

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a lovely Summer of glorious weather. A very warm welcome to children and families who are new to our school, we hope you will be very happy here at Vallis. It has been a real joy to see all the children returning to school looking so much taller and very smart in their uniforms.

Over the holidays we have had new windows installed in our School Hall and a new floor and carpet laid in the Key Stage One corridor as well as some painting work in various parts of the school. Thanks to the hard work of the premises team and the teaching staff we were able to get the school ready in time to welcome the children.

Lots of exciting topics and activities have been planned for the term and in our Tuesday morning assembly we shared with the children how the project afternoons will work in KS1 and KS2. Children will be working across the whole of their Key Stage and meeting several of the Key Stage staff during their project afternoons. We explained that each day they would know exactly what they would be doing, where it would be happening and who would be their teacher for that activity. The first week has gone really well and we are delighted with how excited the children have been accessing the different aspects of the projects. On next week's Thursday Note we will share the topic plans with you as parents.

Our Key Stage 1 and 2 leaders, Mrs Molloy and Mr Summers will be 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 2- either Thursday 20th September at 9.00am or Tuesday 25th September at 2.00pm. Please come along to the School Hall.

Look out for information on our weekly Thursday Note which is also posted onto our website each week. Dates of future events will be listed below including the dates of our INSET days for the whole year.

If you need any information please try our website or speak to our lovely team in the School Office who will be happy to help.

Best wishes

Swimming: It is the turn of our Year 4 (Mars Class and Milky Way class) children to attend swimming lessons this term. The lessons will start next Wednesday 12th September and end on Wednesday 21st November. The cost of the lessons is £3.00/week or £30.00/term, any cheques should be made payable to Somerset County Council. Please ensure that your child comes to school each Wednesday with a swimming costume for girls and trunks for boys and a towel.

Year 4 Osmington Bay Trip (Monday 4th March - Wednesday 6th March 2019): A reminder to the parents of our Year 4 children that this trip needs to be paid for in full by February half term (ie. 14th February 2019). Please bring your payments along to the school office. You can ask for a payment card to keep track of your progress if you would like one.

Dates for your Diary 2018

INSET dates for the Year:

Monday 3rd September 2018

Monday 5th November 2018

Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

KS1 and KS2 Parents' Information Meetings:

9.00am Thursday 20th September 2018

2.00pm Tuesday 25th September 2018

Summer Reading Challenge: A reminder that the Summer Reading Challenge ends this Saturday 8th September. 100's of our children entered the challenge, so please make sure they return to the Library to complete the challenge so that they can receive their certificates and medals in our Celebration Assembly. This would be a record for our school if everyone completes the challenge!

VSA NEWS

Welcome back everyone from the VSA Committee! We are raring to go and looking forward to another fun filled year. We have agreed the dates for events and activities for this academic year with Mrs Pauley, so please look out for more info on posters around the school and on our VSA Facebook Page. Just a few gentle reminders about the page: If you are new to the school and want to join the Facebook Page please remember to answer the admin question - we will not accept members until this is completed. The page is only for VSA fundraising and event information or to help answer general questions about school activities. Please direct any other feedback about the School to the School Office. Any public notices unrelated to the VSA will be removed. Thank you for your continued support.

New Parents' Coffee Morning: On Monday 10th September the VSA will be hosting our Annual Coffee Morning for new parents/carers to the school in the Community Room from 8:45 onwards. If your child has recently joined the school in any class (not just Reception) please feel free to come along and meet members of the VSA and other parents/carers for coffee, cake and much more. We hope to see as many people as possible.

Secondhand Uniform Sale: We will be running our monthly uniform shop tomorrow (Friday 7th September) from 2:45pm outside the KS2 playground. We have loads of fabulous quality secondhand uniform in various sizes to buy or swap. We also accept Selwood, Oakfield or Frome College uniform.

Cake Sales: The schedule for the class cake sales this year will be on next week's Thursday note.