

**Announcement from the Governors about the newly appointed Headteacher:**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

We are thrilled and delighted to announce that we have successfully appointed Mr Nick Firkins who will be our new Headteacher when Mrs Pauley retires at the end of the Summer term 2019. Mr Firkins comes with considerable experience of management both in the world of business and education. He has spent many years as part of the leadership of his current school and is really excited by the opportunity to take on the leadership of Vallis First School.

In the two day interview process, we as Governors were able to put all our candidates through a rigorous process supported by a Local Authority Primary Advisor and the children and staff of the school. Mr Firkins was our unanimous choice and we look forward to welcoming him to the school and working with him to take Vallis First School on the next step of the journey.

Mr Firkins will visit our school at various points over the Summer term and be involved in a careful handover and induction process with Mrs Pauley, the Governors and Staff. There will be opportunities for children and parents to meet him before we break up for the Summer holidays.

With our best wishes, the Governors of Vallis First School

**Mrs Holmes:** We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Holmes safely delivered a son in the early hours of Tuesday morning. Both Mother and baby are doing well. I am sure you will want to join us in sending Mr and Mrs Holmes many congratulations 😊

**Beckington Pre-School:** If you have any unwanted teddy bears that you can 'bear' to part with, they would be very welcome at this year's Teddy Orphanage stall at the Dinosaur Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Please drop them off at your School Office and we can arrange to collect them.

**Parents meetings:** Thank you to all our parents who have supported our Parents' meetings this week. If you were unable to see your child's class teacher to catch up on the progress your child has made then please speak to them after the Easter holidays.

**VSA NEWS**

**Cake Sales:** Voyager class raised £25 in their cake sale last week, thank you to everyone who baked, bought and ate! It is the turn of Apollo Class tomorrow, please bake or buy some items for sale. If you can help pack or sell please let Mrs Molloy know, it takes 15 minutes at either end of the day.

**Uniform Shop:** Our secondhand uniform shop is open tomorrow in the room opposite the School Office, if you need the next size up to get through to the end of the year please stop by to buy or swap items. Remember, we also accept Selwood, Oakfield or College uniform as a swap.

**Hundred Club:** The April winners of the Hundred Club were:

First prize: Number: Evi Psa

Second Prize: Kim Fry

Third Prize: Sarah-Jane Ping

Please pop along to the office to collect your prize.

Thank you for your continued support - we hope you all enjoy the Easter break.

**Clubs:** There are a few places left on Tennis Club and one place on Dodgeball. If you would like your child to attend any of these clubs, please come to the School Office to book and pay for them.

**Dates for your Diary 2019**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Last day of term

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - First day of Summer Term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank holiday

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Last day before half term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - Back to school

**Gracewell Care Home:** If you have any spare time, we would be most grateful for volunteers to help on our trips to Gracewell Care Home. If you are able to help or would like more information, please come to the School Office.