

**Foundation Stage Playground:** We are still looking for offers of help or donations of materials for our planned re-ramp of the Foundation Stage Playground. If you are able to help on the day - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - or can donate any materials, please contact the School Office.

**Parent Governor Vacancy:** We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way and would like to find out more please contact Mrs Pauley to have a chat about this role.

**Message from Frome Town Twinning - urgent request for host families!** You may know that Vallis First School is a 'Twinning Ambassador School', and has agreed to support us by participating in our links with our Twin Towns in France, Germany and Poland. This September, from Sep 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, Frome will welcome 30 visitors from each of our twin towns - 90 in all - to participate in a number of planned activities and events, including the Carnival. Some of these will be adults, and some will be young people from 14 -18 years old. They are very excited about their visit but as I am sure you can imagine, it is giving us a huge logistical problem in finding families prepared to host a visitor for this weekend. We are writing to ask whether you and your family would be willing to welcome a visitor into your home for these dates. This can be huge fun as you each find out a bit about other cultures and home life, and may even provide an opportunity for you and your children to practise a few language skills, though most of them speak English too. Please contact Frome Twinning directly to find out further information, or to offer to host a visitor. You can also find out more about their twin towns by looking at their website <http://www.frometwinning.btck.co.uk>

**Parking:** We are having complaints from some parents and residents about inconsiderate parking and speeding in the local area. Can we please remind you that to help keep all our pupils, parents and staff safe:

- **PLEASE DO NOT enter Milk Street (Griffin Inn end) between 8.25 - 9.05am and 2.30 - 3.15pm unless you are staff**
- **PLEASE DO NOT park on pavements**
- **PLEASE DO NOT park on yellow or zig-zag lines**
- **PLEASE DO NOT block the metal gate near the staff car park in case an emergency vehicle needs to gain access to the school or neighbouring housing**
- **PLEASE DO NOT upset our local neighbours by blocking their garages or using their spaces**

If you have to bring your car, please park it well away from our site and be respectful to our neighbours.

### Dates for your Diary 2019

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank holiday  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - Foundation Stage playground day  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Last day before half term  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - Back to school  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - Sports Day and picnic  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Transfer Day  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term, 2pm finish

### VSA NEWS

**Cake Sales:** Neptune class raised £62.50 in their cake sale last week, thank you to everyone who baked, bought and helped pack or sell! It is the turn of Sun Class tomorrow, please bake or buy some items for sale. If you can help pack or sell please let Mrs Kerton know, it takes 15 minutes at either end of the day.

**School Disco:** Our next school disco will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 3:15-4:45pm. As usual, tickets are limited and they will go on sale tomorrow by the cake sale outside the KS2 playground, then again next Tuesday morning (8:50-9:05pm) by the School Office. If tickets are still available after that we will let you know when we will be selling them via our Facebook page.

**Uniform Shop:** Our secondhand uniform shop will be open tomorrow from 2:45pm in the room opposite the School Office. We have lots of Summer dresses and shorts if you want to stock up for the Summer term - you can buy or swap items, we also accept Selwood and Oakfield uniform.

#### Winning hundred club numbers for May:

- 1st - Number 87 - Cheryl Hill  
2nd - Number 15 - Lynette Latchem  
3rd - Number 51 - Dan Nutley  
Congratulations to the winners - you can pick up your prizes from the school office.

**Summer Fair - volunteers needed!!!** We really need help to run stalls at this year's Summer Fair on 15<sup>th</sup> June. If you can spare some time please leave your name and contact details with the School Office and a member of the VSA Committee will be in touch.