



# Vallis First School Newsletter

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**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023**

Welcome back to term 5 - I hope you all had a great Easter break and managed to enjoy some family time. The children have come back with lots of enthusiasm and are already telling me about their new topics - KS1 have made some exciting discoveries in the forest school area already which they are now finding out about.

Every half term, Sue Cobb, who is our school attendance officer, and myself review the attendance of all the children in the school. Although there is no set attendance expectation, it is generally expected that children should be in school about 95% of the school year. Research has shown that when children miss school, the impact is huge in terms of their academic progress but it also impacts them socially and with their friendships. Children arriving late to school also has a big impact as not only are they missing out on key information at the start of the school day but it can take them time to settle and be ready for learning which again impacts on their progress. If your child is ill and will not be in school, please ring the office first thing in the morning and let us know. If you would like any advice or support with attendance or in getting your child to school on time, please let us know as we would love to help.

Our VSA team are planning on having a Coronation family picnic on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May - please keep your eye out for more details which will be coming out shortly.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Nick



## **Frome Welcome Hub**

The Frome Welcome Hub is a resource for all refugees living in Frome where you can get support and advice on a number of subjects. For more information on how to contact the Hub for some support, please see the leaflets [on our website](#).

## **King Charles III Coronation Picnic**

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, the VSA are organising a family picnic from 12pm – 1pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May in the school playground. As we did with the Jubilee picnic almost a year ago, we would love as many parents and grandparents to join us as we mark the occasion. Any family members wishing to join us should come for 12pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> with a blanket and their own lunch, and the children will join you shortly afterwards to eat lunch. Children who usually have a hot dinner that day will be provided with a pack lunch by our catering provider CleverChefs.

## **Pupil Milk**

If your child is entitled to benefit based free school meals and would like to receive a third of a pint of milk at school every day (free of charge) please contact the school office.

## **Class Photos**

A reminder further to our email on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April, that next Friday (28<sup>th</sup> April) a photographer will be coming in to take class photos. Proofs of the photo will be given to each child in the relevant class so you have the chance to purchase the photo as a keepsake.

**IMPORTANT: If you do not wish your child to appear in their class photo, please email the office by Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## **Travelling Book Fair**

The book fair will be visiting us from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. They will once again be running a 3 for 2 offer – see the attached poster for more information.

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Next week:**

- Afterschool Clubs start
- Year 4 trip to Osmington Bay
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Class photos

#### **Looking ahead:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> May – Book Fair
- 26<sup>th</sup> May – INSET DAY