

**Parents' Meetings:** Thank you to all the parents who have attended our Parents' Meetings this week. We hope you have been pleased to hear how well your children are progressing with their learning and how much we are all enjoying our new topics and project afternoons. We hope you enjoy the half term holiday and we will see you back at school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November as the teachers are having a training day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

**Clubs after half term:** We still have 1 place left on Outdoor Skills (Tuesdays) and 2 places left on Multi-Sports (Tuesdays). If you would like your child to have one of these places, please inform the school office. Clubs start the first week back after the half term break for 5 weeks.

#### FAMILY HOLIDAY HALF TERM FUN!

- **Toy Library - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-3pm at Portway Church:** Stay and Play - lots of toys and games to play with and borrow, together with crafts and singing. Drop in £1/per child. For children up to 10 years old.
- **Fun Science - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 10.30am-12 noon at the Key Centre - Fizzpop Science -** Wacky experiments, plasma balls and make your own sherbet! Drop in £1/per child. For children up to 12 years old.
- **Family Learning Day - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10am-2.30pm at Welshmill Woods -** Discover which British wild animals hibernate, why they do this and how we can help them. Make a mini hedgehog and a place for it to hibernate. For children aged 5-11 years old and their parents/carers. Please bring wellies, a coat and packed lunch. **Booking essential: Places for this free day are very limited. For more information or to book a place phone 01963 351350 or email [education@carymoor.org.uk](mailto:education@carymoor.org.uk) Adult participants must be 19 or over and be a Somerset resident.**

#### VSA NEWS

**VSA Disco:** Thank you to the VSA volunteers that helped to make the Disco such fun and once again to our DJ Declan Moore and his family for the music and entertainment!

**Cake Sales:** Saturn raised £49.00 in their cake sale last week, well done Saturn class! Tomorrow is the turn of Satellite class. As this is our Nurture Class, it doesn't have the core group of parents that the other classes do so if anyone from across the school is able to bake or buy some cakes for the sale it is very much appreciated by Ms Sturgess and Mrs Williams.

**Sausage Sizzle:** We have the chance to run a Sausage Sizzle at Homebase on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November. The sizzle we ran in April raised just over £400, and we hope that we can raise a similar amount this time. If anyone is able to help man the stall for an hour or more on the day we would be very grateful for the extra pair of hands - we need four people on the stall at any one time. If you can help out please leave your name at the office.

**VSA Committee Meeting:** The next VSA meeting will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November in the Library with a crèche for children. Anyone is welcome 😊

**Book Bags:** Please can the book bags be used just for reading books and link books. Children are putting their water bottles into them which has led to lots of soggy books...

**Poppies:** We will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal after half term. The fundraising goodies will be going around the classrooms from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Please send your child in with a suitable donation for this worthy cause if you choose to support it.

#### Dates for your Diary 2018

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Reception classes Parents' Meetings all day. Last day of school before half term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - INSET Day. School closed to children

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Back to school

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Book Fair arrives

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Last day of Book Fair

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Mufti Day for VSA Bingo prizes

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November - VSA Bingo evening

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - School Christmas meal

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performances\* - Foundation Stage am, KS1 pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performances\* - KS1 am, KS2 pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performances\* - KS2 am, Foundation Stage pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Last day of school before holiday

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Back to school

**\*further details regarding tickets to follow**