

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th June 2024

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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
- ◆ Wednesday 24th July—End of Term—finish @ 2pm

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. You can get items delivered to your home or to the school, or collect from the Cosmic Monkey premises on the Frome Flyer estate.

Lunch Booking Reminder

Remember the deadline to book your child's lunches is the Sunday night seven days before the Monday of the week you want to book for.



Message from our Headteacher

On Monday, we had a visitor from the local authority road safety team come in and talk to all the children in assemblies about keeping safe in and around roads. I was very impressed by how much the children knew and particularly how many had remembered key messages from previous visits. At the end, I did talk to the children about the car park area at Vallis and how dangerous it can be with moving cars as well as the surrounding roads. We are trying to encourage everyone when they are walking in this area to use the pavements and not to walk across the car park - your support of the children in doing this would be very helpful in ensuring everyone arrives and leaves school safely.

On Wednesday this week, we took 18 of our children to Longleat for the Rotary Club's annual event. The children had an amazing day and we were fortunate that the weather was good to us too. Many of the children said it was the best day ever and seeing how interested and excited they were seeing the wide range of animals was just magical.

On the theme of animals, we also had a new visitor this week in Poppy, who is a therapy dog. She is due to come in to school for a morning for the rest of this term with her owner Tash - during the morning some of the children read to Poppy, took her for walks in the playground and generally made a fuss of her.

We are also working hard at the moment on the school structure and Mrs Muxworthy has given an update in her message below on progress so far.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming our new parents of children who are starting in reception in September, as well as seeing as many of you as possible at our Sports Day on Monday.

I hope you all have a great weekend.
Nick

Message from Mrs Muxworthy

I am looking forward to taking up post as Executive Headteacher at Vallis in September alongside Tracey Messenger, who will be the new Deputy Head. Although these posts are interim, we are approaching them with a 'long-term' attitude.

Tracey and I have been popping into school whenever we can and introducing ourselves to children and staff. I've learnt the staff names now but still working on the 230 children! If you see either of us on the gate please do say 'hello'.

We are busy planning the classes for next year which will be single year group classes, e.g 2 x pure year 2 classes. Reception and the 2 x year one classes will be on the ground floor, all with free-flow access to the outside learning area and resources. Teachers are in the process of choosing their new class names which will be based on children's book characters.

After a formal recruitment process, I am pleased to announce that Mr Arran Connor and Mrs Samantha Strutt (currently here from the supply agency) have been taken on as members of the Vallis teaching team. We have also appointed Miss Bethany Restorick as a teacher. She is currently a member of my team at Rode First School and excited to be joining Vallis. The same team of experienced and dedicated Teaching Assistants, Office Staff, Cleaners and Lunch Assistants will be in post alongside the teachers.

Tracey and I are looking forward to meeting the Reception Class parents at new parent's evening on Tuesday 18th June. We are also keen to hear parent's views about the school as we work together to move forward. We will be sending out a survey next week so that you can share with us your child's experience of Vallis, the strengths, and ideas for the future. Look out for the email.

I look forward to working in partnership with you and getting to know you and your children.

Georgina Muxworthy

Sports Day 2024

Sports Day is on (weather permitting) **Monday 17th June 2024** from 9:30-11.30am on the Sports Field which is at Weylands (just off Whatcombe Road). There will be a shared picnic afterwards which will take place at the school in the top playground. The children that order school meals via Parent Pay will have a picnic lunch provided, but please make sure if you have not ordered a meal that your child has their own packed lunch and please feel free to bring a picnic blanket and lunch for yourselves.

The lovely VSA team will be selling delicious cream teas at the Sports Day picnic where you also be able to purchase your Summer Fair Raffle Tickets! Cash or card payments accepted.

The children will have brought home 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 of clothing like a hat, t-shirt, shorts, socks or hairband that they could wear on the day to represent their team colours. Please could children wear their school uniform to school as they will get changed into their PE kit (along with a colourful item that they will bring in to wear) once at school. If the sun is shining, please make sure that the children have sunscreen applied, wear a hat and bring a water bottle in with them.

After-school Clubs—Dodgeball

There are still spaces on the Dodgeball after school club on a Thursday. This was previously advertised as girl's only, but as there are a number of spaces left we are now opening it up to all pupils so please contact the office if you would like your child to have a place for the remaining four sessions.

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/>

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.

Thank you to everyone who has dropped off the Lucky Bags—we are so grateful for all your support and if you haven't yet dropped your bag in don't worry, there is plenty of time!

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

If you have any old teddies that need a new loving home for the teddy stall please pop them to the office.



Have your say



Frome Community Survey

Frome Town Council have launched an online survey to find out about the priorities of people in Frome and to build up a picture of our town. A printed version is available from Frome Town Hall.

As a thank you for taking part in the survey, entrants will be entered into a prize draw, with the chance to win a £100 voucher to spend on food at Culverhill Co-op in Frome.

Survey closes 30th June 2024

bit.ly/FromeSurvey2024



Frome Made differently

Oakfield Academy would like to invite

Year 3 pupils to attend one of our

YEAR THREE TASTER MORNINGS

on Thursday 20th or Friday 21st June 2024 (from 8.50am—12pm)



OAKFIELD ACADEMY

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

To book a place for your child please use the following link:-

<https://forms.gle/xSNCSqvwMEY7RyfW7>

We look forward to meeting your child.