

**End of Year Letter from Naomi Pauley, Headteacher:**

As we come to the end of another busy term and indeed another busy year I would like to thank you for your support of your child and the school with all the many activities we have planned and shared with you as parents. I am sure you were all really proud to read your children's reports and to see how much your children have progressed and grown in so many ways not just academically but as people.

Thank you as parents for all your support with helping your child with homework projects, reading, spellings and learning their times tables. We would also like to thank those who have supported with visits to talk about work or interests; as well as those volunteering to help with reading and other activities in class, school trips and events in school. I would like to add a huge thank you to our wonderful VSA committee and team of helpers who have carried out some very successful fundraising and social events and once again organised a wonderful Leavers' Party.

As I write this letter I have just finished watching our Year 4 Leavers' assembly and as these children and their families leave our school we want to thank them for all they have contributed in their time with us and wish them well in their futures. It is as always a great privilege as a school staff to help children on this first part of their learning journey.

It is hard to believe that this term started with our successful school OFSTED. Thanks to the hard work and continued dedication of our teaching teams, supported by our Maths and English advisors, we are delighted with ever increasing progress and standards that we are seeing for individual children and across the whole school results.

In my letter to you about classes for September 2018 I told you that Marianne Baker, Sara Nolan and Steph Ivin will be leaving our teaching team to go to pastures new and we wish them well in their new ventures. Kate Irwin will be taking over the teaching of Mars class and various staff will be taking new roles within the school. I explained in my letter that in our afternoons in KS1 and KS2 we will be adopting a new project approach sharing our expertise across the Key Stages, which we are looking forward to sharing with the children. Each Key Stage team of staff will have contact with each class during the week.

As we head off for the Summer holidays I would once again like to extend my thanks to my Assistant Headteacher Tracy Massey, my Senior Management Team, our wonderful teaching and support teams and our School Governors who work away behind the scenes making sure the school runs smoothly and meets all its statutory duties to children, parents and staff. I much appreciate our whole team's skills, expertise and enthusiasm which help to make Vallis a great place to work.

With very best wishes from us all for a very happy Summer holiday.

**Children's contact information:** Government safeguarding guidelines (Keeping Children Safe in Education (2018)) says that schools should have at least two emergency contacts for every child in the school in case of emergencies, and in case there are welfare concerns at the home. Please ensure we have at least two contacts for your child.

**Clearing the Corridors:** Please can you ensure you pick up PE Kit, coats, scooters and any medicines/inhalers/epi-pens from School by 3pm this Friday. Thank you.

**Summer holiday events:**  
Please see overleaf for details of local events.

**Green Gang Day:** Thank you to the small but dedicated group of parents who helped tidy the school grounds yesterday ☺ ☺

**Dates for your Diary 2018**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of school before Summer holidays - 2pm finish

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** - INSET Day

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** - Back to School

