

## HEADS UPDATE

from Amanda Seager

Yesterday evening was the Friends of Trinity First School AGM and it was lovely to see both familiar and new faces at the meeting. All parents, staff and carers are automatically part of the Friends of Trinity First School (FOTFS) and we are lucky to have a brilliant committee dedicated to providing community events and fundraising to enhance the children's experiences at school. The meeting yesterday included a review of last year, during which an incredible £11,500 was raised at various events across the year. These events included the Christmas, Easter and Summer Fairs, the Colour Run, school discos for the children and quiz nights for the adults. The money raised is used in a number of ways to support the school and the children. Each class is given a sum of money to use in the way they feel is best. Last year's uses included buying playtime toys and games for both indoor and outdoor play, funding special visitors to the classrooms, buying books to support whole class reading and to augment class libraries and subsidising trips out.

Having had such a successful year last year, there are plans to use some of the funds raised to install a climbing wall on the small playground for all the children to be able to use and enjoy. Our trim trail has a small climbing wall already, which the children love, and we are looking forward to having an additional opportunity for the children's play. FOTFS also fund our annual pantomime, and are exploring a new play scheme, which would be an extension of our very popular PlayPod. So, there are some very exciting plans for the year ahead to put the funds raised to good use!

The meeting also provided the opportunity to discuss events for the coming year and there are some fantastic things for children and families to enjoy. This morning as I type, there is a lovely coffee morning taking place in the hall. This is to raise funds for Macmillan and for FOTFS. It is great to see so many parents supporting the event. Next Friday will be the first quiz night of the school year, again taking place in the school hall. This is a really fun event, with a fabulous cheese platter included in the price of £30 for the team of up to six. There will also be a bar throughout the evening so do get a team together and come along and see if your team can win the bragging rights this time!

Later in the year, the Christmas Fair will be returning. This is a really family-friendly event, with lots of activities for the children to do, as well as the chance to see Santa. There are refreshments available throughout and hopefully lots of children singing carols and songs from their Christmas performances. We are fortunate to be supported by many local businesses who make generous donations for the Christmas raffle, which is another fantastic fundraiser. Later in the year, there will be children's discos, a family quiz and Easter Egg hunt and the brilliant colour run. Plans are in the very early stages for a summer event so look out for more information nearer the time.

All of this happens due to the hard work of the FOTFS committee and the support of the wider school community. I love the events where we are able to open the school to parents and families and am extremely grateful for the support we receive as a school. The committee is always happy to welcome volunteers to help plan and run the events and they are very open to hearing new ideas and suggestions so do get in touch if you would like to be involved.

## DIARY DATES 2024/2025



### October

Friday 4 Cheese and Quiz Night  
Monday 7 Parent Meetings  
Thursday 10 Harvest Festival

Thursday 24 Parent Meetings  
Friday 25 Last Day Term 1  
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  
Wed 15 Deadline for school applications

### 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

### September 2024

Many thanks to everyone who has supported Safer School Streets so far and provided feedback on the scheme.

Details of public consultation events and an online survey will be available soon.

#### Timed road closures continue to operate as follows

Junction of Broadway and Oakfield Road, until junction of Oakfield Road/Nunney Road and Critch Hill closed  
8.10am to 9am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm

Monday to Friday in term time

Get in touch:  
[engage@frometowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:engage@frometowncouncil.gov.uk)



## Somerset School Application Online applications open now



Parents of children starting school for the first time, or moving to Middle School can apply online from 25 September 2024.

[Apply to start school for the first time:](#) The application website for parents and carers of children starting school for the first time opens on 25 September until 15 January 2024. Please click [here](#) for the website.

[Moving to middle school:](#) The application website for parents and carers of children currently in Year 4 opens on 25 September until 15 January 2024. Please click [here](#) for the website.

## Regular Notices and Reminders

### 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)

### 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 07/10/2024 Deadline for orders: Thursday 3 October



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](mailto:Sarah.Hockley@trinityfirstfrome.co.uk) (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.

## Friends of Trinity First School

### Macmillan Coffee Morning Thank you!



It was wonderful to see so many friends and family come together for our coffee morning today. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and brought coffee and cake and also to those who donated the delicious cakes!

We raised a grand total of **£129.70**, which will be split 50/50 between **Macmillan** and **Trinity**.



## Local Events

### 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/)

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safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all  
children.*

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