

Frome's Winter Wonderland: Last half term our Year 2 children were busy with the artist Emma Finch creating their contribution to this exciting project which is celebrated throughout Frome this weekend on Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th February 2018. Our Year 2's work is displayed in the Black Swan gallery and in the Library. From 5.30pm onwards each day the window displays will be lit to show off the beautiful work the children have created. Don't miss your chance to see their handiwork.

Come and help us to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1st March.

Parents or family members are invited to join us to celebrate 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 SURVEY and PARENTS FORUM: Thank you to the 50 families who completed the survey. If you would still like to submit a survey please do. The winning ticket from the lucky dip was **number 41**. Please bring your raffle ticket to the office to claim your £25 prize.

As you are aware from our survey letter we are also seeking parental views on various aspects of school life at our **Parents' Forum**. The ideas and thoughts collected from parents, staff and children will help us to shape the Governors plans and visions for 'Where next for Vallis?' There will be two times to choose from on Wednesday 7th March: either come along between 9 and 10 am or between 6 and 7pm. We are hoping to have a crèche for school age children for the evening event. The sorts of areas we are hoping to collect parents' views on are: curriculum content and delivery, trips and visits, fundraising for extra activities and resources, building and grounds, rewards and sanctions, family learning at home and school, preparing children for adulthood, 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 GOVERNOR: - Please arrange to talk to Mrs Pauley about this if you are interested in this important role in our school.

VSA NEWS

Cake Sales: It is the turn of Voyager Class tomorrow, all contributions from Voyager Class parents greatly appreciated. It is the turn of Neptune Class on Friday 9th March.

World Book Day Book and Cake stall: The VSA will be running a book and cake stall from 2:30pm- 3:15pm on Thursday 1st March to coincide with the school's World Book Day celebrations. Donations of books or cakes for the stall very gratefully received, please leave them with the Office, books at any time, and cakes on the morning of 1st March. We will either hold the event in the School Library or the playground depending on the weather, see the VSA Facebook page for latest updates.

World Book Day Fundraising Competition: As part of our World Book Day celebrations, teachers from Foundation Stage, KS1 & KS2 have produced a book quiz (see over). For the chance to win a £5 book token (3 prizes available - 1 each for Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2), complete the quiz and return to school by Thursday 1st March with a 50p entrance fee. All correct entries will be placed in a hat and the winners drawn on Friday 2nd March. Adults please feel free to write in the answers for younger children! Good Luck!

Dates for your Diary 2018

Friday 23rd February - Voyager Class Cake Sale

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day: Family events

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

Y2 Parents' meetings - 20th March 9am to late and 23rd March 9-3pm

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

Y1, 3&4 Parents' meetings - 21st March and 22nd March