

## HEADS UPDATE from Amanda Seager

Over the last couple of weeks it has been fantastic to see so many parents coming into school for the Share my Work sessions. Each morning, the hall has been full, and the atmosphere so busy as the children have had the chance to show mums, dads and grandparents the work they have done so far this year. We value these sessions as a super opportunity for the children to talk about their learning, and they probably serve as a reminder sometimes too! From the fabulous attendance of adults, it is clear that it is also something that parents value, which is great. Hopefully all the children are able to find lots of things to show off how much they have learned in a variety of subjects and come away from the sessions feeling really proud of how hard they have been working.

In a much wider sense, working together with parents is a very important part of our role, and we know that there are many pressures facing families at the moment. We are always keen to do what we can to support, even if that is just signposting to services that are much better equipped to help than we are. Unfortunately, we also know that it is not just families facing pressures at the moment, many of our support services are also extremely stretched and it can be hard to access the help or advice that is needed. Something that we have already started as a way to help this is our parenting group, which runs every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm to 3pm. The group follows a loose structure, based on training Mr Reid attended on parenting support, but is very much enriched by the varied contributions of everybody attending. There is plenty of opportunity for open discussion, with parents attending contributing as much or as little as they feel comfortable doing, but everyone attending feels huge benefit from the chance to share concerns and know that they are not alone. If you feel this is something that would help you, please do get in touch with Mr Reid, me or the school office if you would like to find out more. It is a very welcoming group! We are also aware that managing children's anxieties is an increasing worry for parents and in order to support with this, Mrs Crawley is in the process of putting together a plan for an information-sharing session, which we will hold later this term. This will be a chance for parents to come along and get some advice and tips, as well as an opportunity to share experiences with other parents who are feeling the same way. As with anything we do, it is intended to be a supportive conversation. We cannot promise to have all the answers but we are seeking expert advice and information to make sure that we are as well informed as we can be and so as well-placed as possible to support those parents in need.

Finally, we know that reading with children at home can sometimes be a cause of stress, especially when lives are busy or when, in spite of our best efforts, your child is really not keen on reading. We also know that not every parent will feel confident reading with or to their child. We really want to help and support with reading at home, and while we already have some ideas, it would be great to hear from parents what the particular difficulties are so that we can aim to make the support we offer as useful and effective as possible. Please do get in touch with me and let me know what aspect of reading at home you would like some help with. It really doesn't matter what the issue is, please don't worry that it is silly – it isn't if it is affecting your child's reading. So please don't be afraid or embarrassed about coming forwards, we can only help if we know what to help with!

### DIARY DATES

#### Term Dates 2023/2024



#### January

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

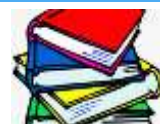
#### July

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

### School News

#### Share my Work

Thank you to parents for attending the Share my Work sessions over the last couple of weeks. We will be running them again after the Easter holidays and will put the dates on the newsletter in the next couple of weeks.



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## Site Security

Unfortunately, a couple of weekends ago two people gained access to our site, climbing onto the school roof and, we believe, stealing some school property. This happened on a Sunday afternoon, but we are also aware that it has happened on summer evenings in the past. We will be taking further steps to try to prevent this happening in the future, but if anyone living nearby should see people accessing our roof without due cause, please call the police. We are really grateful to have been notified by a local resident last time, but the time taken to get the message to us meant that there was no sign of the intruders by the time the police arrived. The police had arrived within 20 minutes of us notifying them, so their response was very prompt. Thank you.



## DISCO UPDATE

Ticket sales for Reception and Years 3&4 are now closed in order for us to ensure we have correct numbers of adult supervision.

Tickets for Years 1&2 will go back on sale tomorrow.

If anyone has had issues getting tickets please can they contact FOTFS at [tsafrome@yahoo.com](mailto:tsafrome@yahoo.com) and we will see what we can do.

No physical tickets will be issued, we will have a list of names on the door.

