

Vallis First School Newsletter

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IF YOUR CHILD HAS COME INTO SCHOOL AS EITHER A CHILD OF A KEYWORKER OR VULNERABLE CHILD AND YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT WITHIN YOUR FAMILY PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY

We have had a busy week in school this week as we prepare to start weekly staff testing next week using the lateral flow devices. This is an optional test for staff but will certainly help in identifying any asymptomatic people.

Thank you to the many parents who have sent in their thanks regarding the remote learning that is being provided by the teaching staff – it is very much appreciated and I know it gives the staff a real boost. It is a busy time at the moment for all the teachers as they try to juggle the remote learning and the class-based learning for those key worker and vulnerable children we have in school. It is always hard to get the balance right with these things and I hope that you are finding the activities and videos helpful.

Many of you will have seen on the news that all school exams and assessments have been scrapped for this year and this now includes the EYFS Early Learning Goals assessments, Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 SATs and the Year 4 multiplication assessments. Please be assured though, that even though these won't now happen, we are always assessing the attainment, progress and understanding of the children on an ongoing basis which then feeds into the planning process.

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Best wishes Nick Firkins Headteacher