

**Christmas Performances:** The children will be performing their Christmas plays during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December. Due to the large numbers of children in KS1 who need to be given a part in the play and the large numbers of parents who want to come and watch, we will be performing two plays each session in KS1 Year groups. See below for dates and times for your child's performance. You will need to collect tickets for entry to watch the plays as this allows us to manage audience numbers at each performance. In the first instance we allocate two tickets to each child. Any remaining tickets are then made available on the day on a first come first served basis. Prams will need to be parked in the Key Stage One playground. There will be a retiring collection after each performance.

Reception - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 10am and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

Year 1 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2.15pm and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am

Year 2 - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15am

Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 9.30am

**Vallis First School Governors:** A warm welcome to our two new parent governors Dara O'Hare and James Loughlin. You will be pleased to hear that Alex Kershaw Moore (previously a parent governor) has become one of our co-opted governors. After her years of service she has valuable skills that enhance our Governing Body. Our governors are a key part of the team that carry out the strategic planning of the school and oversee the outcomes for pupils. They attend most of our school's activities and events and spend times in classes, talking to children and looking at what the children are learning. Whilst my senior team and I have day to day management of the school the governors support us in our important duties as a school such as safeguarding and planning our finances to support teaching and the safety and upkeep of the school. If you have any concerns we would hope you would feel able to discuss them with your child's class teacher in the first instance, a member of my senior team or me, but governors can also be approached if staff are not available.

**VSA News:** The VSA have been busy organising their next set of fundraising dates:

- Mufti day for Christmas Raffle prizes - **TOMORROW**. In exchange for wearing their own clothes children bring in a treat for the Christmas Hamper prizes eg. chocolates, Christmas goodies, bottles of spirits, beer or wine etc.
- Christmas Family Bingo & Raffle - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm. Fabulous prizes of hampers full of Christmas goodies. Games for adults and children. DVD entertainment for children up to Year 5 age. Refreshments served. Never played Bingo before...Give it a whirl! **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.**

**Fundraising:** Thank you to all the parents who supported our Poppy Appeal - we raised an amazing £258.98. Also, thanks to the parents who supported our Book Fair which entitled us to £186 worth of free books ☺

**Christmas Lunch:** We are offering a delicious Christmas lunch on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. There will be roast turkey, pigs in blankets, roast potatoes and vegetables with a Roast Vegetable Parcel as the vegetarian option and a snowman ice cream for pudding. If you would like your child to have this meal and please order it by **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. The cost of the meal is £2.40 if you pay for school meals.

**Flu Immunisations:** These will take place next Monday for children in years 1, 2 & 3. Please see the back of this Thursday Note for guidance.

#### Dates for your Diary

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November - MUFTI day for Christmas Bingo
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Family Bingo, 6pm
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Milky Way Class Cake Sale
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 - INSET day (school closed for children)
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - First day of Spring term

**Cake Sales:** Galaxy Class made £47 in their cake sale, well done Galaxy Class. It is the turn of Milky Way Class on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Please support your child's class by either making some cakes or bringing in shop made ones. Many thanks.