

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 15th October 2021

Message from the Headteacher

After a slightly tricky start to the harvest celebration on Tuesday due to technical issues, we managed to do most of what was planned and the children rose to the occasion. The speakers were clear and confident and the singing sounded lovely in the church environment. The pictures that were due to be shown of the art work are now on the website and I think copies of your child's will be coming home shortly. Many thanks again for all your kind donations to the food bank – this has been a vital resource to families in Frome over the past eighteen months and your support is very much appreciated.

Sadly, we have decided to cancel the in-person parent meetings planned for next week. Concerns were being raised due to the increasingly high level of cases in Frome and Somerset and when we looked at the logistics of the parent meetings, cleaning the school to the rigorous standards we have been doing would be really hard prior to children returning the following day. It was also felt that having many adults and younger siblings walking round the school would not be helpful in trying to stop these numbers getting even higher – it is not the decision we wanted to make but I hope you can bear with us on this. The letters and arrangements for after half term regarding the phone calls are being sorted now but as always, if you have any concerns about your child, please speak with their class teacher in the first instance.

There was also an EYFS parent reading session planned for next Tuesday and again, due to the high number of adults being in a small space, we have decided to postpone this and hopefully we will be able to re-arrange for next term.

Our Star Powerful Learners this week are: all of Sun class; Isabel from Moon class; Kacey-Lee from Jupiter; Lewis from Saturn; Edgar from Neptune; Jude from Apollo; Francesca from Galaxy; Will from Milky Way and Arlo from Mars. Well done to all of you.

Nick Firkins

Headteacher

We have 2 filing cabinets (each have 4 drawers) that we can no longer use. Is anyone interested in having these? If so, please contact the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd October – INSET day

Thursday 25th November – VSA Bingo - tbc

Monday 13th December – KS1 Christmas Performance – 1.30pm

Tuesday 14th December - KS1 Christmas Performance – 9.30am

Tuesday 14th December - Foundation Stage Christmas Performance – 1.30pm

Tuesday 14th December – KS2 Carol Service at Trinity Church – 5pm

Wednesday 15th December – Foundation Stage Performance – 1.30pm