

During the last week our KS2 children have been very busy with visits. Some went to Oakfield School last Thursday morning for an author event organised by Hunting Raven bookshop and a fab time was had by all. Then on Tuesday, Year 4 went to Bath for an author talk as part of the Bath Literacy Festival. We have a link with Gracewell Care Home too and also last Thursday, some Year 4 children went down there to take part in some art activities. It was lovely to receive an email later that day that complimented the children from Vallis school for their 'politeness, wonderful behaviour but also how kind and interested they were in the residents'.

In Celebration assembly we said a big well done to our Star Powerful Learners who were: Lexie-May in Jupiter, Otto in Saturn, Matilda in Neptune, Ollie in Apollo, Scarlett in Galaxy, Kiara in Milky Way and Darcie in Voyager. There are now pictures in the school entrance of all our Star Powerful Learners.

We also celebrated 41 children from Vallis who took part in the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge at the library. It's great to see so many enthusiastic readers who clearly enjoy reading - keep it up.

Nick Firkins
Headteacher

VSA NEWS

Cake Sales: Galaxy Class made £60 at their cake sale. Well done Galaxy class ☺ it is the turn of Voyager class tomorrow. Parents/Carers of Voyager class children, please could you bake or buy some items for the sale? Also, if you can spare some time in the morning or afternoon to help pack or sell please let Mrs Edwards know. Weather permitting we will be selling the cakes outside the KS2 playground from 2:45pm, if not you will find us just outside the community room. It is the turn of Milky Way Class on Friday 11th October.

Fundraising Christmas Cards: The children have been busy designing their Christmas Cards over the last couple of weeks and these will be sent home over the next few days. If you would like to purchase professionally printed versions, please complete the order form and return to school by 14th October. The final printed cards etc should be with us just after half term.

Autumn Disco: Our first disco of the year will take place on Friday 18th October from 3:15 to 4:45pm. As usual children will need to be picked up at 3pm, changed and then signed in with the VSA. Tickets cost £3.50 which includes all food and drink. Tickets are limited due to fire regulations and will go on sale tomorrow (Friday 4th October) by the cake sale table and then on Monday at 8:45am from the office. We will let you know of other chances to buy depending on how many we have left after Monday.

Hundred Club: Thank you to everyone who has joined for this academic year - we have the full 100 numbers allocated and the first draw will take place on Monday. Look out for the winners on our VSA Facebook page and the Thursday Note. Thank you for your continued support.

Harvest celebration: Next Thursday, 10th October, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. Please could we ask for donations of: tinned meat and fish, sauces for rice, tinned vegetables, biscuits, coffee, soup, tinned snacks, juice and toiletries. Please could you take any donations to your child's class on **Monday 7th October**. We will then pass all your kind donations to Frome Food Bank. All parents/carers are welcome to join us at Holy Trinity Church at 10am on 10th October but please note that Foundation Stage pupils will **not** be attending this event.

Charitable trek:

Please find overleaf details of a charitable trek that one of our staff members is doing this half term ☺

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
Wednesday 13th November - Tuesday 19th November - Book Fair
Monday January 6th - INSET DAY

School Photographs:

On Thursday 17th October we will be having school photographs taken. If you would like your child's photo taken with their older or younger siblings, please go to the school hall between 8.30 and 9.00am.