

Introductory Meetings for parents and carers of children in a new Key Stage or new to the School:

There are two opportunities to attend a meeting in our School Hall with our Phase Leaders for Key Stages 1 and 2. They will explain how life in the Key Stage works - reading, homework, curriculum etc and answer any questions that you may have. Please come along on:

- Thursday 21st September - 9am in the School Hall or
- Tuesday 26th September - 2.15pm in the School Hall

Curriculum Overviews: On the back of this Thursday Note is the Curriculum Overview for the term for your child's class. If you have any contributions to make in terms of expertise or artefacts to share please see your child's class teacher. Some of your child's homework activities will link with their topic. The homework will be sent out in the next few days.

Kilve Court Trip: Our Year 4 enjoyed a very successful residential trip to Kilve Court on the Quantock coast last week thanks to the brilliant efforts of the school staff who organised and supervised the trip and the great staff at Kilve Court. They enjoyed a walk on the Quantocks, various activities including the climbing wall and adventure trails, a night walk and a beach trip. The children are following up by creating PowerPoint presentations and sharing information with their Year 3 friends to tell them about the fun they had. Year 3 parents will be invited to find out about next year's trip soon.

Contact telephone numbers: Please remember to update your contact telephone numbers and ensure you let us know who can pick up your child in addition to you. Also, please remember to phone the School Office to notify us if someone else is collecting your child as we need to be aware of any changes to ensure we hand children to the right person.

After school childcare survey: We will be sending home tomorrow a survey to see if there is enough need to set up after school childcare on our site. Please complete and return the survey by Friday 22nd September.

VSA News

Christmas Cards: Your child will have come home with their Xmas4schools order pack. Please return your orders to the school by Friday 29th September. Please note that cheques should be payable to the Vallis School Association.

Class Cake sales: Next week we will publish the dates of your child's class cake sale. These happen twice a year and all the money raised is given to the class to buy extras for the class. Last year Frances Liardet and Alex Kershaw-Moore from the VSA committee supervised all the packing up and selling of the cakes every Friday, sometimes with volunteers from the class. Frances is no longer a parent here so this year I have asked the class teachers to recruit help from their class parents. Unfortunately if there are no willing helpers it may not be possible to hold the cake sale. Please look out for the sign-up sheet and consider whether you could offer your time. Toddlers are welcome if supervised.

Next meeting: All parents are welcome to join us for our next meeting on Wednesday 20th September at 3pm in Satellite classroom. Crèche provided ☺

Can you help?: The KS1 team need kitchen roll tubes to complete a project the children are doing this half term. Please take them to your child's class if you have any to spare. Many thanks.

Clubs: Please ensure payments for clubs places are paid for as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary 2017

- Thursday 21st September - KS1 & KS2 Parents Introductory meeting at 9am in the School Hall
- Tuesday 26th September - KS1 & KS2 Parents Introductory meeting at 2.15pm in the School Hall
- Tuesday 17th October - Harvest Festival at 2pm at Trinity Church
- Thursday 19th October - School Photos
- Friday 20th October - last day of school before half term holidays
- **Monday 30th October - INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 31st October - back to School
- **Friday 9th February - INSET DAY**
- **Monday 23rd July - INSET DAY**
- **Tuesday 24th July - INSET DAY**