

## HEADS UPDATE

from Amanda Seager

As well as settling our new children into school, this term is also the time when parents start looking for schools for their children due to start school next September. As with any aspect of school life, we need to be both in the moment for our current children, making sure we are doing everything we can for them, but also looking forwards to ensure we are also doing everything we can to secure a positive future for our school. As a school we would never sit still and rest on our laurels, we are always looking outwards to see what we can do to keep on getting better. As a wise head once said to me, a school that isn't moving forwards is actually going backwards. That is not what we want for Trinity at all!

So Tuesday morning saw the first of a series of tours that we are running over the next few months as we promote Trinity to a whole new set of families. I love doing parent tours as these offer me the opportunity to do two things I particularly enjoy – showing visitors how wonderful our children and staff are, and talking about our school, which I can do at great length, given the chance! Being able to walk around the school, and see the children busy at work or play, is one of the great pleasures of my role. Whenever I show visitors around, we always see children who are calm and purposeful, and visitors rarely fail to comment on that. This doesn't happen by accident. Trinity staff make it an absolute priority to build positive relationships with all of the children in their care, making sure they know them well and are well-placed to meet their needs – academic, social, emotional and physical. It would be easy to imagine when walking around the school that we never experience challenging behaviour or children who find school a struggle. Of course we do, but we make it our business to be curious about our children and what they need to succeed. It takes a lot of work, over a sustained period of time to have the atmosphere and ethos we have at Trinity; it is crucial to our success and a fundamental part of our vision for the children. The children have one childhood and it is our responsibility to make their school life the best it can be.

Visitors to our site are often surprised by how extensive our grounds are and how many different opportunities there are for outside play and exploration. On Tuesday, the weather was beautiful and really showed our site off at its best. We are so lucky at Trinity to be on the edge of town and to have playgrounds and fields that are not hemmed in by other buildings. Equally, we are able to walk the children to different areas and buildings within our local community, which is an important part of learning about our community and how we fit into it.

It is lovely that there is always a high level of interest in Trinity, with lots of parents wanting to see what we have to offer, but we want to get our message out to as many parents as possible so if you happen to know of anyone looking for a school for next September, do please let them know the tours are happening, and can be booked via the school website. I am lucky to be supported by Mr Reid, Mrs Griffin and lots of our school governors on our tours so parents also get to hear from other people, not just me. We have several tours between now and December, and also offer some Stay and Play sessions for the children to come along and enjoy as well....the tours can be a bit dull if you are only 3 or 4! If you have a younger child due to start school next September, you may not feel the need to book a tour, but do please book to come to a Stay and Play session with them if you can.

## DIARY DATES 2024/2025



### September

Thursday 26 FOTFS AGM

### October

Friday 4 Cheese and Quiz Night

Monday 7 Parent Meetings

Thursday 10 Harvest Festival

Parent Meetings

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

### Safer School Streets Update

Mrs Seager has recently met with representatives from Frome Town Council to share feedback regarding the safer streets scheme. This included sharing concerns about the brightly coloured designs on the road, and the fact that without support from traffic enforcement officers and PCSOs, it can be difficult to ensure that the scheme is achieving its aim of making the streets immediately around our school safer for children and families. We are pleased to have seen traffic enforcement officers this week, and understand that this will continue. We thank everyone who is adhering to the safer school streets scheme and helping to make the streets safer for our children.

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### Parent Meetings 7 & 10 October Please book your appointment

The Cloud Bookings system is now available for you to log on and book an appointment to meet with your child's Class Teacher on either Monday 7th or Thursday 10th October 2024.

Please click [here](#) to access the system

Please click the 'Log In' button and follow the on screen instructions to book your appointment.

If you have any queries please contact the School Office - [office@trinityfirstschool.co.uk](mailto:office@trinityfirstschool.co.uk)

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## School Lunches

### Update from the Catering Team

Please rest assured that all pupils will continue to be provided with meals on a daily basis. However, due to an ongoing software issue, we are currently reliant on Cypad for a resolution. We will update you as soon as we receive further clarification from them.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Creative card designs needed for Mayor's Christmas card competition

### Message from Frome Town Hall

It's never too early to mention the Mayor of Frome's Christmas card competition! So this year's Mayor, Cllr Andy Jones is putting the call out to the children of Frome to design 2024's Christmas card.

