

Letter from Governors: Please see the back of this Thursday Note for a letter from our Governors.

Family Learning for KS1: KS1 classes are having a Family Learning Event on Thursday 7th February 9-10am. Family members are encouraged to come along at work alongside your child in their class helping them to sew aliens as part of the project.

Thank You: A huge thank you to Mr Loughlin and his family, supported by Trinity Community group, who worked very hard to trim the laurels on our patch of land next to the Griffin Inn. We are very grateful to the work everyone put into to tidy up this area of our school.

Town Twinning Ambassador School and half term events: Many of you will have seen the picture in the paper of Vallis First School children being presented with a certificate as we became the first Town Twinning Ambassador School. The school is hosting the first event this half term. This will start with a German Carnival mask-making workshop organised by the Children's Festival from 1.45 to 2.30 pm on Thursday 21st February in Vallis First School. At the same time children will have the opportunity to develop questions or suggestions for the Mayor of Frome. At 2.45pm children and families will form a carnival procession to the Town Hall. Children are invited to come in fancy-dress for this and will wear their masks. On arrival, we will storm the Town Hall and demand the attendance of the Mayor. After he has agreed to answer the children's questions, we will go into the Council Chamber for questions. Refreshments will be available for adults and children will all receive a free doughnut (a tradition in our German twin town of Murrhardt). The event will finish no later than 4pm, and all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout. This event is being targeted at 6-12 years old, but younger or older members of the family are also invited to come along. Numbers are limited so booking is essential. Please give your details to the School Office. Please assume you have a place unless you are told otherwise.

Severe Weather Phone Tree

In case of a severe weather closure of our school, please check our website www.vallisfirstschool.org to see if there is notification for you. We will also endeavor to send you a text. If you are unable to find out through either of these methods, please contact your Year Group representatives below. However, please respect their privacy and time and **DO NOT** contact them before 7.30am. Thank you.

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| Helen Loughlin | Parent contact - Reception | 07740 463973 or 01373 464451 |
| Claire Schneider | Parent contact - Yr 1 | 07779 705429 or 01373 671949 |
| Karen Davis | Parent contact - Yr 2 | 07860 803015 or 01373 302779 |
| Vicky Gregory | Parent contact - Yr 3 | 07799 784336 or 01373 671208 |
| Holly McGruther | Parent contact - Yr 4 | 07795 384025 or 01373 471523 |

VSA NEWS

Cake Sales: Forest School raised £75.00 in their cake sale last week, thank you to everyone who baked or bought and supported the team. It is the turn of Mars class tomorrow - please bake or buy some items for sale. If you can help pack or sell please let Mrs Irwin know.

Spring Disco: We are now sold out for our school disco on Friday 8th February, but there is a reserve list held by the School Office. If your child is attending, please remember that this is not a school event so you will need to pick them up at 3pm as usual, change them in their classroom and bring them to the hall to sign them in.

Thank you for your continued support - we really appreciate it.

Dates for your Diary 2019

Tuesday 5th February - Safer Internet Day

Thursday 7th February - KS1 Family Learning Event - 9 to 10am

Friday 8th February - Spring Disco - 3.15 to 4.45pm

Thursday 14th February - Mufti Day in aid of Science week and last day before half term holiday

Friday 15th February - INSET day

Thursday 21st February - Bringing German Carnival to Frome - including Storming the Town Hall

Monday 25th February - Back to school