



# July



MESSAGE FROM THE  
HEADTEACHER

As I write this I am in the process of reading Annual Learning Journals for all of the pupils in our school.

It is really pleasing to read about how much our students have achieved this year, even though they have faced significant disruption due to Covid 19. They have all shown great resilience throughout the school year and faced the challenges that a global pandemic has presented with amazing flexibility and positivity.

It also makes me realise how much fantastic teaching and support there is every day at Critchill School so that these achievements are possible - so I feel I should mention all of our excellent staff who have also responded to challenges that Covid19 has presented in order to continue to facilitate children's learning and ensure that the school is a happy, safe and positive place.

Wishing all of our pupils and staff a good, restful break, with their families and close friends, over the summer. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September

Have a great break!

Dates for your diary!

## School News..

### 2021/2022

**2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 - Inset Day**

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 - Inset Day**

6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - Start of Term 1

28<sup>th</sup> September 2021—FOC AGM

13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - SRE and Safeguarding

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 - PLIM Evening

21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 - School Photographs

**22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 - Inset Day / End of Term 1**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 - Start of Term 2

18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 - Children in Need

10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Jumper Day (TBC)

16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - Christmas Lunch (TBC)

17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 - End of Term 2

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Inset Day**

5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Start of Term 3

31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 - PLIM Evening

9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - SRE and Safeguarding

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 - End of Term 3

28<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 - Start of Term 4

4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - World Book Day (TBC)

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Comic Relief

8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - End of Term 4

**25<sup>th</sup> April 2022- Inset Day**

26<sup>th</sup> April 2022- Start of Term 5

26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - SRE and Safeguarding

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022- Bank Holiday

16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - PLIM Evening

27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 - End of Term 5

6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 - Start of Term 6

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022- Dog Show and Fun Day

8<sup>th</sup> July 2022- Sports Day

12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - Annual report evening

15<sup>th</sup> July 2022- Reserved Sports Day

20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - End of Term 6

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2022 - Inset Day**

### 2020/2021

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021 - End of Term 6

**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021 - Inset Day**

### INSET Days 2020-2021

**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021**

# DOG SHOW AND FUN DAY

To all of our incredible community.....

We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who donated to our Raffle and Fun Day. We are extremely grateful.

We have so many people and businesses to thank for their generous support. So many staff and friends of the school volunteered their time and many hours were put in to make the Dog show and Fun Day the success that it was- thank you!

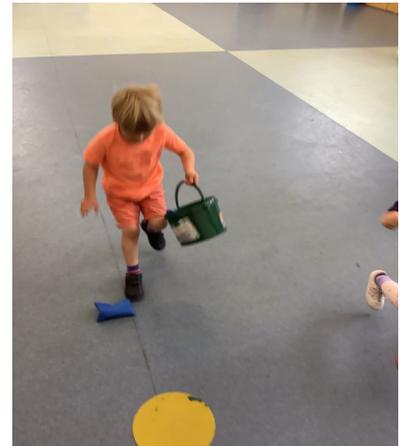
Thank you to everyone who attend and supported us. In total (for our new outdoor learning space) we raised an incredible £9000.

We can not believe it!



## School News..

The students in the lower bubble have loved practicing together for their Sports Day this term. Students took part in a variety of physical and sensory activities and loved cheering for their peers and their teachers, including Miss Addison!



As part of our theme 'People Who Help Us', Bramblings class had a special visit from our PCSO's Ben and Chris. Students loved finding out about their job role and asking them lots of questions. They also loved exploring their police car, especially turning on the sirens!



## School News..

### Class of the term— .

We are really proud of Starlings Class for winning Star of the term during our Secret Garden topic. We enjoyed visits to the park and Mells Walled Garden during which the children were really engaged. We enjoyed exploring a sensory story of the Secret garden and linking it into our learning across all curriculum areas.



As part of Wrens CEIAG activity Wrens were exploring the job of a farmer. They asked about all the different animals Martin the farmer had on his farm. Wrens really enjoyed exploring his big green tractor!



The theme this term for early years is Out and About. As part of our careers curriculum Wrens have been exploring the job of a farmer. Wrens enjoyed a visit from Martin Hann of Hann Farming, the students asked about the different animals he has on the farm and also enjoyed exploring his big green tractor.

Thank you to Andy Reynolds of AJ Truck services who kindly offered a group of students to visit his garage. The students learnt about working as a mechanical engineer. This included a talk about health and safety, looking at the equipment and tools used and the opportunity to ask questions about the role.

Hawks class also enjoyed a visit to Strode College to see what is available at a further education college. This was a great opportunity for the students as they think about their longer term transitions from Critchill.

Steven Daniels our enterprise advisor has been supporting Hawks class with their entrepreneurs theme. Steven spoke to the students about his invention, Tridominoes. The students successfully pitched their ideas to Steven including an adapted shoe, an electric car voice activated car, an emotions app, a onesie that could help you know what the temperature was going to be during the day, a robotic hand to help with writing and a simplified maths game. The winning pitch was Angel with her 'Zipper Slipper'.

Post 16 have had a series of workshops with Martin Hann of Hann Farming, this has included looking at crops, animal feed and a visit to the farm.



