

## Vallis First School Thursday Note

Summer Term - Thursday 13th July 2017 www.vallisfirstschool.org



Felt Hanging: In this Monday's assembly the staff and children gathered in anticipation for the 'great reveal' of the felt picture that Frome Felt artist Bessie has helped them to create to adorn the front wall of the School Hall. There was a spontaneous cheer as the beautiful hanging was revealed. Bessie started working with the school in January 2017. Each child had a chance to create a small sampler to learn the technique then Bessie assembled the plan and every child made a creature which when put together created the picture. Do take the opportunity to visit the School Hall with your child at some point to see their work. As part of the Frome Festival programme under Venue 4 will find Bessie's studio and you can see the photos of the project as it progressed over the months.

Leaver's Assembly: Parents of our Year 4s are invited to attend their Leavers' Assembly on Wednesday 19th July at 2pm. This event is not suitable for young children and there will be limited space so please do not bring buggies. Places are limited in the first instance to two per child to ensure all children have someone from their family present.

Lunchtime water play: Each summer our lunchtime staff set up a water slide and water play for our KS1 & KS2 children on our grassed area. Due to the popularity of the activities we are going to have a KS2 session on Friday 14th July and KS1 will be Wednesday 19th or Thursday 20th July. Children will need to bring a change of clothes and a towel. They need to be old clothes that can get wet and possibly muddy!

BIG SING ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM: We finish at 2pm on the last day of term. At 1.30pm we will be holding an informal performance of the songs we have been taught by Caroline from Jackdaws in our playground. Parents and family members are welcome to come along to hear our performance.

Frome Carnival 'Design the Cover' competition: Garston Veterinary Group are encouraging children from Frome schools to design the Frome Carnival programme cover. Pick up an entry form from the School Office. Entries should be submitted to Sarah Holmes of Garston Veterinary group by 14<sup>th</sup> August ready for judging.

Please see overleaf a letter from one of our parents about road safety for cyclists after her near miss on Welshmill Road (8)

School trips: Thank you to our DBS checked volunteers who supported our school trips for our EYFS classes to visit Bath City Farm and for our KS1 children to visit Longleat. Both trips were a huge success and went very smoothly thanks to good venues, thorough planning, supportive adults and well-behaved children! If you have not sent in your contribution towards the cost of the trips please ensure all monies are paid into the School Office by Monday 17th July. Thank you.

Trinity Area Street Party: This will take place on Saturday 22 July, 12:30pm until 3:30pm, outside the Bridge Café on Selwood Rd. There will be free food, activities and fun for all the community. Everyone is welcome.

Kilve Court Payments and Medical Forms: If your child is going on the Kilve Court Trip in September they will have brought home a medical form for you to complete and a note of any outstanding monies owed. The trip must be paid for in full by Friday 21st July. Cake Sale: Jupiter Class made £44 in their cake sale. Well done Jupiter Class! Please support your child's class by either bringing some cakes in for us to sell or buying some at the cake sale at the end of the school day.

Dates for your Diary 2017

Wednesday 19th July - Leavers' Assembly 2pm Friday 21st July - Big Sing performance for parents 1.30pm Friday 21st July - Last day of term, 2pm finish

Monday 4th September - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 5th September - Back to school

