



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

Our wonderful Vallis School Association, as with all parent associations around the country, are struggling to hold their normal events in the current climate which obviously has had a knock on effect on to the money they can raise for the school. Helen and her team are working really hard in coming up with creative ways of still raising money – the latest is The Big PTA Raffle announced recently – so please support them if you can. The school and your children really do benefit enormously from these extra funds and allow us to do things which may have been difficult without their financial support.

Attendance at school is quite rightly a top priority for the Government in their COVID response. Can all parents/carers please remember to notify the office, using the dedicated absence line, as early as possible every day your child is ill and won't be attending school. If we don't hear anything, then absences go down as unauthorised. Thanks for your support with this.

I would like to welcome Daisy Wilson to our Teaching Assistant team – she will be joining us next week until July next year.

This week our Star Powerful Learners are: Alfie from Sun; Chloe from Moon; Connie from Neptune; Sophie from Apollo; Iris from Jupiter; Mabel from Saturn; Francesca from Galaxy; Ava C from Milky Way and Arlo from Mars. A big well done to all of you for showing some amazing learning skills.

Nick Firkins
Headteacher

VSA NEWS

Feel Good Friday: It is the turn of Galaxy Class tomorrow – children can come dressed in mufti for a cash donation that will go straight into the class cake sale pot so the teacher will use to buy new toys and treats for Golden Time. So far classes have been able to buy new play Mobil sets, model pirates and other toys and games and the children have been very excited!!

The Big PTA Raffle 2020: It feels really strange and a bit sad not to be preparing for Christmas Family Bingo, especially as it would have taken place tonight under normal circumstances and for many of us on the committee it kicks off the start of the festive celebrations. However, we are so thrilled with the support that you have shown for the nationwide Big PTA Raffle, it is well beyond our expectations, we felt that if we raised £10 it would be more than we could raise otherwise so we really can't thank you enough for your support. If you haven't yet purchased any tickets and would like to be in with a chance of winning up to £5000 in each of 12 nationwide draws taking place from 7th - 18th December, the deadline to buy them is 6th 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, enter Vallis First School Association and follow the instructions on screen. We are crossing our fingers for you all.

Thank you for your continued support.

Traffic cones: Please can we ask you **not** to move the cones that we put at the entrance to Milk Street at the start and end of each day. The only people who have permission to do this are our staff and permit holders. We take these measures to protect all our pupils and parents from traffic and appreciate your 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 – TD (INSET) day
Tuesday 5th January – Back to school
Monday 15th February – Friday 18th February – Half Term