

**Maths Family Learning:** Thank you to all the family members who joined us for our morning and evening Family Learning Events. We hope you found the information given useful as well as enjoying seeing your child being taught and exploring activities and challenges.

**Further information for all parents:** Our Calculation Policy is on our school website. Please remember that this is a working document and will be subject to change as we trial it throughout the year. The calculation display will be left up in the hall for the week after half term showing the process of moving from working with real objects (concrete), to pictorial representation of number, to abstract (written number sentences). Here is a link to some further advice about enjoying maths with your child and resources which you may find useful:

<http://www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk>

**Safer Internet Day:** As well as our Maths Family Learning it was Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February) so the children spent time looking at how to keep safe when using the internet and they will be asked to sign a charter about using the internet safely and wisely both in school and at home. Here is the link to the Safer Internet website which has lots of advice for parents on how to support your child by setting appropriate parental controls for different age groups and setting up a family charter for internet use:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk>

**Frome's Winter Wonderland:** You will have received a flier about this exciting opportunity to be creative as a family. Perhaps use part of the half term holidays to create a window or garden display to entertain your neighbours and then register to join the project which will take place over the weekend of 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Our Year 2's will be taking part by creating a display with local artist Emma Finch which will hopefully be displayed in the town.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - World Book Day:** In response to parents' and children's requests to celebrate World Book Day we are planning to invite parents to come and join their children from 9-10am to help them to make a headband or hat based on the characters or settings of their favourite book. From 2.30-3pm parents are invited to come to their child's class to share a book with their child and a small group of their friends. For our families who speak more than one language we would be delighted if parents would be happy to share a story in their home language. After you have read your story there will be plenty of time to go to the VSA Book Stall which will be taking place in the Library from 2.30pm.

**PARENTS SURVEY: DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE YOUR SURVEY AND RETURN IT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. KEEP ONE OF THE ATTACHED RAFFLE TICKETS BECAUSE COMPLETED SURVEYS WILL BE PUT INTO A DRAW TO WIN £25. THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY. THANK YOU TO THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY RETURNED THEIR SURVEYS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

#### VSA NEWS

**Cake Sales:** Galaxy Class made an amazing £65.10. Thank you to everyone who supported the Cake Sale. It is the turn of Voyager Class on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

**World Book Day:** A reminder that donations of second hand books for our Book Sale/Swap on World Book Day will be gratefully received. Please leave any donations at the School Office.

**Hundred Club:** Thank you to everyone who supported the trial. The first draw took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and the winning numbers were...1<sup>st</sup> **86** - Kate Irwin, 2<sup>nd</sup> **70** - Lin Graves, 3<sup>rd</sup> **4** - Sam Dent. Congratulations to the winners. The next draw will take place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

#### Dates for your Diary 2018

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of school before half term holiday

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - INSET day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Back to school

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February- Parents Survey deadline

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Voyager Class Cake Sale

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March - World Book Day: Family events