

Vallis First School's new Headteacher: You will be aware that Mrs Pauley is due to retire at the end of the academic year in July 2019. The Governors have appointed Mr Nick Firkins who is delighted to be joining the Vallis team. As part of his induction into his new role he has started to visit the school and he will be attending the Introductory Meeting for Parents' whose children will be starting school in September 2019. He is also planning to come to our School Summer Fair on Saturday 15th June when parents and children will have a chance to meet him.

Foundation Stage Playground: We are still looking for offers of help or donations of materials for our planned re-vamp of the Foundation Stage Playground. If you are able to help on the day - Friday 17th May - or can donate any materials, please contact the school office.

Parent Governor Vacancy: We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way and would like to find out more please contact Mrs Pauley to have a chat about this role. Parents should be part of our current parent body and ideally know the school well as you will need to be nominated and seconded and voted for by parents from the school.

Neurodiversity Week 13th -17th May 2019: People on the Autistic Spectrum, those with Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and ADHD are all considered to be part of the rich community of those with a neurodiversity. This year we are taking part in Neurodiversity week during which we will help children to see that sometimes a difficulty with one area of life creates a strength in another and our world is so much richer for people who have overcome their barriers and instead shared their rich perspectives. During this week we will be inspired by looking at well-known examples of people who have a neurodiversity and have gone on to be successful in life.

Clubs: Your child should have brought home a clubs letter for the last Summer Term. If you would like your child to attend one of the clubs, please note that the deadline for returning the application is tomorrow **Friday, 10th May**. We still have plenty of places in Cricket Club at the moment.

Lunchtime Bank Staff: If you are interested in joining our bank of supply lunchtime staff, please contact the school office.

Dates for your Diary 2019

Friday 17th May - Foundation Stage playground day

Friday 24th May - Last day before half term

Monday 3rd June - Back to school

Wednesday 5th June - KS2 (Galaxy & Voyager Classes) school trip

Tuesday 11th June - KS2 (Milky Way & Mars Classes) school trip

Wednesday 19th June - KS1 school trip

Tuesday 25th June - Sports Day and picnic

Tuesday 2nd July - Foundation Stage school trip

Wednesday 3rd July - Transfer Day

Friday 19th July - Last day of term, 2pm finish

VSA NEWS

Cake Sales: Sun class raised £62.00 in their cake sale last week, well done Sun Class. It is the turn of Moon Class tomorrow - please bake or buy some items for sale. If you can help pack or sell please let Mrs Higgins know, it takes 15 minutes at either end of the day.

School Disco: Our next school disco will take place on Friday 17th May from 3:15-4:45pm. There are still a few tickets left - if your child would like to attend please ask at the school office. The ticket price includes entry, food and drink so those children that are coming do not need to bring any money.

Summer Fair - Saturday 15th June - 12-3pm: Along with offers of help to run the stalls, we also need the following items/help:

- empty wine bottles for the water and wine stall
 - any teddies in need of a new home for our teddy stall (this is always popular so we can never have too many teds!)
 - cakes for the cafe (these will need to be brought in on either the Friday evening or Saturday morning of the fair weekend.
 - raffle prizes: if you know of a local business who might be prepared to donate an item/entry ticket/money off voucher please let Tracey Moore or the office know.
- If you can help please speak to a member of the committee or the lovely ladies in the school office.
- face painters! If you would be happy to be in our face painting room at the fair we desperately need your help! You don't need to be an expert, and we will provide all the equipment.
- Thank you for your continued support.