

## **Vallis First School Newsletter**

Spring Term – Thursday 1st April 2021 www.vallisfirstschool.org



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

We have finally made it to the end of another busy term and I know everyone is looking forward to having a break. The children have been just amazing since their return in settling back into their learning and renewing their friendships. Walking round the school, I have seen lots of examples of great writing and real engagement in their topics – they have all really shown themselves as Tough Tortoises.

Science has been a real focus over the past week with many of the classes having a science morning – there has been much excitement at seeing exploding bottles; watching their shadows move during the day and building and testing sailing boats. In Reception, the children were able to talk very confidently to me about their tadpoles and caterpillars as well as the cress and sunflowers they are growing. Lots of science vocabulary and interesting questions have shown some great learning taking place.

Although we can't have whole school assemblies at the moment and we are still conscious of our bubbles, we are still celebrating our star powerful learners. Every Friday, I have a chat with them and take their picture for our celebration board in reception; it's lovely to hear of all the fantastic things they have achieved. Our Star Powerful Learners this week are: Mia from Sun; Harry from Moon; Max from Neptune; Bella from Apollo; Brook from Jupiter; Sapphire from Saturn; Polly from Galaxy; Henry from Milky Way and Ava from Mars. Well done to all of you.

It just leaves me to say that I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and we all look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 20th April.

Best wishes

Nick Firkins Headteacher

Scooters: As much as we endorse and enjoy seeing the children scoot to school, can we please ask that they do not scoot in front of the school or down through the tunnel into our lower playground or into our Foundation Stage entrance as it becomes dangerous for other pupils and their parents.

Starting and finishing times: Can we please ask that you only come onto our site at your appointed drop off and pick up times and remain on site for as short a time as possible. We still need to keep following our COVID risk assessments and keep as socially distanced as possible and have as few people mingling as possible. Also, we do not have the capacity for children to be dropped off early or late. Thank you for your support.

Rocks: We have a parent who is improving part of our grounds and needs some large rocks/small boulders to form an edging. If you have any that you are willing to donate, please can you contact the school office.

## **VSA NEWS**

**Hundred Club:** The April Hundred Club winners are:

1st Prize - Number 44 - Yasmin Douglas 2nd Prize - Number 35 - Ali Plumridge 3rd Prize - Number 29 - Emma McNally

Prizes are available in cash from the office or by BACS - please contact our treasurer Violetta Paine through our Facebook Page.

**Feel Good Friday**: It will be the turn of Sun Class when we are back on Friday 23rd April. We will remind you once we are back. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 'Feel Good Fridays' this term, it is very much appreciated.

**Uniform Shop:** We will be holding a uniform shop in the first week back, but please look out for which day nearer the time on our Facebook page - we have decided to be more flexible around the weather from now on so it may not be on a Friday. Once again, if you have any donations of uniform please put them in a plastic bag and either drop off at the sale or leave with the office. Thank you for your continued support.