Admission to the discos is by advance purchase only and payment cannot be made on the door.

Many thanks  
FOTFS

## Regular Notices and Reminders



### 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)



### 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.

**Advanced bookings, for regular users only, will open for Term 4 next week and an email update will be sent.**

**Please can we remind parents to collect on time and to pre-book your child's place, as there are limited numbers to ensure a safe pupil to staff ratio.**

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 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. If you are a Trust Fund pupil, you can use your funds to pay for swimming. Just email the office so we can check your balance and arrange this for you. Thank you.



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**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.



**Friends of Trinity First School**

**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	



**WELCOME to the library**

Trinity School  
Open to families  
3.15pm-4.00pm  
Monday & Wednesday

**School Lunch Menus**

Deadline for meals w/c 5<sup>th</sup> February is midnight Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January. If the deadline is missed, a packed lunch from home will have to be provided.

**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. *Cont'd...*

**Clubs**

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**

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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.

## 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



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**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**12PM - 4PM**

**STOMPERS JUNIORS**  
**THE EASTER SPECTACULAR!**

**CLUB VENOM**  
**WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE**

VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY  
WITH AN EASTER EGG FOR EVERY CHILD

**SURPRISE MASCOTS**  
**BALLOON MODEL MAKER**  
**BOUNCY CASTLES**  
**DONKEY RIDES**  
**ALPACA WALKING**  
**FARM ANIMALS / PETTING CORNER**  
**OFFICIAL MERCHANDISE & GLOW STALL**  
**BURGER VAN - RAYMONDO'S**  
**FACE PAINTING STALL**  
**FULL PRODUCTION & LASER SHOW**  
**RAVE INFLATABLES**  
**PARACHUTE GAMES**  
**COFFETTI CANONS & MORE!**

ticket sellers

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE TICKET SELLERS WITH £5 OF EVERY TICKET SALE GOING TO:

Weylands All Ages 0-100+ [www.hey.com](http://www.hey.com)



**11TH FEB** **BASSBEATZ** **4.00PM TILL 7.00PM**

**RAVING RASCALS**

OPEN TO ALL AGES

**HOUSE / GARAGE / DNB**  
**FRISKIE / LLOYDY**  
**BEEZ B2B LEMZ**

**THE GLITTER TEMPLE**

**ROOK LANE CHAPEL FROME**  
**BA11 1DN**

## Weylands Wassail

Hats-full, caps-full, three bushel-bags full...

**3rd February**  
**1.30pm - 3.30pm**



**Bring your pots and pans & help wake up the orchard**

Join us for a traditional wassail on the field by the river in Weylands. Make a musical wassail stick, warm up with some mulled cider/apple juice and help us choose Frome's new town crier.

- 1.30 Morris dancing & wassail stick making
- 2.00 Town Crier competition
- 2.30 Wassail
- 3.00 Music from Frome Street Bandits






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## Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Book online at [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays)



**Saints and Songbirds**  
February 2024

Kick-off half term with our selection of family trails and creative workshops for children:



**Stitch a Story** Monday 12 February

Explore some of the incredible Cathedral needlework and embroideries; then create your own design.



**Make a Bird Feeder** Tuesday 13 February

Help to feed our feathered friends through the hungry gap, play a card game, and go on a Cathedral safari!



**Celebrate the Saints** Wednesday 14 February

Follow our Saints trail this Valentine's Day! You may not find St Valentine in the Cathedral, but there'll be plenty of lovely crafts on offer!





**Scan to book:**

Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)  
£3.50 per child / £1.10 for adults for free school meals (excluding adults £9.00)  
Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only essential drugs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities.



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## PANCAKE PARTY

Pancake tossing & races with prizes  
& eating pancakes of course! ALL FREE

**TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY**

**TRINITY HALL**

**5-6.30pm**

Bring your family, friends  
and a topping to share  
(sweet or savoury),

