

Vallis First School Newsletter

Autumn Term – 10th September 2020 www.vallisfirstschool.org



It has been a very busy but enjoyable week seeing everyone again and hearing the general buzz around the school. Thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the social distancing rules when dropping off and picking up children. During the week, we have continually tweaked certain things and we will continue to do this as necessary to help keep everyone safe and minimise the crossover of bubbles. We will update any risk assessments or other documents on the website as and when it becomes necessary. It would be really helpful if KS1 parents could wait before entering the lower playground until the allotted time to try and reduce congestion.

Unfortunately, we cannot hold assemblies at the moment but I am planning on spending about 10/15 minutes with each class each week, keeping my distance at the front of the class so I minimise compromising the bubbles. We will continue with celebrating our Powerful Learner children but this will be done in class – I will then take a socially distanced photograph of the children to go on our celebration board in the school reception area.

We are sending paper copies of the newsletter out for the next few weeks but we will then go over to emailing them; there will be one uploaded to the news tab on the website too. On the reverse side of the newsletter this week, you will see a parental agreement regarding the use of Microsoft Teams if we should need to isolate a bubble due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. If you could read the agreement and return a signed copy to the school office, we can get this remote learning opportunity set up ready.

A great first week back – have a lovely weekend.

Nick Firkins Headteacher

Casual Job vacancy: We are currently looking for someone to join our staff on a casual basis (initially) that we can train up to be a supply Lunchtime Supervisor and supply Crossing Patrol person. If you are interested in this post, please contact the school office

SK Fruits vouchers: We have kindly been given some vouchers for this Frome greengrocers from Fair Frome. Each voucher is worth £3.00. If you are on low income and would like some of these vouchers, please come to the school office.

VSA NEWS

Welcome back from the VSA. Firstly, thank you to everyone who helped us raise over £2000 over the summer towards our library project through sponsorship and donations. With the absence of the Summer Fair we are so grateful for your support as it means that work has been able to start already on the refurbishment. Thank you.

Obviously this year will be a bit different in terms of fundraising and we won't be able to do all our usual activities, at least in the short term. However the VSA Committee has already come up with a number of new ideas and we will be coming out with more details next week. We will still be able to run our Hundred Club for the year - full details and the entry form will be sent home next week so please look out for them and if you are able to join up please complete and return the form.

Uniform Shop: We will be running another second hand uniform shop tomorrow afternoon from 2:15-3:15pm in the KS1 playground under the canopy. We have had lots of donations of good quality uniform already this term, so if you need any items please do stop by.

Thank you for your continued support – this year even more so, every penny counts!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 14th October – Parents Evening Thursday 15th October – Parents Evening Thursday 15th October – School Photos Friday 23rd October – Last day of school before half term Monday 2nd November – Back to school **Nuts!** We have some children in our school with severe allergies to nuts. Please ensure that you do not send your child in with a snack that has nuts as an ingredient or with sandwiches that have fillings such as Nutella or peanut butter. Thank you for your understanding.