

It was great to meet so many of you yesterday at the coffee morning/afternoon and lovely to hear all the positive comments about the school. This week we had a visitor in an assembly on Tuesday (Rachel Clark) who came and talked to the children about the WHY 365 mile a day challenge she is doing at the moment which is linked with cancer care. This afternoon, the whole school went down to the school field and participated in a mile with Rachel.

You may have seen recently a post on the VSA Facebook page regarding written art on the wall with positive messages. We have some blank walls around the school and it would be great to have some inspiring messages to fill the gaps. If you are artistic and would like to help with this, please let the office know.

Our celebration assembly last week saw many children already showing some powerful learner skills. Our star powerful learners last week were: Lily-Sofia in Voyager, Harrison in Milky Way, Joseph in Galaxy, Griffin in Apollo, Poppy in Neptune, Charlie in Saturn and Khailan in Jupiter. Well done to all of you. Congratulations too to Mrs Lucey for winning two certificates in the recent Frome in Bloom awards - also thank you to Kenzie in Galaxy class for her support.

Nick Firkins Headteacher

VSA NEWS

Cake Sales: Our Friday Cake Sales will kick off next week (Friday 27th September) with Galaxy Class. Parents/carers of Galaxy children, please bake or buy some items for sale. If you can spare some time in the morning or afternoon to help pack or sell please let Mr Summers know. It will be the turn of Voyager Class on Friday 4th October.

Hundred Club: We still have numbers available in this academic year's Hundred Club. The closing date is 28th September - if you haven't had a letter but would like to support the club, please pop along to the school office for a copy.

Frome Eco Party Packages: Fed up with the amount of single use waste at parties? Frome Eco Party Packages can help - they hire out tableware for kids parties and get together's for cheaper than it would be to buy single use versions. In addition they will very kindly donate 15% of your hire cost to the birthday child's school PTA. For more information please visit facebook.com/FromeEcoParty and if you are making a booking please mention Vallis First School VSA!

KS1 Family Learning - Wednesday 25th September from 9-10am. KS1 are holding their first Family Learning Event where children can bring a family member into school to make a Bog Baby! The children will be bringing home their design this week. They would appreciate it if you send in any old (but clean!) socks, preferably blue or green, buttons, sequins, stuffing and anything else to create a wonderful creature.

Flu letter: Your child will have brought home a flu immunisation consent form. Please return it to the school office by tomorrow (Friday 20th September). The immunisations will take place on Tuesday 19th November. Please return the form even if you do not want your child immunised.

Nut allergies: Please can we remind all parents that we are a nut-free school as we have pupils with severe nut allergies. Please don't send your child in with any lunch items or snacks with nuts in - and please check healthy bars for their ingredients to ensure they are also nut-free.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 10th October, 10am - Harvest celebration at Trinity Church

Wednesday 16th October - Early Parents Evening

Thursday 17th October - Late Parents Evening

Thursday 17th October - School Photographs (**please note date change**)

Monday January 6th - INSET DAY