



**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**

All of the Christmas plays and celebrations will be on the website by tomorrow - you will find them in the news section. It has been a real shame that we couldn't invite you in this year to see them live but hopefully next year things will be different and back to normal.

We are sadly having to say goodbye to Becca Rutt tomorrow who has been working as the class teaching assistant in Saturn class. She will be greatly missed by all the staff and children and we wish her well as she moves on.

We are also saying goodbye to another valued member of staff Chrissy Walford. Chrissy is retiring and she has been at Vallis for the past 12 years as a midday supervisor and cleaner. We would like to wish her all the best for her retirement and thank her for all her hard work and commitment over the years.

Mrs Holmes wrote to you last term about PE Kits. We would like the children to be in plain shorts and t-shirts for PE and a pair of appropriate daps or trainers. I have noticed a number of children coming to school in trainers – could you please provide an appropriate pair of school shoes. Thank you.

This week our Star Powerful Learners are: Phoebe from Sun; Alana from Moon; Laylah from Neptune; Harry from Apollo; Millie from Jupiter; Ramesa from Saturn; Luca from Galaxy; Cora from Milky Way and Ava from Mars.

As we now break up for Christmas after a busy and unusual two terms, I, along with all the staff, would like to wish you a great Christmas and a happy new year. See you all in January 2021.



Nick Firkins  
Headteacher

**Somerset Libraries** – Are encouraging people who may be lonely/isolated, feeling down or struggling with IT at home to come into libraries over Christmas and New Year. They are open for browsing and for accessing public network computers over the holidays for much of the time and usually they're not so busy, so staff should have a bit of time to chat. Our 'Library Choice' service has proved to be very popular (whereby staff can hand-pick a selection of books for people to try, based on their reading preferences) so we are still keen to promote this as well as simply popping in to your local library and 'trying something different'. Library members with a sight impairment can access Talking Books free of charge and the e-Audio books, e-Magazines and e-Newspapers are also a great offer.

They are putting out some messages on their Twitter and Facebook pages, so if you could also share/re-tweet that would be great! For general information such as opening hours; accessing services such as free books etc to download; Home Library Service and other resources, visit [www.somersetlibraries.co.uk](http://www.somersetlibraries.co.uk)

**Flu Vaccinations:** Many of the pupils were vaccinated last week. Those who were not, but wish to can either email or call the number below. The vaccine is not available from their GP practice unless they have a medical condition that puts them in an at risk group. Families can email Somerset Saint [somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk](mailto:somersetsaint@somersetft.nhs.uk) or call on 0300 323 0032 to make an appointment at one of our community clinics.

**Dates for your Diary**

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