

Parent Governor Vacancy: Before the Christmas holidays we notified parents that we will have a vacancy for a parent governor on our Governing Body. If you are interested in this role in our school please arrange to see Mrs Pauley to find out more about this important role in supporting Vallis First School. Nominations for this post will need to be in by Friday 9th February 2018.

Curriculum overviews: Please see the back of this note for details of the topics and work your child will be covering during this term. If you have any interesting artefacts or expertise you can offer then please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Maths Family Learning Tuesday 6th February: We are planning a whole school Family Learning event with a Maths theme to launch our new Maths Calculation Policy. The activities will be designed so that parents can have fun with their children at the same time as finding out how, multiplication is taught here at Vallis. There will be an opportunity to either join your child's class between 9am and 10am or to come to an evening event along with your child between 6pm and 7pm.

Raising Aspirations Project: Part of our vision at Vallis, is to introduce our children to the joy of learning, in all areas of the curriculum. We want to open their minds to the thought that in their future they can continue to enjoy learning and possibly find work which involves using a favourite subject or subjects. Last academic year we contacted parents who would be willing to come into school to talk to the children about their work. We were delighted that a number of willing volunteers came forward.

During our Science Focus week which starts on Monday 12th March 2018 we would like to invite parents whose jobs involve using science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM subjects) to come and talk to our children from Years 2,3 and 4. We are happy to work around your availability during this week or if necessary on another suitable date. Please email vallisfirstschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk if you are happy to help out, with the dates that are convenient for you. Thank you for your support!

VSA NEWS

Cake Sales: Milky Way Class made £56.00 last week. Well done Milky Way Class. It is the turn of Satellite Class tomorrow and we have a special request... as the Nurture Room is for all children in the school, Satellite doesn't have a core group of parents, so not as many cakes are donated for sale. If anyone has time to bake or buy some cakes, regardless of whether your child attends Satellite or not, it would be very much appreciated.

VSA Hundred: Following a suggestion from a fellow parent, we will be launching a trial of a 'Hundred Club' on Monday. A bit like a lottery, the aim of the club is to raise extra money for the school by parents purchasing a number that would be entered into a monthly draw. If we have sufficient interest you could be in with a chance to win one of three potential prizes a month of £25, £15 & £10, but the exact prize amounts will depend on how many tickets we sell. 50% of the money raised will go to the VSA and 50% into the prize fund. Please look out for more information coming home with your child on Monday and on our VSA Facebook page.

Dates for your Diary 2018

Friday 19th January - Satellite Class Cake Sale

Friday 26th January - Moon Class Cake Sale

Friday 2nd February - Galaxy Class Cake Sale

Tuesday 6th February - Maths Family Learning Event 9-10am or 6-7pm

Thursday 8th February - Last day of school before half term holiday

Friday 9th February - INSET day

Monday 19th February - Back to school

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day - Reading Family Learning Event

Friday 23rd March - Last day of school before Easter holidays

Monday 9th April - Back to school

Schools Admissions Consultation:

Parents are welcome to contribute to this consultation process. The deadline is 31st January 2018. If you would like to view the arrangements for admissions and details for making comments please visit

www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions and choose the page School Admissions Policy or phone 01823 356146.