



Frome is a very cultural and creative town and I feel Vallis reflects this in many ways – our whole curriculum approach values all areas of the curriculum and the arts form a large part in planning. It was lovely to see the Year 3 and Year 4s begin some new sessions with brass instruments this week which was led by someone from the Frome Town Band. I was taken aback by how quickly the children seemed to grasp the playing of the instrument and hopefully we may be able to see them perform in the future.

This week we have also seen the return of parent volunteers and readers which is great. If you have any spare time and would like to come into school to volunteer or listen to readers, please see Sue or Jacky in the school office.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of complaints from local residents this week about poor parking at drop-off and pick up times. Some have said that their own driveways or cars have been blocked in, thus meaning they can't get to work on time. Others have had bins not collected because of access issues. Could I please ask that if there is a need to bring your children to school in a car that it is parked legally and considerately so that we can stay on good terms with our neighbours.

Our Star Powerful Learners this week are: Buddy from Jupiter; Leo from Saturn; Genevieve from Neptune; Rita from Apollo; Dylan from Galaxy; Jasper from Milky Way and Franklin from Mars. Well done to all of you.

Nick Firkins
Headteacher

VSA NEWS

2021/22 Hundred Club: The sign-up period for our annual Hundred Club ends today and at the time of writing we still have 21 numbers left to fill. The Hundred Club is a big part of our Autumn fundraising, so if you would like to take part and haven't yet signed up a copy of the form and rules has been sent round with this newsletter. Thank you to those who have already signed up – we really do appreciate your support.

Class Cake Sales: It is the turn of Neptune Class next week (1st October) – if you are a Neptune Class parent or carer and can help pack please speak to Mrs Edwards on Monday morning.

Secondhand Uniform Shop: If you have any items with the school logo on (jumpers/cardigans/fleeces) in sizes 7-8 upwards that you no longer need, please consider donating them to our uniform shop as we have lots of people looking for those sizes!

Christmas Cards: All the children are spending time designing their own Christmas Card over the next few weeks, which you will be given the chance to purchase from Xmas4Schools in October, which a proportion of the money raised going to the VSA. We are using their online ordering system again, so when your child's design comes home please complete the details on the form and return it to the class teacher. You will then get an email from Xmas4schools when they have uploaded the design online for you to place any orders. We will keep you updated on when to expect something from Xmas4schools via our VSA Facebook page and this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

VSA.

SCHOOL TRAVEL CHALLENGE
Monday 27th September – Friday 1st October

Frome Town Council have teamed up with Frome's Missing Links to deliver Frome's Active Travel Challenge.

The School Travel Challenge encourages the whole school community to travel to school in an active and sustainable way. This includes walking, scooting, cycling and park and stride – where you leave the car a little further away from the school than you normally would to allow you and your child to join in the challenge.

The Travel Challenge is from Monday 27th September – Friday 1st October, although we would love to see families travel actively to school throughout the year.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27th September – Friday 1st October – School Travel Challenge
Monday 4th October – KS1 Family Learning Event, 9 – 10am
Tuesday 5th October – KS2 Family Learning Event, 9 – 10am
Tuesday 12th October – Harvest Celebration at Trinity Church – 9.30am
Thursday 14th October – School Photos
Thursday 14th October – KS2 film night, 5 - 7pm
Wednesday 20th October – Parents' Evening Years 1 - 4
Thursday 21st October – Parents' Evening Years 1 – 4
Friday 22nd October – INSET day
Thursday 25th November – VSA Bingo
Monday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 14th December - KS1 Christmas Performance – 9.30am
Tuesday 14th December - Foundation Stage Christmas Performance – 1.30pm
Tuesday 14th December – KS2 Carol Service at Trinity Church – 5pm
Wednesday 15th December – Foundation Stage Performance – 1.30pm