The Mayor is looking for the most creative design around the theme 'Winter Woodland' to tie in with this year's exciting lantern parade. What does this mean to you? Why is it important that we celebrate and protect our winter woodland and wildlife? Perhaps you have a favourite green space in and around Frome you would like to feature. Importantly don't forget to put a Christmas twist on your design.

Mayor of Frome, Cllr Andy Jones said, "Every year we are inundated with the most fantastic artistic creations, and I just know I am going to be in awe of the range of imaginative and inspiring offerings this year. It's going to be tough to choose!"

Each year the Mayor sends out a uniquely designed Christmas card to many different organisations and individuals who they have met over the year. This year's card will be sent

as both an e-card and in the more traditional format.

The competition is open to all school age children in Frome up to the age of 12. There will be prizes for the top three entries.

Entries should be posted to or dropped off at:  
Mayor's Christmas Card Competition  
Frome Town Hall  
Christchurch Street West  
Frome  
BA11 1EB

Don't forget to add your name, age and school on the back. Closing date for entries is 5pm Friday 25th October 2024.

To read the full guidelines head to [www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/christmas-card-competition-2024/](http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/christmas-card-competition-2024/)

## Regular Notices and Reminders

### Harvest Festival 10 October



We will be celebrating Harvest as a whole school at 2:30pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Weather permitting, this will be on the main school playground and all parents are invited to join us.

If parents are able to make a donation of an item of tinned or dry food (pasta, rice, biscuits, cereal etc) which we will pass on to Fair Frome, we would be very grateful.

## Christmas Performances

### Dates for the Diary

Reception Nativity

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm

Year 1 Christmas Play

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am

Year 2 Carol Concert

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm

Year 3 Christmas Play

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2pm
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 6pm

Year 4 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity Church

- Monday 9 December at 6pm

We are pleased to offer two performances for all of the school plays and concerts. This will hopefully provide working parents with the opportunity to attend at least one of the showings. If we have additional capacity, we will open up spaces for grandparents as well.

## 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



## School Lunches w/c 30/09/2024

### Deadline for orders:

### Thursday 26 September

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.



## 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

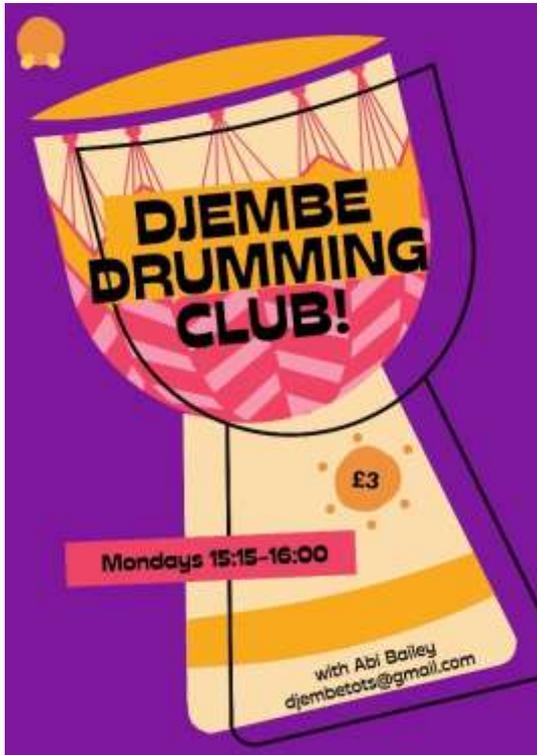
### Let your Class Teacher know!

Has your child received an award through a club or group (sports/cubs//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



## Friends of Trinity First School

Macmillan Coffee Morning  
Friday 27 September 9-11am



Coffee morning in the school hall. Cake donations appreciated! Pre-loved uniform will also be available! We looking forward to see you there.

FOTFS Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 26 September – 7pm



At Trinity First School, everyone welcome!



## Local Events



This is run by Tom who worked with our Year 4 children last term, and they absolutely loved listening to Tom create stories with their ideas.

He is a fabulous story maker and teller, so it should be a really great event for families to attend.

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

*Trinity First School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children.*

*We expect all our staff and volunteers to share this commitment*