through to Year 6 commit key number facts to memory.

Please download the app and feed your success stories back to us!

Children in Need

Next Friday marks Children in Need Day. We will be holding a 'Wear Something Spotty Day'. Please can you send in a donation if your child is taking part.

Mr Dix & Mr Turull

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

November 2022

- Thu 17th Family Service at St John's Church 2:30pm (Cafe afterwards) - pick up children from the Church unless they are attending a club
Year 6 Trip to Lifeskills, Bristol
(returning at 3.45pm)
- Fri 18th Children in Need - Wear something spotty
- Tue 22nd Small Schools' Football Tournament at Norton Hill (3:45pm)
- Wed 23rd Open Morning 9:30-11:30am
- Weds 30th Christmas Arts Day (No EcoWild)

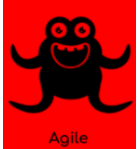

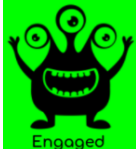
December 2022

- Thu 1st High Littleton Carol Service 4:15pm (Class 3 and 4 children who have volunteered)
- Mon 5th Class 1 Trip to Avon Valley Railway (am)
Year 5 to Clifton Cathedral (pm)
No Young Voices Club due to Y5 Trip
- Tue 6th Small Schools' Swimming Gala (1:30pm - 3:30pm)
- Wed 7th Class 3 Trip to Aerospace Museum
- Mon 12th Carols by Candlelight in school 6pm
- Tue 13th Nativity - Classes 1 and 2 (2:00pm)
- Wed 14th Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
- Thu 15th Nativity - Classes 1 and 2 (6:00pm)
- Fri 16th Christmas Church Service 9:15am (St John's Church)
Last day of Term 2

**The children return to school on Wednesday
4th January**



This Week's Ace Learners

 Agile	 Compassionate	 Engaged
Agile Ashley	Compassionate Courtney	Engaged Eddie
Rosina D Thomas H Colby G Arthur J Ted W Neah G Daisy D Owen A Tristan W Arlo D	Alissia R Josh W Isla T Rosie W Thomas W	Mya B Freddie J Ivy W Adalyn G Karmann W Ella G Mille C Eddy P Xander J Paris C Grace L Miltiadis C
☆ 😊 ☆ Lunchtime Superstars	Paris C Freddie J William C	

House Points (Last 2 Weeks)

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40	29	40	32

Notices

- **Car Park** - We are once again looking at various ways to get the potholes filled in the car park. In the meantime, although you are of course welcome to carry on using it, it may be advisable to park by the Memorial Hall
- **Clubs** - All clubs will run as normal next week.
- **Dinners/Trip Pack lunches** - If there are any Class 1, 2 or FSM children going on a trip where a school packed lunch is required please let the office know on Monday as Catering can provide a basic packed lunch if you would like? Dinners already booked by parents on trip days will be cancelled by the MAT.
- **Library Service** - Please see the following [link](#) relating to all that is happening in our local libraries.
- **Open Morning** - for prospective parents has been set for Wednesday 23rd November from 9:30am to 11:30am. If you have a child who will be starting school next year, or know someone who does, please share the date and ask them to contact the office to register.
- **School Term Dates 2023/24** - click [here](#) for term dates which are also on the website. **Please note that an additional Bank Holiday has been announced on Monday 8th May so school will be closed to pupils on that day.**
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Winter Weather** - Please can you ensure that you are sending your child to school with a coat every day, now that the weather is more unpredictable.



Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Thank you to all those who donated and/or bought cakes on the final day of last term. FoFGS raised £109 which is amazing.

There are various events that we will be supporting this term including the carols by candlelight and nativity performances. We will need some parent volunteers to help run these events so please let us know if you can offer some time to help.

As we all do our Christmas shopping, it would be the perfect time to use Amazon smile. Using the amazon smile app donates a percentage of all eligible purchases to your chosen charity, which you can set to be "Friends of Farrington Gurney School". Please see below detailed instructions, including screenshots! Please also ask friends and family to do this too!!

AmazonSmile Charity Donations

Did you know that **Amazon donates 0.5%** of the net purchase price of eligible items to charity if you activate AmazonSmile to your account.

Firstly, to register for this you will need activate it by going to the following web address:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Once on the website you will be prompted to log into your Amazon account. Once logged it you will be able to search for registered charities.

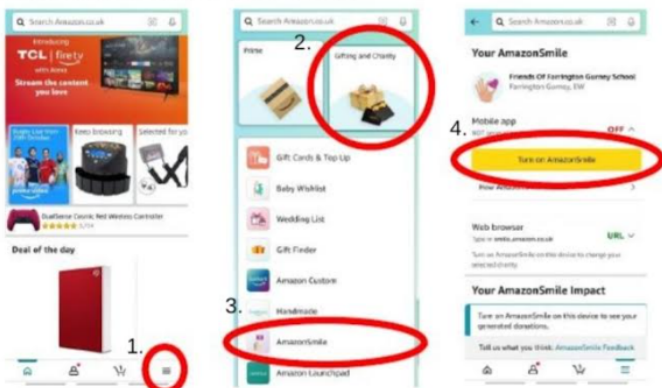
If you wish the local School PTA is registered to this service under the following charity name.

Friends of Farrington Gurney School

You can then activate this service via the mobile app. To do this once in the app you will need to follow the steps below.

1. At the right-hand bottom of the screen is the Three bar menu Symbol press this.
2. Press the Gifting and Charity icon
3. Select AmazonSmile from the drop-down menu
4. Press Turn on Amazon Smile this will navigate you through the process to set up.

Please find pictorial representation of the above steps.



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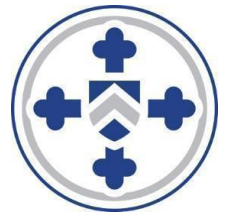
ST JOHN'S CHURCH CAFE

THURSDAY 17TH NOV
3.15PM - 4.30PM

COFFEE, CAKE, AND
GOOD CONVERSATION!

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

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Thought of the Week

'God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.' (Genesis 1:31)

What is your most valued possession? If there was a fire in your house and all your family and pets were safe, what one thing would you grab before you left?

For each of us it is likely to be something different and whatever it is, even though it may not have a lot of financial value, it will be of value to you.

We give our possessions worth and value. The objects themselves cannot create their own worth or value. A car cannot compare its value with another car, our phones don't tell us how much they are worth and even our pets won't complain if they feel that our care and attention doesn't match up to the value they aren't able to give themselves.

Like our possessions, we cannot create our own value, we cannot give ourselves worth and we cannot earn it either. Worth can only be given to us.

When you were growing up, the care and attention that you were given by your parents or carers would have shown you how much you were worth and how much you were valued. If we have partners and children, we can also show them how much they are worth and how much they are valued by our love towards them.

Too often, we try and create our own worth or try and earn our worth and value. But like our possessions and our pets, we can't do this - it doesn't work. Our worth can only be given or ascribed to us by others.

In the first book of the Bible, it says that God created everything. Each time he created something else, he said it was good. Only after he had created humans did he then go on to say that it was 'very good'.

Right from the beginning, God ascribed worth and value to us. He made it clear that we were of more worth and value than the rest of creation. In fact, the original Hebrew word for 'very good' is 'tov' which literally means to be in harmony with God. Unlike the rest of the animal kingdom, we were created to be in harmony with God and it was God who first gave us our worth and value.

So next time you try to earn your worth and prove your value, stop and remind yourself that it is impossible. Who in your life gives you your worth and value?

