

**Harvest Festival:** Thank you to everyone who came to support our Harvest assembly at Trinity church on Tuesday and thank you too for the very generous donations for our Frome Food bank. It was such an encouragement to the children and staff!

**Parents meetings:** We hope our Key Stage 1 and 2 parents found their meetings useful and encouraging this week. We are so pleased with how the children have settled and the progress they have already made with their learning. This evening and all day tomorrow it is the turn of the parents in our Reception classes to come and share your child's achievements from their first few weeks in school.

**Break for Half term holidays:** We finish next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 3pm and the children return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - this is due to the teachers INSET day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**After School Childcare Provision:** Don't forget that this provision run by Child's Play Clubs UK starts after half term and will take place in our Community Room each day, running from 3-6pm.

As well as being able to offer parents play based afterschool care, your child will be able to explore a wide range of indoor and outdoor play opportunities including den building, scrap play, street games, music, art and craft, team games/ sports, storytelling, technology, tinkering and whatever the children and the team can dream up.

Register and book a place for your child online by simply going to:

[www.childsplayclub.co.uk](http://www.childsplayclub.co.uk)

Then follow these steps:

- 1) Click on the 'Parent login' tab
- 2) Click 'register and book now!' This will take you to Aimy-Plus, the online portal, where you can set-up your account and you can register your child
- 3) Then book your sessions

You can make bookings at your convenience, make extra bookings and check your payments.

Alternatively, you can pick up a registration form from the school office or contact Vin Callan on 07460 253888 or email: [ukchildsplay@gmail.com](mailto:ukchildsplay@gmail.com)

### VSA NEWS

- In a few easy steps money can be raised as you shop online for Vallis First School. First of all sign up at [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) and choose Vallis First School as your cause. Then every time you shop online visit [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) first then browse and click on a retailer (there are over 2000 from Amazon to eBay to major supermarkets and everything in between) to continue shopping. Once a purchase has been made the company pays [www.thegivingmachine.co.uk](http://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk) a commission which is then converted into a donation for Vallis First School.
- Your child should have brought their Christmas cards home from xmas4schools. If you have not received them, please let the School Office know as soon as possible.

### Dates for your Diary 2017

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Neptune Class Cake Sale
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - last day of school before half term holidays
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - back to School
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - School Book Fair arrives
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Book Fair - Bedtime story afternoon
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - School Book Fair Leaves
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November - Mufti day for Bingo

**Cake Sales:** Voyager Class made £39.50 in their cake sale, well done Voyager Class! It is the turn of Neptune Class tomorrow (Friday 20<sup>th</sup>). Please support your child's class by either bringing cakes in for the sale, buying the cakes at the end of the day or volunteering to help at the beginning of the day packing them or end of the day selling them. If you would like to volunteer, please let your child's teacher know. Thank you ☺