

VSA School Disco: Thank you to VSA parents and school staff who contributed to this fun-filled evening. A special thank you to our DJ Declan and his family who did an 'awesome' job with the musical entertainment! We look forward to the next time.

School Travel Challenge: Today we had a school assembly to launch the Frome Missing Links Schools' Travel challenge. This is designed to raise awareness of the aims of Frome Missing Links group which is trying to develop the cycling and walking link between Frome and Radstock and on to Bath. As part of this year's event we were thrilled to have won a bike and scooter rack which has been made by Frome's Men's Shed.

During the week 21st - 25th May children are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school even if you are only able to do this for part of your journey. We will be hoping to increase the percentage of children who do this during the week compared to our usual percentage. On Monday 21st May we are hoping that any children who walk, cycle or scoot to school will be able to join us for a healthy breakfast snack at 8.30am. On Friday 25th May children will be encouraged to bring in a donation in aid of the Frome Missing Links project and they will be able to wear something to 'Be Bright and Be Seen'. This might be light coloured or fluorescent clothing which as we all know is important when walking, cycling or scooting especially when it is getting darker. We are also expecting a BMX stunt bike performance and workshop as part of this week.

After hours use of the school playground: As a result of parental requests we have permitted school families to use our school playground at the end of the school day to enable socialising and play. School staff have been very concerned recently about the lack of supervision of children using the playground. Please remind your children that they should only climb on the apparatus provided. The fences, green playpods and target boards are not part of our climbing equipment and the children are not allowed to use them in school time. Please ensure bikes and scooters are not used in the playground as much younger children are using this space after school. Ball games such as football can be played on the games court which can be accessed from the top gate. The joining gate is currently locked so that tyres can only be rolled on the flat games court which is where they are used during the school day. Please encourage your children to use this space respectfully so that the playground remains open.

School trips: During the Summer term we usually plan school trips to places out of Frome. This year KS2 will be visiting the Roman Baths and EYFS are hoping to go to the seaside. KS1 are still planning their trip. You may want to start putting aside some money as most of our trips rely on sponsorship from our VSA and parental contributions to make them viable as the school budget cannot subsidise them. Please help us to make these trips possible. Most of us have fond memories of going on a coach for a school outing!

Please see the back of this Thursday Note for the latest VSA News.

CHILDSPLAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

May half term is fast approaching! Childs Play Clubs UK are excited to be offering our first Holiday Club at Vallis First School. If you wish to book a place, please make sure you have done so by Monday 21st May 2018. Bookings will be confirmed by Tuesday May 22nd, dependant on enough bookings being made. Limited places are available, so please book as soon as possible to ensure your child get a place! Book online!

ccp-uk.aimyplus.com www.childsplayclub.co.uk for further information you can contact Vin Callan on Tel on 07460 253888 or email vin@childsplayclub.co.uk I look forward to hearing from you.

Dates for your Diary 2018

Friday 11th May - Satellite Class Cake Sale

Friday 25th May - Last day before the Whitsun Holiday

Monday 4th June - Back to school

Saturday 16th June - VSA School Fair

Thursday 21st June - KS2 Trip to the Roman Baths

Friday 29th June - Sports Day

Friday 20th July - Last day of school before Summer holidays - 2pm finish