

Snow day: Thank you for all the staff and parents who ensured the information about our snow day closure was published despite the Somerset Learning Platform system crashing on the morning. We are also very grateful to our caretaking team - Mr and Mrs Williams - helped by their son in law and two of their grandchildren who cleared the compacted snow and ice and made it possible to open our site on Monday. Without their hard work over the weekend we would have had to close again on the Monday due to the ice hazard.

Family Learning for KS1: I hope you enjoyed spending time with your children this morning helping them to sew their aliens! Thank you to all those parents and family members who came along to support.

Bringing German Carnival to Frome - including Storming the Town Hall: Frome Twinning Association are inviting Frome children and families to their next free event during the half-term holiday. This will start with a German Carnival mask-making workshop organised by the Children's Festival from 1.45 to 2.30 pm on Thursday 21st February in Vallis First School. At the same time children will have the opportunity to develop questions or suggestions for the Mayor of Frome. At 2.45pm children and families will form a carnival procession to the Town Hall. Children are invited to come in fancy-dress for this and will wear their masks. On arrival, we will storm the Town Hall and demand the attendance of the Mayor. After he has agreed to answer the children's questions, we will go into the Council Chamber for questions. Refreshments will be available for adults and children will all receive a free doughnut (a tradition in our German twin town of Murrhardt). The event will finish no later than 4pm, and all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout. This event is being targeted at 6-12 years old, but younger or older members of the family are also invited to come along. Numbers are limited so booking is essential. This can be done by returning the tear off slip below to the school office. Please assume you have a place unless you are told

Safer Internet Day: This took place on Tuesday this week and all the children have had a chance to discuss safe behaviour on the Internet and revisit safety rules. If you would like advice as parents please visit the NSPCC website (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-your-child-staying-safe-online/>) which will direct you to useful information about keeping your child safe online.

Valentine's Day Kindness focus: Our anti-bullying ambassadors have planned a special kindness focus for Valentine's Day.

These are their ideas which the children and their teachers will choose from:

- We would like you to design an anti-bullying superhero.
- We would like you to play games together like – tangled.
- We would like you to say what you would do if you won the lottery, how would you spend the money to stop bullying? This is a school competition. There will be a class prize.
- We would like your class to listen to and sing songs that make you happy.
- We would like you to give each other hearts if someone has been kind to you.

Mufti day - Thursday 14th February: We are having this Mufti Day to raise money for our planned Science Week. We have made it a super heroes theme, but please don't spend money on costumes for this event - any outfit you can cobble together or just a super hero cape would be fantastic 😊 Please take your donation to your child's class teacher and we will use anything we raise to buy resources for a fun filled Science week. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary 2018/9

- Friday 8th February - Spring Disco - 3.15 to 4.45pm
- Thursday 14th February - Mufti Day in aid of Science week and last day before half term holiday
- Friday 15th February - INSET day
- Thursday 21st February - Bringing German Carnival to Frome - including Storming the Town Hall
- Monday 25th February - Back to school

VSA News:
Please see overleaf.

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Please reserve me places on the Bringing German Carnival to Frome as below:

Adult places Child places

Parent's name/s