

## HEADS UPDATE from Amanda Seager

As you will see further in this newsletter, Trinity First School's application to convert to an academy and join the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership is proceeding so I thought this is a good time to share a little more detail around the application. Academy trusts have been in existence for some years now, but the staff and governors at Trinity have always been confident in our status as a Local Authority maintained school. As you know, we are a successful school and we make sure we are always looking outwards to find the support and challenge needed to ensure consistent and continued success. Over recent years, this has become increasingly important as the resources within the LA have dwindled, along with many other public services. This, together with the potential for change across Frome, encouraged the governors to explore the options available to us in terms of joining a MAT (multi-academy trust). The governors looked at a number of different MATs, visiting schools, meeting with the leaders of each MAT and seeking written responses to a set of questions. As I am sure you can imagine, this process took some time, but it was important to be thorough.

The Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership is a strong, local trust that we feel is well-placed to provide us with the resources to enable Trinity to continue to thrive. Trinity joining the same trust as Oakfield and Frome College will also strengthen and enhance the education pathway many of our Trinity children take. We have always worked together as schools in Frome, but we believe that being part of the same trust will provide greater stability and coherence to our children as they make their way through our various schools, allowing the children to continue building on the firm foundations we give them here at Trinity. Critchill School has been part of MNSP for several years and having the three schools that share this site as part of the same trust also brings exciting potential for development.

We are slightly later in the process than Oakfield and Frome College, whose applications to join the trust have already been approved. Ours is on the verge of being submitted and we hope will gain official approval next month. Once this has happened, it will take time before all the various legal processes have taken place, so it could be many months before the process is completed. In a practical, day-to-day sense, very little is likely to change, but what changes we see, we expect to be ones which will have a positive impact on the children's experiences and outcomes.

In addition to the formal offer to meet with governors and trust leaders, I am more than happy to have a chat with parents at any point to talk through any questions or concerns you may have.

## DIARY DATES

### Term Dates 2023/2024



### January

Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Maple Share my Work
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Oak Share my Work
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup>	Jasmine Share my Work
Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Poppy Share my Work
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Share my Work
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bramble Share my Work
Thur 18 <sup>th</sup>	Pine Share my Work
Thur 25 <sup>th</sup>	Gorse Share my Work
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	FOTFS School Disco R 5.15pm Y 3&4 6.15pm

### February

Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	FOTFS School Disco Y 1&2 5.30pm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 3
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Start of Term 4
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evenings

### March

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sponsored Swim
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Fun Day 1-3pm
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 4

### April

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 5

### May

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Colour Run 12.30pm  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> End of Term 5

### June

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Term 5  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair

### July

Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Break up for Summer

## School News



### Contact Details Update

Just a reminder if you have recently changed telephone numbers or moved house, please let the office know so we can update your records. It is important to have up-to-date contact details in case of an emergency.



Please drop a quick email to  
[office@trinityfirstfrome.co.uk](mailto:office@trinityfirstfrome.co.uk)

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## MAT application update

We are in the process of gathering the information required to submit our application to join the Midsomer Norton Schools Trust (MNSP). We expect our application to be heard by the local office of the Department for Education in February, and given the approval of the applications from both Oakfield Academy and Frome College to join MNSP, we anticipate that our application will also be approved. Following this, there will be an opportunity for parents to meet with governors and Alun Williams, the CEO of the Midsomer Norton Schools Trust, to find out more about the Trust and to raise any questions you may have. At this stage, we do not know how long the process of converting from a Local Authority maintained school to an academy within MNSP will take, but we will keep parents updated as we have further information.

## !!School Admissions!!

Just a reminder for parents with children due to start school in September 2024. The deadline to submit an application is **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**. Please apply here: [School Applications Website](#)



## Share my Work

Share my Work starts next week and will be a 20-minute session for you to come into school at 8:45 on the allotted day for your child's class to look at their work with them. We look forward to seeing you.



- Maple: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January
- Oak: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Jasmine: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January
- Poppy: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Holly: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January
- Bramble: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January
- Pine: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January
- Gorse: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January



**Help!** This weekend, please can we ask children and parents to check at home to see if you have any Read Write Inc. reading books hidden away?

We are missing many books, which makes it difficult to send home the same book to each child in our reading groups. Your help will be greatly appreciated and we will be very happy to see them all returned.

## Regular Notices and Reminders



### Wraparound

All bookings for Term 3 (Jan-Feb 2024) are open to all for new bookings, amends and cancellations.

**Kites** - Open until 10pm the day before to enable one-off bookings/cancellations.

**Trinity Plus** - Open until 8am on the day to enable one-off bookings/cancellations.

If you have any questions, please email [Sarah.Hockley@trinityfirstfrome.co.uk](mailto:Sarah.Hockley@trinityfirstfrome.co.uk)  
(working Wed 12.30-3.30pm and Fri 9am-3.30pm)

## Swimming - Year 3

Just a reminder for Year 3 (Holly and Bramble) parents that the children will resume swimming lessons in the new year on the first day back, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Payment for Term 3 (Jan-Feb) is now available to pay through [ParentPay](#). There is a £1 increase next term due to higher transport costs but we hope you are still able to support this. Any problems or questions, please contact the office. Thank you.




## Old Newspapers

If you have any old newspapers at home, please can you bring them into school to be used as recyclable liners for our lunchtime food waste bin! Thank you.






