

**School Budgets:** You will be aware from the news that schools are struggling to balance budgets with rising staffing and running costs and a National Funding formula that does not appear to reflect the complexity of needs in primary schools today. We currently rely on all our parents making a full contribution to extras such as swimming, trips and any other additional activities we offer above the basic running of our daily curriculum. We are delighted that the VSA have so generously agreed to fund some of our curriculum enrichment activities in addition to the funds raised by parental contributions. We will send out a further communication about decisions we are going to have to make in the future with regard to planning extra trips and activities so parents can have a voice in how to make these activities possible and affordable.

**Comic Relief:** We did not fully embrace the Comic Relief fundraising event this year, however £55.45 was raised towards this worthy cause. Thank you.

**Little Things Magazine:** This is usually printed and distributed to schools but in order to avoid waste it is now available to download for free on [issuu.com](http://issuu.com) - search The Little Things Magazine.

**Generous donation:** The Co-op at Badcox has a charitable box, the contents of which they have kindly decided to donate to our school. A huge thank you to the Co-op!

**Parents' meetings:** Please look out for your appointment to meet with your child's class teacher which will come out soon ready for meetings on the last week of term (week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April).

**Year of the Flute Concert in the Cheese and Grain - 26<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30pm:** We are delighted that once again some of our school violinists will be taking part in Jackdaws Year of the Flute concert in the Cheese and Grain next week; accompanying professional musicians in their performances. Parents of children taking part are welcome to attend but will need to get tickets from the Cheese & Grain.

**Lunchtime Bank Staff:** We are looking to increase our bank of casual lunchtime supervisors. If you are interested in applying for this role, please contact the school office.

**Foundation Stage Playground:** We are about to re-vamp the Foundation Stage playground and are asking if any of our parents are able to donate any of the required materials or some time and skills to help the project, to please contact the school office. A list of materials needed will be on next week's Thursday note. Thank you ☺

### VSA NEWS

**Cake Sales:** We raised £80.00 for Satellite Class in their cake sale last week, thank you to everyone who baked or bought, it is very much appreciated by Mrs Williams and Ms Sturgess. It is the turn of Galaxy Class tomorrow, please bake or buy some items for sale. If anyone is free to help pack or sell please speak to Mr Summers, it only takes 15 minutes at either end of the school day.

**Summer Fair:** We have now started planning our Summer Fair which takes place in June. If you have any ideas for a stall or activity please do let one of the committee members or the school office know. At the moment we know we will need prizes for our raffle and volunteers to run the stalls and activities, so please let us know if you can help with either. Look out for more information and requests for support on this note and our Facebook page over the coming months.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Dates for your Diary 2019

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** Reception, Years 1, 3 and 4 Parents' Meetings

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:** Year 2 Parents' Meetings

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** First day of Summer Term