# Childs Play Clubs UK

# **Vallis First School Newsletter**

Autumn – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020 www.vallisfirstschool.org



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

Christmas certainly seems to be in the air now – I have been hearing a range of Christmas tunes being sung beautifully around the school this week in preparation for recording their performances next week. When we have put them together, we hope to put them on the website sometime during the last week of term.

I would like to reassure everyone that when we have suspected or confirmed cases of COVID in school, we are following all the Government guidance and taking advice from Public Health England and Somerset County Council health advisers as to next steps. Decisions regarding isolation for confirmed cases and their close contacts is taken with Public Health England after a rigorous risk assessment process done with myself. I will always keep you informed.

Now that the winter weather is here, the grass at the front of the school is wet and muddy. Please could I ask all the adults dropping children off in the morning to ensure they don't play on the mud as we are seeing a huge amount being brought into school.

This week our Star Powerful Learners are: Amelia from Sun; Xavier from Moon; Aya from Neptune; Amelia from Apollo; Baxter from Jupiter, Sapphire from Saturn; Ollie from Galaxy; Arran from Milky Way and Jessica from Mars. Well done to all of you.

Have a great lockdown-free weekend.

**Nick Firkins** 

Headteacher

Flu vaccinations: The flu vaccinations are taking place next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>
December. If you have not signed your child up for this please use the link below <a href="https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/east">https://saint.sompar.nhs.uk/flu/2020/east</a>

The link is live until the 8<sup>th</sup> December.

# Dropping off and picking up:

Please could we remind you that only 1 parent/carer should be on site whilst dropping off and picking up your child/ren. Any more will contravene our COVID-19 Risk Assessment for keeping all our staff and children safe throughout this pandemic. Many thanks for your continued cooperation.

Satellite Class would be very grateful for donations of dolls/Barbies and clothes/accessories that you may be looking to pass on. In line with COVID-19 rules any donations made will be kept in quarantine for a week before we make use of them. Many thanks in advance. Miss Sturgess

## **VSA NEWS**

**Feel Good Friday:** This week is the turn of Forest School. This class helps children from across the whole school so they do not have a core group of parents, but despite this in their cake sales they would still normally raise upwards of £100. Children who regularly attend Forest School are welcome to wear mufti tomorrow, and if any other families are prepared to contribute the equivalent amount they would normally donate via the Forest School cake sale for this valuable school resource it will be very much appreciated.

The Big PTA Raffle 2020: Parentkind have now sold all the available tickets for the raffle, and we are so pleased to have sold 175 tickets, raising over £260 to fund non-core activities over the next year. The first draw will take place on 7th December, and Parentkind will contact the winners direct so keep an eye on your emails! Good Luck!!

**Secondhand uniform shop:** We will be in the KS2 playground tomorrow from 2:15-3:15pm with our secondhand uniform. We have lots of stock and will be following social distancing rules, so please stop by if you need to buy or swap the next size up!

## **Dates for your Diary**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the Children

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day before Christmas holidays – class parties

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – TD (INSET) day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term