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**WELCOME**  
to the library  
Trinity School  
Open to families  
3.15pm-4.00pm  
Monday &  
Wednesday



**School Lunch Menus**  
Deadline for meals w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> January is midnight Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. If the deadline is missed, a packed lunch from home will have to be provided.




I.G Sports Coaching Ltd  
**Trinity After School Clubs**  
**Book Online Now!**  
[www.igsportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.igsportscoaching.co.uk)  
Book Online  
School Club > Trinity School Clubs

**What's On**  
Mondays; KS2 Multi-Sports  
Tuesday; KS2 Football  
Wednesdays; Girls Only Football  
Thursdays; EYFS & KS1 Multi Skills  
Fridays; EYFS & KS1 Football  
Fridays; KS1 & 2 Cheerleading & Dance

**Friends of Trinity First School**

**Clubs**


**Trinity First School - Songbirds**  
Due to the popularity of this after school group, we have increased the spaces available. Please book in via ParentPay Clubs.




**Trinity First School - Recorders**  
Our school club, focusing on singing fun songs and learning key choral skills. The club shall run from 3.15pm - 4.00pm every Wednesday starting from 17<sup>th</sup> January until 27<sup>th</sup> March.  
Children from year 2 and above are welcome to attend. Please can I respectfully request that you encourage your child to commit to the club by attending regularly.  
The first session shall commence Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January in Jasmine's classroom. The children shall be dismissed through the Jasmine class gate at the end of the session.  
Please book your child's/ren space through the clubs section in ParentPay (the club is free). If there are no spaces, please contact the office to be put on the waiting list.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS 23/24**  
TRINITY FIRST SCHOOL

	<b>SCHOOL DISCO - RECEPTION</b>	<b>JAN 26</b>
	5.15 - 6 PM	
<b>JAN 26</b>	<b>SCHOOL DISCO - YR 3&amp;4</b>	
	6.15 - 7.30 PM	
	<b>SCHOOL DISCO - YR 1&amp;2</b>	<b>FEB 2</b>
	5.30 - 6.45 PM	
<b>MAR 16</b>	<b>EASTER FUN DAY</b>	
	1 - 3 PM	
	<b>COLOUR RUN</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>
	GATES OPEN 12.30	
<b>JUN 29</b>	<b>SUMMER FAIR</b>	
	12 - 3 PM	



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**Sponsored Swim!**  
Sunday 3rd March  
from 1PM



Do you love swimming?  
Are you aged 6 or over?  
Do you swim at Stage 3 or above  
and want to help raise funds for  
FOTFS?  
**WE NEED YOU!**



Following the success of last year we will again be participating in the Frome Lions Club Sponsored Swim at Frome Leisure Centre.

We need swimmers who are willing to take it in turns to swim as many widths of the large pool as they can in 25 minutes. There will be six swimmers per team and if there are several children interested in taking part we will create multiple teams.

If your child would like to be considered they will need to be over 6 years old and swimming to stage 3 level (or equivalent) and above. They will also need to be available on Sunday 3rd March from approx 1pm (exact times tbc).

Swimmers will not be solely responsible for fundraising - FOTFS and the whole school will be helping and supporting too. Any money raised will be split between FOTFS and the Frome Lions nominated charity which this year is the Frome Youth and Community Care Centre.

To nominate your child please email [tsafrome@yahoo.com](mailto:tsafrome@yahoo.com) with their name, age, class, swimming stage and a contact number by Friday 19th January.



School disco tickets are now available, please click to book:



Reception Disco - Jan 26th 5.15-6pm  
Yr 3&4 - Jan 26th 6.15-7.30pm  
Yr 1&2 - Feb 2nd 5.30-6.45pm

Tickets cost £3 per child and include two snacks during the event and unlimited water/squash. There will also be a designated 'quiet area' for those children who may not wish to spend all of their time in the hall.

Children must be brought to and collected from the event by an adult.

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. For safety purposes we will be operating a ratio of 1 adult to 10 children which means that the number of children per year group available to attend the discos will be limited to the number of volunteers.

The committee currently comprises of 5 members so if you would like to help please follow the signup links below:

Volunteers: Reception Disco (Jan 26th 5.15-6pm)



Volunteers Yr 3&4 (Jan 26th 6.15-7.30pm)



Volunteers Yr 1&2 (Feb 2nd 5.30-6.45pm)



## Local Events

### Valentine Gas Lamp Lighting Celebration – Wednesday 14th February 2024

The famous Valentine Gas Lamp in Frome, Somerset is one of the town's most romantic landmarks - set amidst heart-shaped cobblestones with a 'love seat' under the gentle glow of the gas lamp, looking down the historic cobbled street of Catherine Hill.

The annual Valentine Gas Lamp Lighting Ceremony has been celebrated for over 25 years and has been faithfully led by Reg Ling, its creator and renovator (now in his 90s). A traditional lighting celebration will take place this year with the fully restored lamp taking prime position.

Please join us to celebrate Valentines Day and to witness this unique event.

Come rain or shine, at **5.30pm** everyone is summoned to the site of the lamp in Catherine Hill. All will gather to await the arrival of the lamplighter, dressed in period costume. He will be carrying a traditional lamplighter's pole and will oversee the lighting ceremony which starts at **6pm**.

'The Friends of the Valentine Gas Lamp' supports the upkeep and maintenance of the lamp and relies on voluntary donations to keep this unique landmark in perfect condition for romantic generations to come