

Vallis Book Week 'The Joy of Reading'- Wednesday 15th November to Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Book Fair: This is our Book Week and the Book Fair has arrived in our school hall! A range of lovely children's books will be on sale each day from 3pm with the school receiving 'benefits in kind' in the form of books for our class book corners. Please support our Book Fair - the more books we sell the more books we get for the classes!

Bedtime story afternoon: As part of Book Week we will be holding a special Bedtime story afternoon on Monday 20th November. Children are invited to bring a cuddly toy to school, pyjamas, slippers or a dressing gown to change in to after lunchtime play, ready to snuggle down for an afternoon of storytelling courtesy of the Vallis First School staff. We would like to ask parents to send in a donation towards the cost of upgrading our class book corners which the children will design as part of their Book Fair activities. The VSA are kindly providing the refreshments just to make everything extra special! During the week we will also be designing a display for the Hall or Library of our favourite books.

Book Week Photo Competition: Parents should take a photo of their child reading their book in their favourite place! Submitted photos will be enlarged to display around the classes, Hall and Library so please do not enter if you do not want your child's photo displayed around the school. The winner in each Key Stage will be given a voucher to spend at the Book Fair! Entries should be in school by end of school on **Monday 20th November**.

Clubs: We have one place left on Multi-Sports (Tuesdays). Please come to the School Office to book and pay for this place if your child would like to attend. It will be for 3 weeks and the cost will be £9.00 (or £4.50 if on benefit based free school meals).

Christmas Meal: Our meal providers, Edwards & Ward, are offering the following Christmas meal to all children on Wednesday 13th December. The meal will consist of Roast turkey with chipolatas/roast quorn fillet, sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes, sprouts, peas and carrots with chocolate fudge cake or strawberry & vanilla ice cream for dessert. The meal is free to children in Foundation Stage and KS1 and to children in receipt of benefit based free school meals. To children in KS2 the cost is £2.30. If you would like your child to receive this meal please come to the School Office by **Friday 24th November** to book and pay for it.

- **Cake Sales:** Jupiter Class cake sale raised £61.00 ☺ well done Jupiter Class. It is the turn of Saturn Class tomorrow 17th November and Mars Class on Friday 8th December - please make or buy some cakes to sell.
- **Christmas Bingo:** This year's fundraising Christmas Bingo will take place on **Thursday 30th November**, in the School Hall, doors open at 6pm. All proceeds will go to our funds for improving the school's outdoor play spaces. Numbers will once again be limited due to fire regulations, so it will be first come first served once the doors open. As usual there will be 3 children's games followed by 5 adult games, with a DVD to entertain the children. We will also run our Christmas Raffle at the event. Refreshments will be available and if anyone is able to make some sweet or savoury goods for us to sell on the night it would be very much appreciated - if you think you can contribute please leave your name, number and what you can make with the School Office.
- **Mufti Day on Friday 24th November** will be in support of Bingo - children can wear their own clothes for the day in exchange for bringing sweets, chocolates, toiletries, bottles of wine etc. to go in our Christmas Hampers which will be the prizes for the bingo games and our Christmas raffle.

Dates for your Diary 2017

- NOW - School Book Fair in School Hall
- Friday 17th November - Saturn class cake sale
- Monday 20th November - Bedtime story afternoon
- Wednesday 22nd November - School Book Fair Leaves
- Friday 24th November - Mufti day for Bingo
- Thursday 30th November - Christmas Bingo at 6pm
- Friday 8th December - Mars Class Cake Sale

School photo deadline: The deadline for returning orders for your child's school photo is **Wednesday 22nd November**. Please bring orders and payment to the School Office. Thank you.