



Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have noticed that we have changed the title of these updates from Thursday Note to Newsletters. They will normally still come out on a Thursday every week but occasionally there will be additional newsletters throughout the year. We will revert back to the normal format in September where the VSA and other announcements will be posted on here as well. As we now have email addresses for most families, we will email the Newsletters out from September and only give hard copies to those who don't have access to an email - copies will always be on our website in the news section under the parents tab.

Transition this year has not happened in the way it would normally do and I know for many children this will be causing some anxiety. To help with this, we have put together a transition booklet for every class (other than Jupiter and Saturn Classes as these children will stay in the same classes) and these can now be seen on the website in the class pages under the children tab. In September, many of the transition activities that would have been done this term will be done then and there will be a focus on the social and emotional aspects to start with - some children will not have been in school since March and will need some time of re-adjustment.

You may have seen in the news this week that the government is expecting all children to be back in school full time from September - attendance will revert back to being compulsory for all children. Obviously, things can change in six weeks but hopefully we will be in a position to welcome back everyone in the Autumn term - even if we are in class bubbles. We will confirm arrangements for starting on Monday 7th September on the 3rd and 4th September our Training Days. Reception (EYFS) children will be starting on Monday 21st September after their weeks of meeting the teacher and stay and play sessions.

Virtual Vallis has been a fantastic way for us all to share some of the amazing activities that have been going on over the past few months. We have put up a display now in the hall corridor which shares lots of your experiences. We will temporarily close the site for new posts as from Friday 17th July and then review the situation in September.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes.

Nick Firkins
Headteacher