

# VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Looking ahead

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Friday 19th July—Year 4 Leavers Party
- ◆ Monday 22nd July—KS2 End of Year Performance @ 1:45pm
- ◆ Tuesday 23rd July—KS2 End of Year Performance @ 9:30am

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. We politely ask if you do look through the boxes that you place the items back in the boxes once you have finished looking through. Thanks for your help with this.

School Uniform

To order uniform please go to the Cosmic Monkey website, click on Schoolwear and scroll down to our Vallis logo. Our core uniform is a sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece and a book bag with our school logo but Cosmic Monkey are able to offer a wider selection of items in our school colours as well. You can get items delivered to your home or to the school, or collect from the Cosmic Monkey premises on the Frome Flyer estate.

## Message from our Headteacher

Welcome back to the last term of the academic year. As usual there are lots of end of year events and activities happening this term so it's a busy and exciting one, although tinged with some sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to our current Year 4s. Keep checking the dates for your diary section each week to make sure there are no last minute changes to dates.

It was lovely to see all the children in their mufti clothes today in aid of the VSA Summer Fair which is in three weeks time. If you are able to help at the event please let the team know - there can never be too many volunteers!

On a more serious note, please can I remind you all to book your child's hot lunches on the Sunday night, 7 days before the Monday of the booking week. This is really important to ensure that our advance orders to Selwood are correct. A number of people have still not activated their ParentPay account, so please do this asap.

Sadly, today we say goodbye to Miss Burkitt, who is leaving education to work in the charity sector. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the very best in her new job .

Next week in our assemblies on Monday we have members of the Somerset Council Road Safety team coming to visit to talk about staying safe on roads and in car parks so please do have a chat with the children to see what they have learnt!

I hope you enjoy the weekend, we must be due some more nice hot days!

Nick

## Osmington Bay 2025 Year 4 Residential trip

Thank you to our current Year 3 parents who have returned the permission slip to secure a place for their child on next year's Year 4 trip. If you haven't returned the slip or emailed the office to confirm you would like a place for your child, please do so by Monday lunchtime as we have to confirm numbers with PGL on 11th June.

The £50 deposit is payable by ParentPay by 15th June, and this will be added to the accounts of all those who have secured a place via the above permission slips or emails on Monday.

## Afterschool Clubs

Clubs start next week and run for five weeks with Forest School and Boys Football on Tuesday, Summer Sports on Wednesday and Dodgeball on Thursday. There are still spaces on Dodgeball if anyone would like to book their child in—please call the office. If you haven't yet paid for the space your child has been allocated, please view the payment item on your ParentPay account .

## Forest School request

We were wondering if any families had a beach cart (one of those canvas boxes on wheels with a handle) that was no longer being used that could be donated to Mrs Lucey and the Forest School team to help with moving items up and down the hill to the allotment. If you do have something similar that you would be happy to donate please contact the office.

Also, Mrs Lucey would like to thank those of you who have donated plants over the last few weeks, she is so grateful for your support.

## Lunch bookings

Remember that all lunch bookings, even for children in EYFS and KS1 who are entitled to 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 week commencing 17th June, **you need to book these by this Sunday evening please** so we can order in accordance with the Selwood Kitchens ordering policy. If you miss the deadline to book the week's meals please speak to the office to agree a way forward as Selwood Kitchen cannot accept late orders.

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.

## Sports Day 2024

This year's Sports Day will take place (weather permitting) on Monday 17th June 2024 from 9:30am with a picnic afterwards. The children will be coming home today with a note saying which team they will be in on the day. This will be a colour, and we would be really grateful if you could find an item clothing like a hat, t-shirt, shorts, socks or hairband that they could wear on the day to represent their team colours.

## VSA News

The fabulous Summer Fair is happening on **Friday 28th June 3-5pm**, where there will be plenty of exciting stalls, food, drinks, music, games and activities. We can't wait to see you there! For up to date information please join our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/VallisVSA/>

**Mufti Day** - Thank you to everyone who contributed today with items for our tombola, we are so grateful for all your donations.

If you have any old teddies for the teddy stall please pop them to the office.

**Raffle tickets** are now on sale at the School Office for £1 a ticket or £5 per book. We have some fabulous prizes including:

◆ Bristol Aerospace family ticket

- ◆ The Tank Museum family ticket
- ◆ Gift vouchers for Beauty and hair treatments
- ◆ Boulder Rooms gift vouchers
- ◆ Family pass for slip 'n' slide Frome
- ◆ Vouchers for local shops, veg, bars and coffee shops!

And much, much more.

Tickets will also be on sale on Sports Day, at the Fair itself and after school—for dates for after school sales please check our Facebook page regularly.

For this year's **Lucky Dip** stall we are asking each family to fill a bag with things that Vallis children would enjoy like little toys, stickers, crayons etc. The bags are coming home today with full instructions—than you in advance for your contributions!

If you can help run a stall for even 15 minutes don't forget to get in touch with Hannah or Kirsty.

