

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

1st December 2023

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Dates for your Diary

Next week

- ◆ Thursday 7th December—Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children
- ◆ Thursday 7th December—Owl Class Violin performance
- ◆ Friday 8th December—Christmas Lunch

Looking ahead

- ◆ 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

2024

- ◆ Tuesday 2nd January—TD (Inset) Day
- ◆ Wednesday 3rd January—Back to school

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

In Monday's assembly, I shared a new book recommendation from Connie in Year 3. Connie has recommended 'Star Friends Wish Trap' by Linda Chapman; if you'd like to read her review, please have a look on the board in reception. On Tuesday, KS2 had an amazing day in workshops connected to their Egyptian topic - they made date bread, decorated an Egyptian scarab and learnt about archaeology. The knowledge the children have about the Egyptians is very impressive. They also participated in some dodgeball games; a great day was had by all.

You may remember at the end of last term, we had a mufti day to raise money for Purple Elephant; we raised over £166. Thank you very much for all the contributions you gave.

I am hoping that I can confirm the new teacher who will be in Eagle class after Christmas in the next few days and I will of course inform you as soon as everything is in place. I am pleased to announce that Jessica Mounty-King will be joining the Vallis team next week. Jessica will be supporting children with some speech and language intervention along with some individual support.

Last week, Goldfinch class shared a lovely assembly and we saw and heard some amazing things. They have been doing some exciting science with ice cubes and chocolate and they found out that milk chocolate buttons melted quicker than white chocolate buttons - I wonder why that was? I was very impressed with their hula hooping skills too from PE - I think I will need to have some lessons from them. Well done Goldfinch and thank you.

I think we have a rather cold weekend ahead of us so I hope you all keep safe and warm.

Nick

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children is next Thursday. Children are invited to wear a festive jumper/t-shirt/top in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. We have a supply of pre-loved Christmas jumpers in the office of various sizes which people are welcome to have a look in the name of reusing and recycling, please stop by anytime before Wednesday evening.

Christmas Dinner reminder

In the spirit of Christmas, please remember that on Friday 8th December it will be our Christmas lunch. Children are again welcome to wear any Christmas jumpers, t-shirts or tops on this day as well as the Thursday.

Owl Class Violins Performance

Parents of children in Owl Class are invited to an end of term Violin Concert on Thursday 7th December from 9:15am in the School Hall. Please drop your children off as usual and then enter the school just before 9:15am via the main entrance.

Swimming

From Wednesday 11th January to Wednesday 15th March Owl Class will be going swimming. A letter will be sent home shortly with more information. Please could we remind any Buzzard Class parents who have not yet paid to please pop a contribution into the office.

Christmas Performances

As you will have seen for most of this term, the dates for the Christmas performances are on the front of the newsletter in Dates for your Diary. Initially tickets will be limited to two per child however do check with the office on the day of your child's performance to see if we have any tickets left. Tickets are available from the School Office from Monday afternoon at 2:45pm.

The Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at Trinity Church is open to all parents/carers, grandparents etc and there is no ticket required due to the larger venue so we look forward to seeing as many of you in the church as can make it!

VSA News



Eyes Down tonight for Christmas Bingo!

Doors will open at 5:30pm with the first game starting at 6pm with tickets available on the door this evening.

There will be hot food and refreshments available from 5:30pm and we hope to see lots of you there later.

Feel Good Fridays—Next Friday = Buzzard Class

This year the VSA are 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.

Local Community News



Eco Festive Crafts

FREE ENTRY

FROM FAMILIES FOR THE FUTURE

Decorations-making
Cakes and Snacks
Toy & Book Swap
Eco gift ideas
Gift-crafting
Raffle

The Bennett Centre, Vicarage St, Frome
Sunday 3rd December
11:30am - 2pm

A poster for an 'Eco Festive Crafts' event. It features a central image of a Christmas tree made of wooden cutouts of various kitchen items like spoons, forks, and knives. To the right, a list of activities includes 'Decorations-making', 'Cakes and Snacks', 'Toy & Book Swap', 'Eco gift ideas', 'Gift-crafting', and 'Raffle'. A QR code is visible on the tree. A red banner at the top right says 'FREE ENTRY'. A logo at the bottom left says 'FROM FAMILIES FOR THE FUTURE'. The event details at the bottom are 'The Bennett Centre, Vicarage St, Frome, Sunday 3rd December, 11:30am - 2pm'.



JOIN OUR PEACE EVENT

Kite Flying

FOR THE CHILDREN OF GAZA

Sunday 10 December, 10AM
The Old Showfield, Frome

Donations £5 for Medical Aid for Palestinians

A vibrant poster for a 'Kite Flying' event. The background is blue with white clouds and a white dove. Several colorful kites are flying, including a large orange and red fish-shaped kite. The text at the top says 'JOIN OUR PEACE EVENT' and 'Kite Flying FOR THE CHILDREN OF GAZA'. The event details are 'Sunday 10 December, 10AM, The Old Showfield, Frome'. At the bottom, it says 'Donations £5 for Medical Aid for Palestinians'.



FROME DODGEBALL CLUB
EST. 2023

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

SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE
OR EMAIL FROMEDODGEBALL@GMAIL.COM

BRITISH DODGEBALL

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Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership

A poster for the 'Frome Dodgeball Club'. It features a circular logo with a volleyball and the text 'FROME DODGEBALL CLUB EST. 2023'. To the right is a photo of children playing dodgeball. The main text says 'WEDNESDAY IS OUR FAVOURITE DAY OF THE WEEK! JOIN US 4:30-5:30 @ FROME LEISURE CENTRE'. Below that, it says 'SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE OR EMAIL FROMEDODGEBALL@GMAIL.COM'. At the bottom are logos for 'BRITISH DODGEBALL' and 'sasp Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership'.



Free December Holiday Activities

****FREE DECEMBER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES****

We are excited to announce we have secured funding for FREE DECEMBER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES for **Pupil Premium families**.

There are four dates/camps available to book on Playwaze (<https://playwaze.com/bookcommunity/24941t5kk92b>)

- Monday 18th December 2023 – Christmas Party (18 spaces available)
- Tuesday 19th December 2023 – Christmas Baking (18 spaces available)
- Wednesday 20th December 2023 – Football Camp (18 spaces available)
- Thursday 21st December 2023 – Fundays (18 spaces available)

Below is the booking instruction should you need them.

1. You will need to create an account through playwaze (<https://playwaze.com>)
2. Search for 'IG Sports Coaching Limited' in the providers.
3. Join 'community'.
4. Select IG Sports Coaching.
5. Click which day you would like to book then click 'book'.
6. You will then need to select 'Add a new child or dependent' and add your child's details.
7. You will need to ask your child's school for the code.

If you require any assistance with booking or receiving a code, please contact hjh@sasp.co.uk.

Please note you are unable to book free spaces via the IG Sports Coaching LTD website. Any booking made via IG Sports Coaching LTD website will be cancelled.

If you require any information about the camp/activity, please contact Theo at Theo@igsportscoaching.co.uk.

