

Vallis First School Thursday Note

Summer Term - Thursday 13th June 2019 www.vallisfirstschool.org



Year 2 and Year 3 Parents' meeting: Thank you to all those parents who attended these meetings and for your helpful input. I will report back more fully on next week's Thursday Note.

VSA NEWS

Our Summer Fair is **this Saturday** from 12pm to 3pm! We hope to see many of you there. For an idea of what's going on please see the map on the back of this note.

If you are entering one of our competitions (Lego structure, 2D Mythical Creature or Best dressed toy) please bring your entry in no later than 1:45pm on the day ready for the judging at 2pm.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

It's that time of year again when all Somerset Libraries are getting ready for the annual Summer Reading Challenge. The Challenge is promoted by the Reading Agency with the aim of encouraging children to keep and develop their reading skills during the summer holidays.

This year the Challenge is called Space Race, inspired by the 50^{th} anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens. There will be the usual (often smelly) stickers to collect and clues to solve. Children who take part are encouraged to read up to 6 books, either on their own or with family. Books can be fiction, non-fiction, graphic or audio. There is a certificate for every child that takes part, those who read 6 books get a medal as well, all of which will be presented during a school assembly.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a great example of how Libraries and Schools can work together to develop a lifelong love of reading for the whole family. Library staff encourage children to try new books, as well as reading more of their favourite authors. The Library also runs a number of activities based around the Challenge theme.

Children from Frome and the surrounding area always engage really well with the Challenge, and we would be delighted to welcome even more to the Library this summer.

Towards the end of June we will send you information promoting the Summer Reading Challenge, with more information about activities and how children can sign up.

Dates for your Diary 2019

Wednesday 19th June - KS1 school trip

Tuesday 25th June - Sports Day and family picnic

Tuesday 2nd July - Foundation Stage school trip

Wednesday 3rd July - Transfer Day

Friday 19th July - Last day of term, 2pm finish

Monday 2nd September - INSET day

Tuesday 3rd September - First day of school

Foundation Stage Playground opening:

This is happening tomorrow from 2.30pm. Please come along and have a look at all the hard work that went into this re-vamp ©