

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 4th February 2022

I met with the children from the Lunchtime Council on Monday afternoon and we discussed some of the ongoing ideas we have been working on since September. One of the main things we are trying to develop at the moment is the lunchtime experience in the main playground. We are due to have installed a secure metal shed which will mean we can take away some of the pods which are damaged. The Council discussed a whole range of new games and equipment we can buy to use on the middle playground which can then be safely stored overnight.

We now have two IG sports coaches at lunchtime – one leading sports related games in the court area and the other will lead other types of games e.g. hopscotch; giant snakes and ladders and other board games and skipping games. We are also going to have a quieter area where children can access colouring in, puzzles and other quieter activities. Hopefully, we will be getting this set up over the next term.

It is good to see that our COVID numbers have come down a lot this week and that most who have caught the virus have had only mild symptoms. We are still being cautious in school until half term but we are planning to reintroduce Key Stage assemblies after the mid-term break leading back to whole school assemblies at some point.

Our Star Powerful Learners this week were: Riley-Jay from Sun; Sophie from Moon; Ariabella from Jupiter; Laylah from Neptune; Noah-Jay from Apollo; Joe from Mars, Bryher from Galaxy and Flo from Milky Way. Well done to all of you.

Nick Firkins

Headteacher

Reminders

CONTACT DETAILS

We need to be able to contact you if your child is sick or injured. Please ensure we always have an up-to-date list of contacts with phone numbers which we can reach you or nominated people on, who can collect your child if necessary (or accompany them to casualty if necessary).

It is also essential for us to know if end of day collection arrangements are changed because of an emergency - this is for your child's safety

Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 18th February – Last day of half term – finishing at 3pm**
- **Monday 28th February – Back to school**
- **Friday 8th April – last day before Easter Holidays – finishing at 3pm**
- **Monday 25th April – INSET DAY**
- **Tuesday 26th April – Back to school**

Parent Contacts for Severe Weather Closure of the School

Kirsty Chapman	Parent contact – FS	07919 096293
Jeff Evans	Parent contact – Yr 1	07522 030600
Finola Bevan	Parent contact – Yr 2	07813 633656
Claire Beale	Parent contact – Yr 3	07870 795786
Helen Loughlin	Parent contact – Yr 4	07740 463973

Should there be a school closure due to severe weather, please call (after 7.30am) the parents' link mobile telephone number for your child's/ren year group to confirm the closure. It will also be announced on the VSA Facebook page.

**KS1 have been creating some wonderful pictures of the book they are reading
The Whale and The Snail**

