

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

3rd May 2024

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Dates for your Diary

Next week

- ◆ Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday—School closed

Looking ahead

- ◆ Monday 13th May—Class Photos
- ◆ Monday 20th May—KS2 trip to Roman Baths
- ◆ Wednesday 22nd May—KS2 Chocolate Café—Family Learning Event in the school hall
- ◆ 25th May to 2nd June—HALF TERM
- ◆ Monday 3rd June - Inset Day
- ◆ Monday 17th June—Sports Day (planned for the morning)
- ◆ Tuesday 18th June—September 2024 New Intake evening @5:30pm
- ◆ Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June—Year 3 Taster Day at Selwood Academy
- ◆ Friday 28th June—Summer Fair 3pm—5pm
- ◆ Wednesday 3rd July — Frome Schools Transfer Day
- ◆ Thursday 4th July—KS1 trip to Stourhead (more info nearer the time)
- ◆ Monday 22nd July—KS2 End of Year Production
- ◆ Tuesday 23rd July—Year 4 Leavers Party

Our planned TD Day for the remainder of this academic year is Monday 3rd June 2024. For term dates please see the [Somerset Council website](#).

Lost Property

All lost property is now stored outside of Crane Class (old Apollo) so if you are missing any items please come to the office and ask to have a look through.



Message from our Headteacher

On Friday 19th April, some of our Year 3 and 4 children went to the Merlin Theatre in Frome for a dance festival. The children had been working with IG Sports on their dance for some weeks beforehand. There were flashing lights, haze, loud music, whooping crowds and we all thoroughly enjoyed the show! Vallis children were fantastic on the long walk there and back and in the show itself. They were an appreciative audience and enthusiastic performers. Well done all of you!



This week, we have welcomed into school the 'Lifebus' team who have been leading workshops with each class on mental wellbeing. The children have all engaged really well with the range of activities and enjoyed exploring this important issue.

EYFS would really appreciate some adult readers to come in and read and share books with the children. If you have a spare hour or so during the week, please let the office know as we would love to welcome you in to school.

The weather is looking like a typical bank holiday but I hope you all have a great weekend, Nick.

Headteacher Recruitment

The Governing Board are making good progress with recruitment for our next Headteacher from September 2024 and hope to be in a position to announce to children and parents next week once the plan has been formally ratified and agreed by all parties.

Lunch bookings

Remember that all lunch bookings, even for children in EYFS and KS1 who have Universal Infant Free School Meals and children in KS2 who are entitled to Benefit Based Free School meals, must be booked using ParentPay now. It is really important that lunches are ordered 7 days before the start of the week you want to book for, for example for week commencing 13th May must be booked online by this coming Sunday evening (5th May).

If you still haven't activated your account please do so ASAP. If you need another copy of your activation letter please let the office team know.

Forest School plant request

Mrs Lucey would be really grateful for any seeds, flowers, chitted potatoes and vegetable seedlings that anyone has spare from their Spring planting. The children who attend Forest School are planting up our raised beds and the allotment at the moment so the more plants the better—especially as Mrs Lucey is aiming for the Frome in Bloom awards again this year and has her heart set on an award for the allotment!

National Dental Survey

We are taking part in this survey, where a select number of children have been asked to take part by the NHS. The surveys went home last week and we have a few that have not been returned. If you could return these by next Tuesday (7th May) we would be very grateful.



Key Stage 2



Chocolate Café

Please come to hear our
chocolate song, poem and
to eat some chocolatey
treats that we have
designed and made.

Wednesday 22nd May 9-9.30





FREE*

ADHD Awareness Courses

Online | April - June

Expand your knowledge and understanding of ADHD and neurodiversity.

Learn about differences in the ADHD brain, challenges with mental health and executive functioning skills.

Discover how to manage the challenges of ADHD whilst embracing the strengths. Come and learn for yourself and those you care for or work with. Everyone is welcome.

What do I need to know?

- ✓ For beginners and more experienced learners alike.
- ✓ Zoom access required.
- ✓ *Please see our website for eligibility information.

Introduction to ADHD - Taster: Friday 19th April 2024

10:00am – 12:30pm | 1 Session

Understanding ADHD - Starter: Friday 3rd – 24th May 2024

10:00am – 12:30pm | 4 Sessions

Managing ADHD - Developer: Friday 7th June – 21st June 2024

10:00am – 12:30pm | 3 Sessions

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Autism Awareness Courses

Online | April - June

Expand your knowledge and awareness of autism and neurodiversity.

In each session you will learn about a different aspect of autism, including the key differences between the brains of neurotypical and autistic individuals, how autism affects executive functioning skills and how autism and anxiety are linked.

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Introduction to Autism - Taster: Wednesday 17th April 2024

5:00pm – 8:00pm | 1 Session

Understanding Autism - Starter: Wednesday 1st – 22nd May 2024

5:00pm – 8:00pm | 4 Sessions

Understanding Autism: Sensory Sensitivity, Stimming and Masking - Developer

Wednesday 19th June – 3rd July | 5:00pm – 8:00pm | 3 Sessions

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