

# VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

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- ◆ Friday 1st December—Christmas Family Bingo @6pm
- ◆ Thursday 7th December—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children
- ◆ Friday 8th December—Christmas Lunch
- ◆ Monday 18th December—Flu Vaccination Walk In Clinic—Frome Community Hospital 10:00am to 14:00pm for children who missed or were unable to have a vaccination at school.

## 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 has been anti-bullying week nationally and in school. We started the week with a lovely, informative assembly led by Mrs Edwards which outlined the theme for this year's events. We talked to the children about what bullying is and things they can do if they are having issues with friendships. During the week, the children have been doing a range of activities in class to support their understanding of bullying and things they can do if they see it happening or experience it themselves.

Now that the colder weather is with us, could I ask that all children are sent into school with a coat please. Unless the weather is really bad, the children will still go out at break and lunch times and we would like to minimise the chances of children getting cold and wet and then becoming ill. Thanks for your help with this.

Sadly, Katie Bristow, who has been our speech and language teaching assistant and has worked at Vallis for many years, left us this week to work in her family business. Katie has been a really valued member of staff over many years and she will be sorely missed. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future. I am pleased to say that we have appointed a new teaching assistant, Mica Williamson, who will be picking up some of the speech and language interventions along with general teaching assistant responsibilities; welcome Mica to the team.

Owl Class celebrated their learning with us in our Friday assembly last week. They read us some amazing writing that they did last term and showed us the books they created; they also told us about some of their learning in History related to the Egyptians. Thank you and well done to Owl Class.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Nick

## Christmas Jumper Day

We will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day once again this year. As we did last year, we have some pre-loved Christmas jumpers for children in the office should anyone want to swap last year's jumper for the next size up in the spirit of re-using and recycling. Please stop by the office at any point before the 7th December to have a look at the designs that we have. If you have any jumpers your children have outgrown that you would just like to donate to our stock please also stop by the office.

## Anti-bullying week

Anti bullying week started with children wearing odd socks. This helps to remind us that we are all different and unique and this is what makes us and everyone else special. Elody and Genevieve helped role play when 'banter' becomes unkind and how to know the difference. The theme this year is 'Make a noise about bullying'. Classes have taken part in anti bullying activities throughout the week including making anti bullying superheroes, designing odd socks, listening to Andy and the Odd Socks and KS2 watched a live streamed lesson.





## Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch is on Friday 8th December (see menu to the left).

All children are welcome to have a Christmas Lunch, even if they are not normally hot dinners on that day. It is free for children in Reception and Key Stage 1 and for benefit based free school meal children in Key Stage 2. For all other children the meals cost £2.70.

For all children having the Christmas Lunch, we will need their order by next Friday (24th November). Please pop in to the school office to let us know your child's choices or email [sue.cobb@vallisfirstschool.org.uk](mailto:sue.cobb@vallisfirstschool.org.uk).

Children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumper on Friday 8th as well as Thursday 7th December.

## VSA News

### Eyes Down on 1st December for Christmas Bingo!

Doors will open at 5:30pm with the first game starting at 6pm. There will be hot food and refreshments available and tickets for entry will be on sale from the school office from 3pm on Monday 20th November at £5 per ticket. Please note there will be no entry on the night without a ticket.

### Feel Good Fridays—Next Friday = Skylark Class

This year the VSA will be running Feel Good Fridays instead of the class cake sales. Children are invited to wear their own clothes for a donation that will go into the class treat pot to buy extra toys and class treats. Each class has been designated a Friday as their Feel Good Friday as follows:

24th November—Skylark Class  
 8th December—Buzzard Class  
 19th January—Wren Class  
 2nd February—Robin Class

1st December—Goldfinch Class  
 12th January—Eagle Class  
 26th January—Firecrest Class



**WEDNESDAY IS OUR FAVOURITE DAY OF THE WEEK!  
JOIN US 4:30-5:30 @ FROME LEISURE CENTRE**



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OR EMAIL [FROMEDODGEBALL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FROMEDODGEBALL@GMAIL.COM)**



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Please note: Frome Dodgeball will be coming to the school on Tuesday 28th November for a free taster session with our Key Stage 2 children.