



Vallis First School Newsletter

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Once again we have come to the end of another busy term. There have been many exciting events over the past few months and we shared some pictures in assembly today with the children showing some of the things they have been up to. This week has also been Autism Awareness week - I held an assembly with the children on Monday where we discussed difference and how our differences make for an exciting and interesting world. Thank you for all your contributions today which will help support the Autism charities.

This term we are sadly having to say goodbye to a couple of colleagues. Bridget Kerton has been with us for about 7 years and she has now decided to take a well-earned rest and retire. Bridget will be missed by all the children and staff and we wish her all the very best for her retirement. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Deborah Scott to teach in Sun class on a Thursday/Friday after Easter.

We are also saying goodbye to Jenny Collins who has been with us since last Easter. Jenny has done a great job in teaching Jupiter and then Saturn class while Mrs Holmes was on her maternity leave and I know all the children and staff will miss her. We send Jenny all the best as she continues her career. After Easter, we will be welcoming Mrs Holmes back after her maternity leave - she will be working Monday to Wednesday in Saturn and Miss Plumridge will work the end of the week.

In last week's Friday assembly, we celebrated a range of achievements. We heard some wonderful writing from our Year 3 and 4 children linked with their topic. Some of the Year 4s have been doing very well in their swimming lessons and have completed distances ranging from 100m to 400m - well done to all of you. Theo from Voyager played the piano for us and told us about how often he practices - well done Theo.

I hope you have a relaxing Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 18th April.

Nick



The term in pictures

Just a few pictures of what's been happening this term – take a look at our gallery on the website for many more! Its been a term of...



...Alien landings...



...Publishing stories...



...Monet



...Grandparents...



...Ladders and parachutes...



...Trojan horses and Greek Goddesses!

Dates for your Diary

First week back:

- Monday 17th April - INSET day
- Tuesday 18th April – back to school (Lunch menu = WEEK 3)
- 18th April – EYFS Heights/Weights
- w/c 24th April – Afterschool clubs start
- 24th April – 26th April – Year 4 trip to Osmington Bay



Superstrings

Easter Festival

**Wednesday 12th April
to Friday 14th April 2023**

Trinity School, Devizes, SN10 2FH

**9.30am - 4pm, Ages 5-18
Beginners – Grade 8 +**

Come and join us for the Superstrings Easter Festival – Strings Play Pop! From Queen to Adele this course is an opportunity to enjoy playing some pop classics. Course members will enjoy music making, craft constructing, sports and much more in a friendly, inclusive environment.

Beginner through to advanced players will explore, rehearse and perform in chamber and orchestral ensembles, whilst also improvising, singing, learning musicianship using Dalcroze and Kodaly methods and enjoying some art workshops.

There will be a chamber concert at the end of the second day, then our festival culminates on the third day with another performance, celebrating everything achieved over the course. Join Superstrings for an unforgettable musical extravaganza this Easter, 2023.

Cost £165.00, 2022 prices maintained. 10% discount for siblings, applied to second child upwards.

Bursaries and scholarships are available, please do not hesitate to contact admin to see if we can support you.

Email admin@superstringsclub.co.uk
to book your place or for more details

Closing date 26th March – to help with planning please let me know if you are interested.

STRINGS PLAY POP

Activate Camps **HAF Programme**

at **OAKFIELDS ACADEMY**

on **12-14 Apr 2023**



Activate Camps
are running our multi activity camp
near you this holiday!

This is a **FREE holiday camp provision** for eligible benefits related free school meal (FSM) children aged 5-14 years old or £25 per day including lunch.

Funds have been made available to every local authority in England to arrange free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities for eligible benefits related FSM children.



The HAF Multi Activity Camp will include;

- Sport & Wide Games
- Creative activities including arts and crafts
- Nutritional and food making activities
- Exciting and active healthy lifestyle sessions
- A FREE healthy hot lunch • FUN!

Children will need to bring along a refillable drinks bottle, wear suitable clothes for indoor and outdoor activity and arrive with lots of energy! We will provide the rest!



VENUE

OAKFIELDS ACADEMY
Oakfield Rd,
Frome, BA11 4JF

COST

FREE to all eligible benefits related FSM children

£25 per day for non-FSM children

ALL CAMP PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE USING THE DETAILS BELOW



FLEXIBLE BOOKING

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Activate Camps
Active & Inspiring Childcare

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