



Vallis First School Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone to a new academic year. It has been lovely to see all the children back in school this week and settling in to their new classes. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to Vallis too – both our new EYFS children and those of you that have moved to the area and joined us. All the staff are looking forward to working with you over the coming years. Please remember, if you have any questions about school then your child's class teacher is usually the best place to start and they will direct you elsewhere if they are not able to help. Otherwise, Jacky, Sue and Helen in the office are always there to support you in any questions you may have. Members of the Leadership Team are generally out the front of school every morning too and we are always happy to have a chat. Please remember our Meet the Teacher sessions on Monday at 9:05am and 2:20pm – see details below.

We are already celebrating this term as on Saturday, Elaine Lucey and Hilary Boorer collected two awards for Vallis in the Frome in Bloom competition. They received a silver (a natural or wildlife garden) and a bronze award (best allotment) – a huge well done to them and the children who contributed to us winning these annual awards.

Could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that for PE, we would like the children to be in black shorts and a white T-shirt with daps or trainers as per our school prospectus. Appropriate school shoes should be worn each day - not trainers please. Many thanks for your support with this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Nick



Dates for your Diary

Monday 12th September – Meet the Teacher – 9.05am & 2.20pm

Monday 12th September – VSA EYFS Coffee Morning for new intake parents in the Community Room at 9am

Tuesday 20th September – Headteachers Coffee Morning at 9am in the Community Room

Tuesday 20th September – Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 4th October – SEND Coffee Morning at 9am in the Community Room

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – INSET DAY

Monday 17th April 2023 – INSET DAY

Friday 26th May 2023 – INSET DAY

FROME TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

Great Big Green Week

11th-18th September

The week is jam packed with a variety of events that celebrate our green spaces and how we can work together to look after our planet. There are lots of family friendly events throughout the week including walks, crafts and bicycle fun. Check out the programme [here](#).

Bike Jumble

Cheese and Grain/Canoe Club car park

Sunday 11th September 12-3pm

Over 100 bikes will be on sale at the bike jumble. From kids and adults bikes to parts for projects, there will be something for everyone! Profits from this year's jumble will support [Frome Community Bike Project](#), a new bike recycling centre and community cycle hub for Frome, making cycling more accessible to all. Find out more [here](#). After rummaging at the jumble head along the river walk to Welshmill Playpark to celebrate the pump track's 10th birthday with BMX stunt shows, pedal powered fun, bling your bike and a pet rescue bike obstacle course.



Frome In Bloom
2022



JOAN & SID SKATE TROPHY
Best Allotment

BRONZE
CERTIFICATE
AWARDED TO
Vallis First School

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BARRY CRUSE TROPHY
A Natural or Wildlife Garden

SILVER GILT
CERTIFICATE
AWARDED TO
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VSA News

We would like to welcome everyone back. We hope you all had a wonderful, happy and safe Summer holiday.

We have put together a few dates for your diaries - be sure to keep your eyes peeled on future school newsletters for more details about our events.

This year we are still planning to hold our weekly cake sales - this is a chance for every class to make money towards a treat of their choice. Parents are asked to supply a small selection of cakes (they can be shop bought or home baked) for your child's class sale. These are then packed in the morning and sold at the end of the school day. If you are able to help pack the cakes on the morning please do let us know – it only takes about 15 minutes. The first cake sale of this academic year is on Friday 23rd September for Galaxy Class.

Hundred Club letters will be coming out next week - this is your chance to enter our 10 monthly draws. You are able to purchase up to three numbers for a chance to win a cash prize for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd numbers drawn from the bag. Winners are then announced the first week of each month.

We have also arranged a coffee morning for all new Foundation Stage (Sun and Moon class) parents/carers on 12th September after morning drop off. This will be held in the Community Room and will be your chance to meet us and hear about what we do. If you are interested in joining our committee please let us know.

Tracey
VSA Chair

