



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

We are edging slowly towards December and in First and Primary schools that generally means nativities and Christmas productions. Things may be not as we would like them to be this Christmas but we are determined to let the children enjoy some of the school traditions of the season. We can't obviously invite parents in to see any performances; however, we are hoping for each class to contribute a video to their Key Stage which we hope to put together like the harvest celebration and upload to the website for you to watch.

We have put in the COVID 19 section of the web site a 'COVID Checker for Schools' document which gives very clear guidance about what to do in different situations – please have a look if you find all the Government guidance confusing or just need to check the protocols.

This week our Star Powerful Learners are: Theo from Sun; Lucas from Moon; Lola from Neptune; Shea from Apollo; Anajd from Jupiter; Nikola from Saturn; Tyler from Galaxy; Icarus from Milky Way and Nancy from Mars. Lots of the children this week had resilience mentioned on their certificates so well done to all of you – this is a skill we are all needing to show a lot of at the moment.

Finally, thank you to everyone for your continued support with all the school COVID guidance – it is much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend.

Nick Firkins
Headteacher

Christmas plans: This Christmas will be a bit different in school due to COVID 19 restrictions, but we will still try to do the best we safely can for the children. On Friday 11th December they can wear their Christmas jumper into school (they still need to wear their school trousers/skirt) for a donation to Save the Children. On Friday 18th December they can wear their Christmas jumper again (alongside their school trousers/skirt) as we will be having a Christmas lunch and class parties that day. We are not asking for cash donations on this day. We cannot offer a hot Christmas meal this year as we don't have the capacity to safely get all the class bubbles fed in the Hall, but we are negotiating a Christmassy packed lunch option with our caterer – more info will follow. Class parties will be in the afternoon but we will not be asking you to supply anything for these.

VSA NEWS

Feel Good Friday: There is no class allocated for tomorrow as we were intending to use it as a day to collect items for our raffle hampers, which unfortunately can't happen now. It will be the turn of Galaxy Class on Friday 27th November.

The Big PTA Raffle 2020: We are really pleased with the number of people who have chosen to buy raffle tickets for our "plan c" Christmas fundraising, thank you so much for your support. If you haven't yet purchased any tickets and are able to do so, the deadline for buying them is 6th December. It is a nationwide raffle organised by Parentkind to help PTAs who haven't been able to hold their usual events due to COVID 19. 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 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.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th December - Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children
Friday 18th December – Last day before Christmas holidays – class parties
Monday 4th January 2021 – INSET day
Tuesday 5th January – Back to school