

HEADS UPDATE

from Amanda Seager

We have had a lovely start to the new school year. It was so good to see the children again after the summer break, and to welcome our new children into Sunshine and Rainbow. We have also seen quite a few of our children starting year 5 at their middle schools this week so we have been able to catch up with them and find out how they are getting on so far. Six weeks off has made me a little rusty with names, so the children are often halfway across the playground before my memory catches up, but hopefully I'll speed up soon!

Thank you all for your fantastic efforts to have the children in school at our new earlier start time, and for following our one way system in the morning. So far, from our perspective, this is working really well, but we will continue to monitor it and make any changes we see are needed.

In our whole school assembly on Tuesday morning, I had the pleasure of sharing a wonderful new book with the children. It is called *The Bridges*, and the author/illustrator is Tom Percival. The book shows the power of reading through one child's experience of building ever stronger and more exciting bridges the more she reads. I used the story to show the children that throughout the year we will be building bridges as we learn together in our classrooms, making connections in our learning and discovering all sorts of amazing things. The illustrations are beautiful and I thoroughly recommend looking out for the book in the library or bookshop if it sounds interesting to you. It is pretty new, published just last week, but hopefully copies will be appearing soon.

I am writing this update early, before I head off to Hooke Court to spend the morning with the year 4 children on their residential visit. The residential is a fantastic experience for the children, with lots of brilliant activities for them to do and quite possibly less sleep over two nights than might be desired! It is always one of the key memories that our children take with them from their time at Trinity, and whenever I meet former pupils, it is always something they remember fondly. Being away from home for two nights is a big thing to do at the beginning of year 4, but the children get a huge sense of achievement from the whole experience, and we often see aspects of their characters that the school day doesn't always reveal – not least who can work out how to put a cover on a duvet!! I am really looking forward to my morning, my waterproofs are packed, and I know that even though it is likely to be a bit soggy, it will also be a lot of fun.

DIARY DATES

2024/2025



September

No dates currently

October

Thursday 24

Last Day Term 1

Friday 25

Inset Day

November

Monday 4

First Day Term 2

December

Friday 20

Last Day Term 2
No Trinity Plus

January

Monday 6

Inset Day

Tuesday 7

First Day Term 3

February

Friday 14

Last Day Term 3

Monday 24

Friday Day Term 4

March

No dates currently

April

Friday 4

Last Day Term 4
No Trinity Plus

Tuesday 22

First Day Term 5

May

Friday 23

Last Day Term 5

June

Monday 2

First Day Term 6

July

Friday 18

Last Day Term 6
No Trinity Plus

School News

Privacy Notice

How we use pupil information

Please read the Privacy Notice, which has been sent as an attachment on the parentpay email with this newsletter. Alternatively, you can view this via our school [website](#).

School Lunches



Don't forget the deadline for ordering school lunches is midnight every

Thursday for the following week. If you miss the deadline, please send your child in with a packed lunch from home for the week.

We can only continue to apologise for the problems experienced this week with the new lunch system. All queries and concerns have been forwarded onto the caterers who have been working alongside Cypad to rectify the situation. Fingers crossed the situation is nearly resolved.

Parking



Some of you may have seen the Trust has carried out a risk assessment on the shared car park and have put measures in place to ensure it is safer for pupils at both Trinity and Critchill. This includes increased Critchill staffing at the gate and in the car park to support student safety and a walking bus to support students and families from the Critchill estate (through the alley way) at 9am.

After dropping off your child at school, please can we ask parents to be considerate of Critchill parents who may need the parking spaces and kindly move on as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Asda Cashpot for School

If you shop in Asda and use their rewards app, you will be able to opt into the Cashpot for School and select 'Trinity First of England Church School' so we receive a percentage of your shop at no cost to you.



Regular Notices and Reminders

Swimming

Year 3 – Pine and Sycamore



Just a reminder for parents that payment for Term 1 (Sept-Oct) is now available to pay through [ParentPay](#). 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

Wraparound

Kites and Trinity Plus – Term 1



Please make all bookings and amendments through your ParentPay account by clicking on your child's name and selecting the Clubs menu.

Kites – Bookings are open until 10pm the day before to enable one-off bookings/cancellations.

Trinity Plus – Bookings are open until 8am on the day to enable one-off bookings/cancellations.

Please can we kindly 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](#) (working hours Wed 12.30-3.30pm and Fri 9am-3.30pm)

Celebrating Achievements



Has your child received an award through a club or group (sports/cubs/brownies/dancing) out of school?

Please tell your child's Class Teacher by Thursday afternoon at the latest so we can celebrate their achievement in our weekly stars assemblies on Friday morning.

Clubs

Songbirds

Sign up by Wednesday 11 September



I am excited to offer the opportunity to sing in our school choir 'Songbirds'. Our after school club, focusing on singing fun songs and learning key choral skills, will run 3.15pm – 4.00pm every Friday starting from Friday 13 September until 13 December.

Children from year 1 upwards 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 Friday 13 September in Chestnut classroom. The children shall be dismissed through the top gate by Chestnut class at the end of the session.

If your child would like to join 'Songbirds,' please sign up through [ParentPay](#) Clubs by Wednesday 11 September.

Many thanks
Amanda Williams
Chestnut Class Teacher

Local Events

FROME
youth choir

Starts Thursday, 12th September!

**Like singing?
Then sing with us!**

Frome Youth Choir is a friendly, fun choir for children aged 6 to 14. We sing all kinds of songs from around the world and perform them at three free concerts a year.

Singing together
celebrates achievement,
develops a love of music,
encourages team spirit,
promotes musicianship,
helps concentration,
forges friendships,
builds confidence,
aids memory,
is lots of fun!

£15 per term
The fee includes a snack at each session & a rehearsal on the day of each concert

Every Thursday evening at 5.15- 6.45 pm during school term time at the Wesley Methodist Church Hall, Wesley Slope, Frome BA11 1HA

Find out more at facebook.com/fromeyouthchoir or email us on youthchoirfrome@gmail.com

**Flourishing Together
through
Kindness • Curiosity • Respect •
Resilience • Teamwork**

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We expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment