

## Vallis First School Thursday Note

Autumn Term - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 www.vallisfirstschool.org



Christmas Bingo: Once again our valiant team of parents and staff worked hard to prepare fabulous prize hampers, great food and a great atmosphere which made our School Christmas Bingo such a successful and enjoyable night! We are delighted to say that over £1250 was raised which will be spent on our ongoing playground upgrades and other VSA funded projects. Thank you to everyone who attended and provided the goodies for the hampers. We are very thankful to our generous business community in Frome who donated some great additional prizes. One of the many projects the VSA has recently helped fund is two new play pods to house a new set of hollow wooden blocks that the children love to get creative with.

Donations from parents and local businesses: At a time when school budgets are under pressure we continue to be amazed and grateful for the generosity of parents and our local businesses who donate their time, money and services and often sponsor additional school events and activities for the children. As well as prizes for the Christmas Bingo we also had a Christmas tree donated by Mole Valley Farmers and a cupboard full of free art and craft stock from Futurform. The starlings which we have used to create our beautiful starling mumuration in our School Hall were kindly laser cut by Dan at Frome Hardware. A huge thank you goes to all of these businesses from all the children and staff.

Poppy Appeal total and Christmas charity collections: We were delighted to be able to raise £282.67 for this worthy cause this year. The Area Appeal Co-ordinator informed us that our school collected the most in the area © On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December we will be taking part in the Save the Children Christmas jumper appeal. Children will be able to wear their jumpers in in exchange for a donation to Save the Children. We don't charge for our Christmas performances but we do take a collection at the end of each performance. This year we will give our collection to Save the Children and Frome Food Bank.

Bank Cleaner: If you are interested in joining our Premises Team as a casual (supply) cleaner, please contact the school office for further details ©

**Performance Tickets:** We now have the tickets ready for you to come and see your child's Christmas performance. Every family is entitled to up to 2 tickets per child in the first instance, any spares will be available on the day of the performance. Please come to the School Office to collect your tickets:

Foundation Stage	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10am	Red tickets
Jupiter & Saturn	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm	Brown tickets
Apollo & Neptune	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm	Blue tickets
Jupiter & Saturn	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am	Orange tickets
Apollo & Neptune	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10.15am	Purple tickets
Milky Way & Voyager	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December @ 1.15pm	Pink tickets
Mars & Galaxy	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm	Silver tickets
Milky Way & Voyager	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ 9.20am	Gold tickets
Mars & Galaxy	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ 10.20am	Green tickets
Foundation Stage	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December @ 2pm	Black tickets

## Dates for your Diary 2018/9

Friday  $14^{\text{th}}$  December – School Christmas meal and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performances

Tuesday 18th December - Christmas Performances

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Performances

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Class parties

Friday 21st December - Last day of school, 2pm finish

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

Thursday  $14^{\text{th}}$  February – Last day before half term holiday

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February - INSET day

Monday 25th February - Back to school

## Deadline for Primary Admissions:

For the attention of all parents/carers with a child due to start school in September 2019. If your child is due to start school for the first time (born between 01/09/2014 and 31/08/2015) then it is very important you make an on time school place application. The deadline for primary admissions is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. To download the primary booklet for parent's, to make an on-line application and for further information please visit our website <a href="https://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions">www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions</a> and choose the page Apply to Start School.