

Vallis First School Thursday Note

Summer Term - Thursday 27th June 2019 www.vallisfirstschool.org



Sports Morning: Thank you to the many parents and family members who attended our School Sports morning. We hope you enjoyed the event as much as the children. We are very fortunate to have IG Sports in Frome who organised and supervised the events for the morning; paid for through our Sport Grant. We are only sorry that we had to cancel the Family Picnic this year due to a lack of dry spaces to host it.

Thank you for bearing with us as this year as the weather provided a number of challenges. On Monday 24th June first thing in the morning the field had still not been cut and marked out as the grounds company could not cut the grass due to the rain and staff shortages. At 1pm we were able to confirm that the field was cut and marked and the forecast was indicating we may be able to go ahead. The changeable weather overnight and first thing Tuesday morning then gave us an added challenge and we could not confirm that it would definitely go ahead until we had finished clearing the field of rubbish and assessing the conditions at 8.30am. All parents should have received two texts updating them on the developing situation on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. If you did not receive these it is likely that you have not updated your primary contact number on our system as this is what is used by the texting service. Please check and notify the School Office if you need to change your contacts. We also posted a message on our school's website and the VSA Facebook page was also updated as soon as a decision had been made.

Wednesday 3rd July Transfer Day: This is the day when all our Year 4s will go to their new middle schools for the whole day. We will welcome our new Reception intake in for a taster morning. Our current Reception will go to their Year 1 classes for the morning and our current Year 2s will experience their new Key Stage 2 classes. Our current Year 3s will experience their new Key Stage 2 classes as well. You will receive a letter on Monday 1st July to say which class your child will be in in September 2019 and this is the class they will go to at the beginning of the day on Wednesday 3rd July. They will return to their old classroom at lunch time and be collected as usual at the end of the school day from their current classrooms.

Our current Year 4s will stay at middle school for the day. Timings for their day will have been given to you in your welcome pack.

VSA NEWS

VSA Meeting: We will be having our next meeting of the committee tomorrow at 2pm in the Community Room to go over plans for this year's Year 4 Leavers Party which will be on Thursday 18th July from 12pm to 3pm. All parents/carers are welcome to attend this meeting.

Uniform Shop: The uniform shop will be on next Friday (5th July) from 2:45 either outside the KS2 playground or in the hall, depending on the weather!

Somerset's SEND Customer Satisfaction Survey- have your say!

We would like to hear your views on the support that children and young people with SEND receive in Somerset.

We are asking young people, parent carers and practitioners for their feedback about what is working, or not working across Education, Health and Social Care as a whole.

Somerset County Council has developed this questionnaire with the help of young people, families and practitioners from across the County. We would be grateful if you could spare a little of your time to complete the survey before Friday 19th July 2019 to help us shape and improve the offer in Somerset.

The results from the survey will be used to inform the future development of SEND support in Somerset and we will share the outcomes with you.

You can complete the surveys online:

For children and young people:

www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDchildsatisfaction

For parent carers:

www.somerset.gov.uk/SENDparentsatisfaction

Dates for your Diary 2019

Monday 1st July - Letters to parents about classes for September 2019

Tuesday 2nd July - Foundation Stage school trip

Wednesday 3rd July - Transfer Day

Wednesday 17th July - Y4 Leavers Assembly for Y4 parents only - pm

Thursday 18th July - Year 4 Leavers Party

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