

Snow disruption: Thank you for your patience with our recent closures due to snow. Unfortunately the remote access to the website and texting service developed a glitch. Thanks to Mrs Cobb venturing out to the school with Mr Williams our caretaker and Mrs Williams, we were able to send texts and update our website. I was able to upload information onto Somerset County Council's website before that also developed an error. It seems that even technology could not cope with the snow!

Rescheduled World Book Day: These events will now take place on **Wednesday 14th March**. Parents or family members are invited to join us at some or all of these events:

Hat making 9.00-10.00am: Join your child to help them to make a headband or hat based on the characters or settings of their favourite book. Don't forget to start collecting any extra things you may want to bring in for your child's headband or hat. Basic resources will be available in school.

Story Time 2.30-3.00pm: Parents and family members are invited to bring a favourite story book to share with your 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.

PARENTS FORUM: Do you want to help us to shape the **Governors' plans and visions for 'Where next for Vallis First School'?** Come to our Parents Forum on either:

Wednesday 7th March 9-10am or Wednesday 7th March 6-7pm (a crèche will be provided for school age children) The sorts of areas we are hoping to collect parents' views on are: curriculum content and delivery, trips and visitors, fundraising for extra activities and resources, building and grounds, rewards and sanctions, family learning at home and school, preparing children for adult hood, class structures etc. We will also be asking parents what they might be able to offer to enhance the education or provision for the children in terms of skills, knowledge, access to resources etc. If you have views or thoughts on any of this come along. It may be that you particularly value an aspect of what we do and want us to keep doing it!

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNORS: - We are currently looking to appoint two new parent Governors to our Governing Body. Please arrange to talk to Mrs Pauley about this if you are interested in this important role in our school.

Parents Survey: The winning ticket from the lucky dip was number 41. Please bring your raffle ticket to the office to claim your £25 prize. If the prize is not collected by Friday 16th March we will draw a new ticket.

Science Week - Monday 12th March to Friday 16th March: We will be celebrating the joy of science during this week with a special assembly and some fun activities to stimulate children's interest in science. As part of this week we are inviting parents who use science maths, engineering and technology in their work to come into school to talk to our Years 2, 3 and 4 in order to inspire them. If you feel you would be able to talk to a group of children with the support of one of the teaching staff please email

vallisfirstschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk

Parents meetings to discuss your child's progress: Your child should have brought home a letter about these meetings to enable you to book an appointment. These will be held on different days according to your child's year group. EYFS and Y2 will have slightly longer meetings, some of which will take place during the day, which include discussions about assessments. Years 1, 3 and 4 will have the usual evening parents meetings.

VSA NEWS: Please see overleaf ☺

Dates for your Diary 2018

Wednesday 7th March - Parents' Forum 9-10am or 6-7pm with crèche

Friday 9th March - Neptune Class Cake Sale

Y2 Parents' meetings - 20th March 9am - 6.30pm and 23rd March 9am - 4.45pm

EYFS Parents' meetings - 21st March 9am to 4pm and 22nd March 9am to 6.30pm

Y1, 3 & 4 Parents' meetings - 21st March 3.20 - 5.00pm and 22nd March 3.20 - 7pm