

**Your child's Annual Report:** Your child should have brought home their Annual Report today. We hope you enjoy reading about your child's successes this year. We are so proud of all the children have achieved and you will be delighted to hear that our school's Early Years Foundation Stage data, phonics check and end of Key Stage One data is in line with or above national comparisons. Well done to all our children and our fantastic team of teaching and support staff who make such a difference to your child's school experiences and thank you too as parents for all you do to support your child and the school.

**Transfer Day:** We were delighted at how well Transfer Day went for the children moving up to middle school as well as those moving within our school. I had an opportunity to visit all our classes in Vallis and have talked to the children and they all reported a very happy day.

As you might be aware managing the process of change can be challenging and as a school staff we spend a great deal of time planning and preparing for the annual Transfer Day. The make-up of each class is carefully planned with many different factors being considered for each child. We also talk to the children about managing change and in our Monday morning assembly we talked about using our Building Learning Power skills to cope with the challenges of managing change and the children were able to describe how they can stick at something when it is new and tricky like Tough Tortoise, how they can help each other like Team Ant, how they can use signs, planners and other resources to help understand new ways of working like Sensible Squirrel and how they can make links to their learning in new situations like a Wise Owl. As parents you too can help your child by continuing these conversations to support your child.

**Frome Library FREE Summer Holiday Reading Challenge:** The children are really excited about 'Mischievous Makers' which is the theme for this Summer's Reading Challenge. Children need to take out 6 books of their choice from the Library and read and return them to collect 6 stickers for their poster. Everyone who signs up gets a certificate and if they complete the challenge then they are presented with a medal in our September assembly. Last year 75 children joined the challenge - can we beat this total this year? It is all free and there are plenty of additional free activities to entertain children of all ages. Joining the library is free - parents just need to show proof of their ID and address.

**Year 4 Violin Concert & Pen Presentation:** Our Year 4 children are inviting their parents to join them on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9.05am for an end of year concert. At this concert the Blue House will present pens to those children who have made the most improvement in their handwriting and maths during the course of the year.

**Y4 Leavers' Assembly:** This will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm. Year 4 parents are invited to join their children for this special event. Please be aware that the hall is not big enough for prams which should be left in the playground.

**ADD International:** Did you know that one billion people worldwide are disabled? 80% of them live in the developing world. Global disability rights charity ADD International, founded here in Frome over 30 years ago, supports disability activists in Africa and Asia to help them access the tools, skills and resources they need to turn their vision into powerful movements for change. Find out more at their Summer Funday at the Silk Mill. There will be a photo exhibition and film screening, stuff for the kids to do and lots of tea and cake. Everyone is welcome, just drop in between 3 and 6pm on Wednesday 18 July at The Silk Mill.

#### **Dates for your Diary 2018**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 4 Violin Concert for Year 4 parents - 9.05am in the School Hall

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers Assembly - 2.15pm in the School Hall. Year 4 parents only are invited

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of school before Summer holidays - 2pm finish

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - INSET Day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** - Back to School