

Half term holidays: We break up for our half term holidays tomorrow Friday 10th February and return on Monday 20th February 2017. We hope you all have a good holiday and an opportunity to recover from all the illnesses circulating in the community including flu, diarrhea and vomiting and chickenpox. Please could you join us in reminding the children about the importance of good hand hygiene and using tissues for catching sneezes, coughs and runny noses to try to limit the spread of infection. Thank you for your support.

NSPCC sponsored fundraising event: The children have now completed their sponsored activity successfully. Please could you return any sponsor forms and money or donations to the green box in each class **tomorrow morning (Friday 10th February)**. Julie will be returning on Friday morning to count the money, give children their stickers and celebrate the children's fundraising achievements in our Celebration Assembly in the afternoon. Thank you for your support!

Family Learning Evening - Maths and Art: What a fabulous turn out for our family learning evening! Thank you for coming. We do hope you all enjoyed exploring the beautiful designs and activities that can be created through applying Maths. On your behalf I would like to thank all the staff who prepared the resources and ran the activities on the evening.

Frome Learning Partnership Safer Internet Radio Broadcast: Today and tomorrow children from Frome schools including Vallis will be involved in creating a radio broadcast on this important theme as part of Safer Internet events. Our children have also discussed the rules for 'safer internet use' and signed up to a charter. If you would like to listen to the broadcast after tomorrow please follow the link:
www.SoundCloud.com/RussellPrue

Letter from the Governors and Headteacher of Vallis First School: Please see a letter from Mrs Pauley and the Governors on the back of the Thursday Note regarding the Frome Multi Academy Trust proposals.

School Meals: If your child receives hot school meals the menu we will commence with after the holidays is 'week 2'. If you pay for your child's meals please come to the School Office by the end of this week and make the payment. Meals cost £2.40/day, £12.00/week and £72/half term. Any cheques are made payable to Somerset County Council. If you no longer wish your child to receive school meals, please let the School Office know. Thank you.

Cake Sales: Jupiter Class made £67.60 in their cake sale. Well done Jupiter Class. It is the turn of **Saturn Class** on Friday 24th February. Please make or buy some cakes for them to sell. Thank you ☺

Swimming Lessons: Will continue for the Year 2 children on Wednesday 22nd February and run for 5 consecutive weeks, ending on Wednesday 22nd March. The lessons cost £2.90/week. If you have not paid for your child's lessons, please come to the School Office and make the outstanding payments. Many thanks.

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Dates for your Diary 2017

- Half term holidays - 13th to 17th February
 - Friday 24th February - Saturn Class Cake Sale
 - Friday 31st March - Last day of school before Easter holiday
 - Tuesday 18th April - Back to school
 - **Tuesday 2nd May - INSET DAY**
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Clubs: Due to parents not paying for their child's club place we have a few spaces available in some of the clubs. If you would like your child to take up one of these places please come to the School Office. Can we remind you not to apply for a club place unless your child is interested in the club and you have the ability to pay for it by the deadline. Thank you.