

Our first full week back at school has been a busy one. We have welcomed our new Foundation Stage children to school for the first time - they have been amazing. They have settled very well into their classes and lots of new friends are being made. It has been a real pleasure dropping in during the day and seeing so many happy faces. The only tears I have seen have been from parents when they have to leave their child! It was lovely to see so many parents at the coffee morning too. KS2 and Year 2 have both enjoyed a walk in the local area related to their topic work. This morning, we welcomed Rachel, who is a vet, into school - she has been talking to the children about her job and the care of animals.

The focus for our celebration assemblies on a Friday this year is going to be around our Powerful Learners. We will celebrate the children in each class who have shown themselves to be a Wise Owl, Team Ant, Sensible Squirrel and Tough Tortoise. Also, each teacher will choose a Star Powerful Learner of the week who will come to the front and receive a certificate. Last week our Star Powerful Learners were: Ted in Jupiter Class, Nikola in Saturn Class, Phoenix-Ophelia in Neptune Class, Elwood in Apollo Class, Natasha in Voyager Class, Daisy-May in Milky Way Class and Jamie in Galaxy Class. Other awards are awarded in class as well.

Just a reminder, there will be an informal tea/coffee morning and afternoon on Wednesday next week at 9.00am and 2.30pm if you would like to come in and meet me for a chat. We have also set the last two INSET Days for this year which are Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Nick Firkins  
Headteacher

#### VSA NEWS

**New Parent Coffee Morning:** Thank you to those of you who came to our annual coffee morning on Monday, it was lovely to see so many new faces. We hope all the new students have enjoyed their first full week!

**Hundred Club:** Don't forget the deadline to sign up for this academic year's Hundred Club is 28th September. To be in with a chance to win please complete the membership form and leave with your payment at the school office. Spare letters are also available from the school office.

**VSA Committee Meeting:** Our first committee meeting of the year will take place on Thursday 19th September in Neptune Class, 3pm to 4pm. There will be a crèche for children held in Saturn Class. If you are interested in joining our committee please feel free to come along - everyone is welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

**Helping our school:** If you are a parent or grandparent with a skill, ie. painting, carpentry, gardening etc and would be willing to donate your time to the school if we need something done, please let the school office know so that we can contact you when the need arises.

**Harvest Celebration at Trinity Church:** This will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at Trinity Church. Please could we request donations **non-perishable foods** (in date) of tea, coffee, sugar, baked beans, tinned soup, tinned meat, rice, tinned pulses, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, jam, drinking chocolate, cereals and pasta sauces to be brought into your child's class by **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. These will be donated to the Frome Food Bank. Parents are invited to the church, please note that the Foundation Stage children will not be part of this, but will celebrate it in their classes.

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 9am - KS1 & KS2 Information morning  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2.15pm - KS1 & KS2 Information morning  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September - Tea/coffee with the Headteacher  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 10am - Harvest celebration at Trinity Church  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Early Parents Evening  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Late Parents Evening  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - School Photographs  
Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY

#### KS1 & KS2 Information Meetings

**for Parents:** Please come along to the School Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9am and repeated on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm. This will be an opportunity to find out how we work in KS1 & KS2. We will deliver essential information and be there to answer any questions you may have.