



*We have finished the term with a flurry of Christmas events. The Carols by Candlelight saw nearly 90 people singing together in the playground accompanied by our merry band of musicians. Our Senior Citizens' Party was also very well-attended and credit must go to the Year 6 children who were complimented on their tours of the school. We also put on two nativity performances; well done to all the children in Classes 1 and 2 for their effort on stage. Thank you to everyone who helped with these events.*

*I would like to take this opportunity at the end of another year to thank everyone involved with our school during 2018. We are lucky to have so many dedicated people who put in their time and effort; I am sure that we will continue to go from strength to strength during 2019.*

*All the staff would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and hope that you enjoy time with your families over the holidays full of peace and happiness. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.*

**Mr Turull**

### Notices

- **Breakfast Club** –parents may now book for Term 3 via ParentPay until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Please make your bookings for next term by this date to ensure we have the correct amount of supervision available for those who wish to use the club, as we would not want to turn children away. There are some outstanding session payments that need to be paid; please can these be added to the payments for your next bookings.
- **Bring and Buy Sale** – A thank you to all who donated or purchased at the recent sale with raised £73.50 towards our Reading Book Fundraising.
- **Christingle** – please don't forget to return the collection candles either to school ahead of our Christmas Service today or take them to the Christingle Service at St John's Church (3:00pm on Christmas Eve).
- **Christmas Jumper Day** – another big thank you to all who helped raise an incredible £106 for Save the Children.
- **Clubs** – the club allocation letter for Term 3 is attached to this newsletter and can be found on the school website. Clubs start on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Rugby club is looking low on numbers so if you have forgotten to forward your form or wish to join this club please let the office know to avoid it being cancelled.
- **Guitar Lessons** – New booking letters have been sent home with those who have Guitar/Ukulele lessons. Lessons start on January 24<sup>th</sup>. New starters are always welcome, please enquire and obtain a letter from the office. Booking letters should be returned by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- **School Dinners** – please remember to book your child's meals - ideally for the whole of Term 3 - on the ParentPay website.
- **Severe Weather** – for up-to-date information on school closures please check our school website or [www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/school-closures). Local radio stations should also announce any closures. We will always try to stay open in case of severe weather, but need a proportion of staff available in school to do so.
- **Swimming** – Years 4, 5 & 6 are swimming on the first day back - please remember to bring your swimming kit.

### Benefice Schools' Advent Carol Service: 6th December

On behalf of our Church community, I wanted to say a big thank you to all those who took part in or who came to support the Benefice Schools' Advent Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church, Paulton. The children's performance was wonderful and the singing was truly inspirational. (I wondered whether I could make the organ loud enough to be heard over the mass of voices as they sang out the traditional carols.)

We were very grateful for your kind donations at the end of the Service. Altogether £65:80 was collected and this will be shared between the organ restoration fund and Paulton Hospital. I'd like to wish you all a very happy New Year and hope to see you once again at next year's Benefice Schools' Carol Service.

With warmest wishes, Kevin Burnett (Organist: Holy Trinity Church, Paulton)





### Public Health England

#### **Norovirus/Influenza**

Public Health England report that 'each year between 600,000 and 1 million people in the UK catch norovirus. It is sometimes called the "winter vomiting bug" because it is more common in winter'.

They also say that 'influenza is very infectious and spreads easily in crowded or enclosed spaces. On average, an infectious person will infect another one to two non-immune people'.

It is imperative that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea that they are absent from school for 48 hours after the last bout, so that these germs are not passed on to other children. If they are poorly with symptoms of influenza, they should also stay at home until 24 hours after the conclusion of any fever. Thanks for your help.

### Friends of Farrington Gurney School

Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported the many events that took place this week. We raised over £400 between refreshments on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from the bottle raffle at the nativity performances.

A special thanks to all the parents who helped with the refreshments during the week.

Our next meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 8:00pm at the Farrington Inn. Everyone is welcome to come and join us for a post-Christmas drink and to look at ideas for 2019 including fundraising and plans for the outdoor classroom.

On behalf of FoFGS we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and thank you once again for all your support during 2018.

### Music for Schools



A chance to blow your own trumpet, toot your own flute or learn to play clarinet, cornet or saxophone!

Music for Schools is a charity that gives music lessons in our school, and are coming to present at school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 3.20pm. Your child will have the opportunity to try each instrument and we will tell you all about how to sign up for lessons.

Come and see our Music Tutors to find out more – no obligation, packages to suit all budgets.

### School Diary Dates

#### December 2018

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** Christmas Service (2:00pm at St John's Church)  
End of Term 2

#### January 2019

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** INSET DAY  
**Tue 8<sup>th</sup>** Term 3 Starts  
Years 4, 5 and 6 Swimming starts  
**Wed 9<sup>th</sup>** Years 2-6 Music for Schools Assembly  
**Thu 10<sup>th</sup>** Years 2-6 Parents meeting for Music for Schools at 3.20pm  
**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** Assembly in the Hall at 2:30pm  
**Mon 14<sup>th</sup>** Clubs begin  
**Tue 15<sup>th</sup>** Year 5 Cookery at Norton Hill  
**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** No Friday assembly  
**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>** Year 6 Badminton tournament at Wellsway School  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Assembly in the Hall at 2:30pm