

Vallis Book Week 'The Joy of Reading'- Wednesday 15th November to Wednesday 22nd November 2017:

Book Fair: During our Book Week the Book Fair will arrive on Wednesday 15th November and leave a week later on Wednesday 22nd November. A range of lovely children's books will be on sale each day in our School Hall for a week with the school receiving 'benefits in kind' in the form of books for our class book corners. Please support our Book Fair - the more books we sell the more books we get for the classes!

Bedtime story afternoon: As part of Book Week we will be holding a special Bedtime story afternoon on Monday 20th November. Children are invited to bring a cuddly toy to school, pyjamas, slippers or a dressing gown **to change in to after lunchtime play**, ready to snuggle down for an afternoon of storytelling courtesy of the Vallis First School staff. We would like to ask parents to send in a donation towards the cost of upgrading our class book corners which the children will design as part of their Book Fair activities. The VSA are kindly providing the refreshments just to make everything extra special! During the week we will also be designing a display for the Hall or Library of our favourite books.

Book Week Photo Competition: Parents should take a photo of their child reading their book in their favourite place! Submitted photos will be enlarged to display around the classes, Hall and Library so please do not enter if you do not want your child's photo displayed around the school. The winner in each Key Stage will be given a voucher to spend at the Book Fair!

KS1 Family Learning: Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined their children to create and make bog babies as part of the KS1 topic. A fantastic turn out and such an encouragement to excited children and staff and some very cute bog babies too!

Frome Learning Partnership (FLP) Writing Competition: Over the half term our children will be preparing their entries for the FLP writing competition. They will create, write and illustrate their entries which will be judged by a panel of local dignitaries and prizes awarded. We are hoping that we may be able to publish a pamphlet of the winning entries across the Frome schools. As part of the FLP Word up writing project organised by Lisa Millard some of our Y4s will have the chance to take part in a 5 day 'Author in Residence' writing workshop. They will then share their learning with their class mates. Even the teachers have been involved in writing as part of a twilight programme. Great to see their creative talents shine!

- **Cake Sales:** Apollo Class cake sale raised £33.20 well done Apollo Class. It is the turn of Jupiter Class tomorrow 10th November - please make or buy some cakes to sell.
- **Christmas Bingo:** This year's fundraising Christmas Bingo will take place on **Thursday 30th November**, in the School Hall, doors open at 6pm. All proceeds will go to our funds for improving the school's outdoor play spaces. Numbers will once again be limited due to fire regulations, so it will be first come first served once the doors open. As usual there will be 3 children's games followed by 5 adult games, with a DVD to entertain the children. We will also run our Christmas Raffle at the event. Refreshments will be available and if anyone is able to make some sweet or savoury goods for us to sell on the night it would be very much appreciated - if you think you can contribute please leave your name, number and what you can make with the School Office.
- **Mufti Day on Friday 24th November** will be in support of Bingo - children can wear their own clothes for the day in exchange for bringing sweets, chocolates, toiletries, bottles of wine etc. to go in our Christmas Hampers which will be the prizes for the bingo games and our Christmas raffle.

Dates for your Diary 2017

- Wednesday 15th November - School Book Fair arrives
- Friday 17th November - Saturn Class Cake Sale
- Monday 20th November - Book Fair - Bedtime story afternoon
- Wednesday 22nd November - School Book Fair Leaves
- Friday 24th November - Mufti day for Bingo
- Thursday 30th November - Christmas Bingo at 6pm

Clubs: We have one place left on Multi-Sports (Tuesdays). Please come to the School Office to book and pay for this place if your child would like to attend. It will be for 4 weeks and the cost will be £12.00 (or £6 if on benefit based free school meals).