

Welcome back to the new academic year and a very warm welcome to children and families who are new to our school. It has been a real joy to see all the children returning to school looking so grown up and smart in their uniforms. We are also welcoming back Mrs Holmes (previously Miss Stock), Mrs Nolan and Mrs Kerton who are joining our teaching team and Ms Rutt, Mrs Irwin and Miss Cox who are joining our support team.

We are very excited about the work that has been carried out on our school playground. Our new all-weather surface has already transformed playtimes on damp days! We are very grateful to all those who contributed to the cost of these works.

Over the holidays the staff have been busy preparing the school and classrooms ready for the children's return and the school is looking lovely. Lots of exciting topics and activities have been planned for the term and we will provide more information on next week's Thursday Note.

Our Key Stage 1 and 2 leaders, Mrs Molloy and Mr Summers will be offering parents an opportunity to find out a little more about life in KS1 and 2 on either Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9am or Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 2.15pm. Please come along to the School Hall.

Look out for information on our weekly Thursday Note which is also posted onto our website each week. Dates of future events will be listed below including the dates of our INSET days for the whole year.

If you need any information please try our website or speak to our lovely team in the School Office who will be happy to help.  
Best wishes

#### VSA News

**New Parents' Coffee Morning:** This coming Monday - 11th September the Vallis School Association (VSA) will be welcoming new parents to the school by serving coffee, tea and biscuits in the Community Room from 8:45am onwards. All new parents to the school are welcome to drop in until 10am - whether you have children starting in Reception or Years 1 - 4 this term. If you are not a new parent but could do with a cuppa after the drop off then feel free to join us too. We hope to see some new and familiar faces on Monday.

**The VSA Uniform Shop** will be open tomorrow 8th September from 2:45pm to 3:15pm in the room opposite the School Office, please come along if you need to stock up on anything.

**Summer Reading Challenge: A** reminder that the Summer Reading Challenge ends this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. 100 of our children entered the challenge, so please make sure they return to the Library to complete the challenge so that they can receive their certificates and medals in our Celebration Assembly. This would be a record for our school if everyone completes the challenge!

#### Dates for your Diary 2017

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September - VSA Coffee Morning - 8.45am in the Community Room
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September - KS1 & KS2 Parents Introductory meeting at 9am in the School Hall
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September - KS1 & KS2 Introductory meeting at 2.15pm in the School Hall
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival at 2pm at Trinity Church
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - School Photos
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - last day of school before half term holidays
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - back to School
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - INSET DAY**
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - INSET DAY**
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - INSET DAY**