



Vallis First School Newsletter

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This last week of term has certainly been a hot one , let's hope we have some good weather over the holiday period too. This week in assembly, I looked back at the year with the children and flicking through the pictures from September made me realise what a lot has happened during this academic year - we have certainly been very busy. Obviously, COVID has still overshadowed a large part of the year but thankfully, the Summer Term has felt much more normal, much to everyone's relief. Clearly, COVID is still around in the community and we need to all continue to be vigilant but hopefully, we will not be going back to the restrictions that we have had to have in place over the past couple of years.

During the year, many of you have sent and spoken to me to pass on your thanks and appreciation and this has been very much appreciated. Equally, I have also received feedback on things when they haven't gone quite right - I am grateful for this too as I know that in school, we will not always get things right but with your constructive feedback and suggestions, we can work on making things better for everyone. One of the things we will be doing from September is holding regular termly coffee mornings - one will be with myself and the senior leadership team and the other for all our parents of children with additional needs. These informal get-togethers will offer a chance for you to come in and share your thoughts, ask questions and particularly with the SEN sessions, talk with other families. Look out on the newsletters each week for the dates and times.

At the end of the Summer term, we are not only saying goodbye to some children but also staff. Mrs Baker, who has taught many of the children across the school, is leaving us today. We all wish her the very best for the future and thank her for all her support and hard work over the last few years.

It only remains for me to say a huge thank you to you all for the support you have given the school and the children this year. I hope you have a restful summer break and myself and all the staff at Vallis look forward to welcoming you back in September. The 1st and 2nd of September are INSET days, so the first day back for the children in Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 will be Monday 5th September.

Have a great holiday
Nick





Our Star Powerful Learners from last week were: Finn from Sun; Frankie and Amelia from Moon; Iris from Jupiter; Chloe from Saturn; Laylah from Neptune; Andrew, Theo and Jessica from Apollo; Lily from Milky Way and Harry from Mars. Super effort - well done.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th July & Tuesday 26th 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

