



# Vallis First School

## Newsletter

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### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022



Welcome back to the Summer Term – I hope you all had a great Easter break and managed to have some fun family times. Although this half term is short, as always, there are lots of things going on – I know the Year 4s are all looking forward to their trip to Osmington Bay in a couple of weeks. Let's hope the weather is as kind to them as it has been this week. We have started whole school assemblies again and it was lovely to have everyone together on Tuesday – we talked about St Georges Day and lots of the children could tell me facts about this.

Sadly, over the Easter holidays, some brand new trikes were stolen from our EYFS playground. They reappeared in the river and thankfully, the local canoe club retrieved them for us and they don't appear to be too damaged. We do occasionally suffer damage to the school due to people coming on site out of school hours – most of the school is monitored by CCTV and we are currently looking at this to see if we can identify who broke in over Easter. I would ask you all to be vigilant when walking past the school when it is closed and if you see anything untoward to please let us know asap or ring the police if you believe any damage is being caused.

Health and wellbeing are so important to us all and recently I was contacted by a company called Famli who have developed an app to make it as easy and fun as possible for your family to improve its health and wellbeing. They are currently trialling it in a number of schools across the country and have offered it for free to us initially. Have a look via the link <https://famli.health/about-us> and if you would like to have a go with it, please contact the office.

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend.

Nick  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Book Fair

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day

Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – VSA Summer Fair

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAYS

Thursday 1st September 2022 – INSET DAY

Friday 2nd September 2022 – INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – INSET DAY

Monday 17th April 2023 – INSET DAY

Friday 26th May 2023 – INSET DAY





Our Star Powerful Learners from the last week of last term were: Lucas from Saturn; Ethan from Neptune; Shea from Apollo; Matilda from Galaxy, Ella from Milky Way and Ryley-Jay from Mars. Well done to all of you for all your efforts.

### Open-Door Policy

During the pandemic it has been very hard to offer our open-door policy and for you to get to know your child's teacher/s as we used to in normal times. Hopefully now that life is getting back to how we know it this will start to feel easier.

If you need to talk to your child's teacher, please feel free to do so at the start or the end of the day. If this is not possible a separate meeting can be arranged. You can phone or email the school office and Mrs Cobb will get a message to the appropriate person.

Mr Firkins our Headteacher is usually available most mornings outside the school to speak to. Mr Summers (Assistant Head and KS2 Phase Leader) and Mrs Molloy (Assistant Head and KS1 Phase Lead) are also very happy to chat through anything with you. They are always available on Thursdays but often are outside on other days too. They are all also happy to arrange a meeting or speak on the phone.

If you are ever unsure about who to speak to about any worries or concerns, please speak to Mrs Cobb in the School Office either in person, phone or email and she will direct you to the right person.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Mrs Holmes had a beautiful little girl during the Easter holidays and she is called Zola. We would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to both her and Mr Holmes.

