

## Vallis First School Thursday Note

Autumn Term - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018 <u>www.vallisfirstschool.org</u>



Information meetings for KS1 and KS2 parents: Our Key Stage 1 and 2 phase leaders, Mrs Molloy and Mr Summers are asking all Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 parents to try to attend one of two information meetings to find out about the changes that have happened in KS1 and KS2 - either on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am or Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm. Please come along to the School Hall.

September 2019 Admissions to Reception classes: This year Somerset County Council will not be sending out Starting School packs. Information is online and applications will need to be made on line. Please go onto the Somerset County Council website and search for starting school. You will need to register to set up a password. Please let your friends and neighbours know about this change. Parents interested in having a tour of the school should phone the School Office to make an appointment 01373 462657.

Curriculum overviews: You will find the one relevant to your child's class on the back of this Thursday Note. If you have any resources or artefacts to share that are relevant to the topic please speak to your child's class teacher.

Parking around the school site: In order to keep our children and families safe we restrict the movement of traffic at the beginning and end of the school day by locking our car park gate and putting out traffic cones to stop cars entering the Milk Street. For the benefit of new parents to the school and others who may not be aware please do not park in the school car park or on the road near the School Crossing Patrols because this area needs to be free so that our Crossing Patrol people can see to cross children safely. There is plenty of parking in the streets around the neighbourhood but please be courteous to our neighbours. Parking on corners is of course illegal and endangers other road users and may result in a ticket. Please ensure you model good road safety by using the Crossing Patrol outside our school or outside St Louis' school and stick to the paths into school rather than crossing the car park.

## School funding and Benefit Based Free School

Meals: All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If you are receiving Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance please come to the School Office and we can register your child. This attracts additional funding for the school and entitles children to half price trips and clubs.

Flu Vaccination: Your child will have come home with a consent form for the Flu Vaccination. The Vaccination is due to take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the morning. Please ensure that the consent form is filled in and handed back to the School Office to ensure that your child receives this vaccination.

Clubs: We have 2 places on Dodgeball (Thursday's) and 1 place on Tag Rugby (Wednesday's). If you would like your child to have one of these places, please come to the School Office to book and pay for their place.

## Dates for your Diary 2018

Monday 24th September - After School Clubs start

Tuesday 25th September - KS1 & KS2 Parents Information Meeting at 2.15pm in the Hall

Friday 12th October - EYFS Family Learning (Reading)

Tuesday 16th October - Harvest Festival at 9.30am - Trinity Church

Friday 19th October - VSA Disco

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents' Evening - early

Wednesday 24th October - Parents' Evening - late

Thursday 25th October - School photos. Sibling photos taken from 8.30 am

Thursday 25th October - Foundation Stage Parents' Evening

Friday 26th October - Foundation Stage Parents' Day. Last day of school before half term

Monday 5th November - INSET Day. School closed to children

Tuesday 6th November - Back to school