



Vallis First School Newsletter

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This half term seems to be marching on very quickly! It is great to know that we are gradually nearing Spring with warmer weather and lighter days. Many of the children this week have been busy with some lovely creative art and it's shown yet again what a talented group of children we have at Vallis. I have seen lots of children bringing in or making in school some very imaginative models linked with their topics and they talk so enthusiastically about what they have done. We have been busy refreshing displays around the school too and they now celebrate the great learning the children have been doing. You'll be able to see some of these if you join me for my Headteacher's afternoon tea on 28th February.

[IG Sports](#) and [Purple Elephant](#) are running a range of activities over February half term for children and families which have been on our newsletters over the last few weeks. Please ring the office if you have missed these or would like further information, or take a look at their websites using the links above.

Last Friday, Neptune class celebrated their learning with us and they showed us the great range of knowledge and skills they have learnt over the past few months. I was really impressed with the way they coped with the microphone suddenly not working - they raised their voices and spoke in a clear, confident way - well done Neptune.

Enjoy the weekend.

Nick





School Opening Times survey

Thanks to everyone who completed the survey, we had over 100 responses. The survey has now closed. We'll update you on the main themes that came from the survey in a future newsletter once we've had a chance to look through the comments properly. Once again, we stress that this was more about being prepared in case the law changes quickly, rather than something that will definitely be happening. We'll keep you posted.

Spring/Summer Cleverchefs Menu

You should receive the new menu today, but in case you don't you can see a copy on our website [here](#). Unfortunately we have a tight turnaround and would be very grateful if you could return your child's choices to the school office by Monday 6th February. If easier feel free to email the office with the choices. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Next Week:

- Wednesday 7th February – KS1 Family Learning Event, 9am to 10:15am

Looking Ahead:

- HALF TERM: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February
- Tuesday 21st February – EYFS (Reception) Family Learning Event, 9-10am
- Tuesday 28th February – Headteacher's Afternoon Tea – 2.15pm in the Community Room
- Wednesday 1st March – SEND Coffee Morning – 9am in the Community Room
- Thursday 9th March – 9.05-9.30am KS1 Information Meeting

After School Clubs

There are still spaces available on the Cheerleading club on Thursday's next term – please email the office if you would like a space for your child.

