

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th October 2023



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Next Week

- ◆ HALF TERM—Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October

Looking ahead

- ◆ Thursday 2nd November - Early Reading and Phonics Meeting for Parent of Wren & Firecrest classes—see separate email sent 13/10.
- ◆ Tuesday 7th November—Parent/Teacher Meetings (early slots)
- ◆ Thursday 9th November—Parent/Teacher meetings (early & later slots)
- ◆ Friday 17th November—Key Stage 2 Disco @ 3:15pm to 4:30pm
- ◆ Friday 1st December—Christmas Family Bingo @6pm

Christmas Performances

- ◆ Monday 11th December—KS1 Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—KS1 Christmas Performance @ 9:30am in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—EYFS Christmas Performance @ 1:30pm in the School Hall
- ◆ Tuesday 12th December—KS2 Carol Concert @ 5:30pm at Holy Trinity Church
- ◆ Wednesday 13th December—EYFS Christmas Performance @ 9:30am in the School Hall

Our planned TD Days for this academic year are 2nd January 2024, 15th April 2024 and Monday 3rd June 2024. For term dates please see the [Somerset Council website](#).

Message from our Headteacher

This week we have appeared in the Frome Nub news on two occasions which has been lovely to read - one article talked about our Harvest celebration at Holy Trinity and the other described how our KS1 children are developing their geographical skills.

On Wednesday morning, KS1 held a family learning event where DT skills were put to the test. They were making hats and they looked amazing once they were finished. Thank you to all the adults for supporting the children.

I am pleased to announce that Helen Loughlin, who has been working in the office on Fridays over the past year, has been offered a part time Office Manager role working alongside Sue Cobb. Congratulations to Helen and we look forward to working with her in her new role after half term. We are also now advertising for a part-time office administrator - please see the separate ad which is on our vacancies page and also on the SSE website (<https://www.supportservicesforeducation.co.uk/Page/14023>) if you are interested or know someone who may be.

I am also pleased to announce two other appointments: Esther Ibbeken will be starting with us at Vallis after half term and she will be working alongside Mrs Powrie in Owl Class, working on Mondays and Tuesdays. Claire Beale will be joining us as a teaching assistant after half term, mainly based in Eagle class but also supporting round the school. We look forward to working with them over the coming months.

Last Friday's celebration assembly focused on writing across the school. Children shared their well-presented writing talents and talked about what they had written. Theo, in Year 4, also played the piano for us - it is great to see his growing confidence at playing in front of an audience.

Our last TD day has now been agreed and it is Monday 3rd June 2024 so please make a note in your diaries.

Yesterday there was a bad accident on Rodden Road which happened outside one of our family's houses. Rodden Road is a very busy and fast road in the town and the following yesterday the family have started a change.org petition. Please use this link to find out more:

[Change.org](#)

I hope that you all have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th.

Nick

Autumn Parents' Meetings

Parents' Meetings will take place on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November after school. This time we are using a new system that will allow you to book your appointments online via a system called School Cloud. Please look out for the email that will come from the Office@vallisfirstschool.org.uk account which will have details of how to book an appointment and the link you need to click.

We often hear from some parents that they haven't received a particular email that we have sent out. From now on we will use the office@vallisfirstschool.org.uk email address to send out our messages so you may find it helpful to save that address to your contacts or safe senders list for after half term.

KS1 Mad Hatters!

On Wednesday, the children in KS1 made hats! This term they have been exploring different types of hats and designing their own hats in the Design and Technology lessons. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to help the children make their fantastic hats!





Pumpkin Trail

This evening is our Pumpkin Trail—thank you to everyone who has purchased a trail sheet and we look forward to seeing you at 5:30pm!

Fundraising Christmas Cards

The Christmas Card that were received by the deadline were sent to our supplier, Xmas4Schools, on Wednesday. Once they have processed the

forms they will send you a text and email with details of how to place your order. They are usually very quick so we hope to have your orders back by mid November.

Key Stage 2 Disco

On 17th November we will be holding a Disco from 3:15 to 4:30pm for our Year 3 & 4 children. Tickets will cost £3 and children should bring their party clothes in with them to change into at 3pm and they will then be taken to the hall. Parents should then pick up from the School Office entrance at 4:30pm. Pizza and drinks will be included in the price of



the ticket. Tickets will be available from the School Office from Monday 30th October at 2:45pm.



Runtober Update

Team Vallis is made up of 12 parents who are running 100km each, 1200km in total, over the month of October to raise money for outdoor play equipment at Vallis School.

For their third week they have so far run 850km and raised £835!

You can follow their progress and sponsor them online at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/vallis-school-outdoor-play-equipment>



Local Community News



FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
GATES OPEN 4.30PM, FIREWORKS START 6.30PM

£20 PER CAR

G08
GOULDYBROS CAFE & VENUE

THE CLUBHOUSE, CRITCHILL MANOR ESTATE
CRITCHILL FROME, BA11 4LJ

To book please go to Eventbright/fireworks - on there you



FAMILY HANGOUT PARTY!!

HALLOWEEN FAMILY PARTY!

FREE ARTS & CRAFTS / UV DISCO / SPOOKY DECOR
HOT DOGS & CHIPS IN A CASKET / FREAKY FACEPAINTING
ZOMBIE TABLE FOOTBALL / GRAVE DIGGERS LUCKY DIP
BLOOD CURDLING BADGE MAKING / HALLO-LOON HUNT

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST
BOOK A FREE TICKET TO GUARANTEE ENTRY
23 BATH ST, FROME. 4PM TIL 8PM

TICKETS SKIDDLE.COM




Entry £1
Children under 12 or education groups FREE!

The Pod

We have everything you need for exciting art, craft and play activities!

Monday 20th Nov 1.30-4.30 pm
Cheese+Grain, Market Yard, Frome, BA11 1BE

Pop-Up
Scrapstore

Do you want access to a warehouse of weird and wonderful objects? One persons waste is another persons treasure.

Join the scrap creation journey

scrapstore@thepodcharity.org.uk
07724315600

Supporting TOY LIBRARY

Bring a bag for life.

The Pod is a registered charity in England and Wales. Charity No 1161092

FAMILY HOLIDAY ZEPH

Activities in Frome for families in need of support.

Tuesday 24th Oct	10am to 1pm	Family cookery - make a tasty, healthy meal together	Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome BA11 3DN
Wednesday 25th Oct*	10am to 1pm	Accessible, fun print-art workshop - make your own bag for life	Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Frome BA11 3DN
Thursday 26th Oct*	10am to 1pm	Accessible, fun print-art workshop - make your own bag for life	Cricket Club, Rodden Road, Frome BA11 2AH
Friday 27th Oct*	3pm to 6pm	Active Science workshop outside with rockets!	The Key Centre, Feltham Lane, Frome BA11 5AJ
Saturday 28th Oct	10am to 12pm	Play and Take Away day - booking not required	Frome Library, Justice Lane Frome BA11 1BE

Suggested donation of £2 per child

*Free Fair Frome hot meal served one hour before end of session!

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact rebeccaharrison@purpleelephant.org.uk to book a place or ask your school or support worker to refer you

Adults to accompany and remain responsible for their children at all times.

Family support workers available at all sessions.

www.PurpleElephant.org.uk

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