

**Vallis World Book Day:** Today is World Book Day, but we celebrated a week earlier, and on the back of this Thursday Note you can see the results of our photo shoot spelling 'Vallis Reads' created by all the staff and children in the school holding up their chosen books, many dressed as book characters or reading heroes! Thank you to Miss Massey our photographer and designer. The children enjoyed various book related activities during the day including decorating their book corner. It was fabulous to welcome so many parents and family members who came into school at 2.30pm to share stories with their children and friends. Thank you for your support for this event and for the VSA book stall. Look out for future pop-up book stalls - I now have a whole pile of books for holiday reading 😊

**Year 4 Residential to Osmington Bay:** We were delighted to welcome some rather tired and muddy Year 4s and the school staff back from their adventures at Osmington Bay yesterday after a very enjoyable trip. A huge thank you to all the staff both at school and at Osmington who made this trip possible and a great success! Year 3 children and parents look out for information meetings about next year's trip coming soon and perhaps start putting some money aside to help cover the costs.

**Science Week:** This takes place next week and we will start our week with an assembly provided for free by 'Science Bugs'. The teachers have then planned various activities for the children to enjoy practicing particular important science skills. We will be going on walks and enjoying some of the messier aspects of science.

**Inspiring future careers:** During next week we will also welcome our first group of parents who have offered to come and talk about their work and how they started their careers. This is to encourage all our children to be aspirational in their thinking about what the future might hold for them.

**PE Kits in school:** We still have a number of children who do not have a PE kit in school or their kit doesn't fit or is incomplete. As a result we have lots of children trying to take part in PE in school uniform. PE is part of the national curriculum and can only be missed for exceptional circumstances. Please can you ensure your child's kit is brought in at the beginning of the term and left in school until the holidays when it goes home for a wash. This is a good time to check it still fits, especially the daps. Reception and KS1 need shorts, t-shirt and daps and KS2 need outdoor kit preferably jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt and trainers as we go out in all weathers!

**Clubs:** There are a few places left on Multi-Sports which is held on Tuesdays. Please come to the School Office to book and pay for a place if you would like your child to attend. Thank you.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ATTENDANCE:** Frome schools have a united front in line with Government policy and in partnership with parents to try to ensure good attendance for all our children and give them the best future life chances.

- Our school target for good attendance is 96%. Many children exceed this and some have 100% attendance.
- If a child's attendance falls below 90% they are considered to be a persistent absentee according to Government.
- If your child's attendance falls below 90% you will get a letter asking you to attend a meeting with the Headteacher with the aim of improving your child's future attendance.
- If a child's attendance fails to improve then a referral can be made to the Education Welfare Service.
- For Foundation Stage children the letter is usually just for information.
- Term time leave is not authorised unless there are special circumstances which do not include family holidays. Fines will usually be issued by the Somerset Education Welfare service and are issued for each school aged child.

**Dates for your Diary 2019**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Science Week

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Jupiter class cake sale

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term