## **Graduation**

As we come to the end of this academic year we would like to thank all the employers we have worked with during the year. We are really excited to be heading towards September and able to offer many more opportunities to our students to support them on their pathways.

We are always looking for employer engagement opportunities. If you are able to help at all then please contact Sally Smiles.

## **Gatsby Benchmarks**

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we have received 100% in the Gatsby Benchmarks, a framework of 8 guidelines that define the best careers provision in education.

Emma Davis, Enterprise Co-ordinator presented the certificate to Sally Smiles, Careers Leader with Steven Daniels, Enterprise Adviser and Andy Jones our careers link governor



## **Medication**

At the end of term all medication will be sent home.

We will also be sending medical forms home for completion ready for the new school year, this is for prescribed medication that needs to be administered during the school day.

## **Governors**

Claire Hudson our chair of governors has stepped down after being involved with the school for 12 years. Andy Jones will be taking her place as chair from September.

Claire will be visiting school with Peggy the puppy before the end of term.

## **Friends of Critchill**

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents to join our Parent Teacher Association known as 'Friends of Critchill.'

Throughout the year the committee work to raise funds in order to enhance all young people's learning experiences. Previously we have supported young people with purchasing equipment to take part in courses such as Duke of Edinburgh, we have contributed to the playground development and we have purchased items for the catering van.

We also hold events throughout the school year which provide our young people with the opportunity to socialise with their friends and peers.

We have up to 6 meetings a year including our AGM. This year this will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3.50pm. Children are invited.

We look forward to meeting you

Friends of Critchill School . If you have any questions please speak to Maddie or Mary

# Sound Lab Summer Club: Music Exploration for Young People with Neurological Differences

The programme is run by [Evolve Music](http://www.evolve-music.org.uk), a local charity that provides accessible music-making activities for vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities across the South West. It has been funded by [Frome Town Council](http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk) and [Youth Music](http://www.youthmusic.org.uk), and is an extension of Evolve Music's regular

## Details

**Times:** 10.30-12.00 (ages 11-14 yrs) & 13.30-15.00 (ages 15-19 yrs)

**Dates:** July 29th, August 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

**Location:** Critchill School

**Cost:** Free

**Playing ability:** No previous experience or playing ability required.

**How to book:** please contact us on [mark@evolvemusic.org.uk](mailto:mark@evolvemusic.org.uk) | 07943 973 473 or via [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/evolvemusic)

**SOUND LAB SUMMER CLUB**

Thursdays from July 29 - August 26

**ABOUT**

Come and explore music-making this summer holidays at Sound Lab Summer Club, a free programme designed specifically for young people with ASC and/or additional learning needs. Take part in a range of fun, interactive activities and games, from songwriting, performances to music technology and much more. Sign up now!

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**WHO WE ARE**

Evolve Music is a community music charity based in Somerset that delivers accessible music-making activities to communities across the South West. Our work is fully inclusive and enables everyone to get stuck in, have fun, and express themselves individually, as well as part of a group.

**HOW ELSE CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Aren't able to attend our Sound Lab Summer Club? Why not try our regular online Sound Lab sessions. It's completely free to join. Get in touch to find out more.

**YOUTH MUSIC** **evolve** **FrOme** **St John's Foundation**

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## **ACEs webinar for parent and carers**

Please find some information below from Somerset's EP service & Somerset Parent Carer Forum on ACEs. The webinar is going to be available on the Somerset Wellbeing Framework website.

This webinar is designed for parents and carers who want to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) or support their child(ren) to heal from previous adversity. It has been developed by the Educational Psychology Service in collaboration with the Somerset Parent Carer Forum as part of a Public Health project. This project aims to raise the awareness of ACEs, and provide adults with strategies they can use to support our children and young people to become resilient and healthy adults.

### **ACEs Webinar for parents and carers**

**PART 1:** <https://vimeo.com/561347748/69eb5b1bda>

v Childhood Brain Development from the NSPCC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMyDFYSkZSU>

**Part 2:** <https://vimeo.com/561348659/12baf3245c>

v Childhood Trauma and the Brain from the UK Trauma Council: <https://uktraumacouncil.org/resources/childhood-trauma-and-the-brain?cn-reloaded=1&cn-reloaded=1>

v Section 5: What is Emotion Coaching?: [Chapter 1: Introduction to Emotion Coaching](#) « [Gottman Institute Emotion Coaching](#)

## Frome Town Council

Frome Town Council believe choosing to spend your time in a playful way is essential for everyone's health and wellbeing and are working with Children's Scrapstore to explore the town's playfulness. Choose Play is launching with a survey to learn just what play means to Frome by exploring how the local community choose to enjoy their free time.

They want to challenge and encourage people to think differently about play so, however young or old you are, it would be great if you could take a few moments to complete the short survey and let them know - how do you play?

The deadline to complete the survey is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August and it can be found here at [www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/choose-play](http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/choose-play).

### Plenty of fun planned for Playday - Frome Town Council

A Summer of Play is this year's theme for the National Playday, and Frome Town Council are inviting young and old to join their Playday activities at Victoria Park and the Mary Baily Playing fields on Wednesday 4th August from 12 – 4pm. It promises to be an afternoon of fun and games for all to take part in.