



**IF YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT WITHIN YOUR FAMILY PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL BY PHONE (8.30AM TO 3.30PM ON SCHOOL DAYS) OR BY EMAIL (WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS) IMMEDIATELY**

Last week we picked the winners from the VSA Autumn competitions and they were: Autumn Quiz - Ella from Mars; Autumn Pictures - Henry from Milky Way and the runners up were Alma from Milky Way and Polly from Galaxy. The proud winners can be seen in the gallery page of the website.

*Since September, we have had a number of children and staff who have shown symptoms of the COVID virus and as a result have isolated and had a test. Whilst this process is happening, could I ask parents/carers to please not share information about their situation on social media or generally with other parents - it can cause unnecessary stress and anxiety. You need to keep the school updated at all times please so I can then follow the procedures I have from the DfE and Somerset County Council. You will of course be kept informed at all times.*

You will have all received the information last Friday about the Google Classroom platform and the relevant details for logging on. Please take some time to log on to this and get yourselves familiar with the system – all remote learning will now be done through this platform. If you have any problems, please let the office know and we will endeavour to help you out.

This week our Star Powerful Learners are: Oliver from Sun; Tyler from Moon; Eddie from Neptune; Alex from Apollo; Edith from Jupiter; Will from Saturn; Hazel from Galaxy; Daisy-May from Milky Way and Cody from Mars. Well done to you all and keep using those good learning muscles.

Nick Firkins  
Headteacher

Miss Sturgess from Satellite Class would be very grateful for donations of dolls/Barbie's and clothes/accessories that you may be looking to pass on. In line with COVID rules any donations made will be kept in quarantine for a week before they make use of them.

**The Iron Man:** This is a local ironing company based in Frome. They have decided to start making survival blankets for the homeless and need your empty crisp packets to do so. Staff at Vallis are supporting this incredible cause by collecting all our crisp packets and giving them to Miley (The Iron Man). BBC Points West will be filming here tomorrow to see how we are getting involved in this project! Please bring any empty and rinsed crisp packets you want to donate to your child's class before Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Have a look at <https://www.facebook.com/ironmanfrome> for more information and thank you for your support with this worthy cause.

**Toy Library:** You can now borrow toys from the Toy Library and they can also deliver. Families need to become a member and it is just for families in Frome and surrounding villages. Most of their resources are for preschool children but they do have toys and games for up to 12 year olds. Membership is £20 per family per year or £10 if on benefits. Have a look at <https://www.fromechildrensfestival.org/toy-library/>

### VSA NEWS

**Feel Good Friday:** It is Milky Way's turn for Feel Good Friday tomorrow (13th November). Children can wear mufti in exchange for a donation to the class cake sale pot.

**The Big PTA Raffle 2020:** With Christmas Family Bingo not able to take place this year, and our plan B affected by this second lockdown, we have signed up to this year's Big PTA Raffle, run by our membership body Patentkind. It is a nationwide PTA extravaganza taking place between now and 6th December. You can purchase tickets to be in with a chance of winning up to £5000 in each of 12 draws taking place from 7th - 18th December. Each ticket costs £3 and will generate a number that will be entered into all 12 draws. To buy tickets go to [www.bigptaraffle.co.uk](http://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk) and enter Vallis First School Association as the school you would like to support then follow the instructions on screen. Good Luck!!

Thank you for your continued support.

**Anti-bullying Week:** Before half term Vallis had the first anti-bullying week of the year. Children discussed and acted out different bullying scenarios and they learned this acronym: S.T.O.P. which helps children to understand what bullying is.

**STOP** stands for **Several Times On Purpose**.

Please remind your child about this and to always tell a friend or adult if they are worried about something so that any problem can be dealt with promptly. Many thanks.

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day before Christmas holidays  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – INSET day  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school