

We are nearing the end of what has been a very busy first term. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know everyone and I already feel part of the Vallis family. The children have been amazing and hearing them talk enthusiastically about their learning and showing me things they have done has been a real highlight for me. I hope all the teacher parent meetings have gone well and that you feel informed about how your child is getting on. Please remember to always come in and talk to us if there are things that you are not sure about or just want to clarify.

Schools are all very busy places first thing in the morning and at the end of the school day. Can I just remind everyone to be considerate to our neighbors when parking cars and always ensure they are parked in a safe place away from the school site.

In celebration assembly on Friday, we celebrated the following Star Powerful Learners: Esme in Jupiter, George in Saturn, Lacey in Neptune, Madison in Apollo, Courtney in Galaxy, Amelie F in Milky Way and Ella in Voyager. Well done to you all and keep it up.

Nick Firkins Headteacher

### VSA NEWS

**Cake Sales:** Milky Way's cake sale raised £37.50 last week, well done Milky Way Class. There is no cake sale tomorrow due to the school disco, but it is the turn of Apollo Class next week (Friday 25th).

**School Disco:** The first disco of the year takes place tomorrow in the school hall from 3:15 to 4:45pm. For those children who have a ticket, please make sure that an adult collects them as normal, helps them change in their classroom and then signs them in at the entrance to the hall by the Forest School area. Children will need to be signed out at 4:45pm from the fire exit door at the end of the school hall in the KS1 playground. We would especially like to thank the Co-op at Badcox who have kindly donated the food for the event!

**Fundraising Christmas Cards:** Thank you to everyone who has purchased Christmas Cards, calendars, mugs etc this year - they were sent to the printers yesterday. We hope to have the cards back shortly after half term - they will be sent home with the children as soon as they arrive at the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Parent Talk Magazine:** By clicking on this link [Parent Talk October Edition](#) it will take you to our digital edition which should be readable on all computers, tablets or smart phones. You will still find paper versions in local libraries, cafes, garden centres and some school receptions etc. In this month's edition:

- ✓ Competitions to win: Hippychick waterproof suit, Bluetooth headphones and Family Day ticket to Longleat
- ✓ Halloween
- ✓ New apps to tackle bad behaviour and road safety

Happy reading!

### Dates for your Diary

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - VSA School Disco  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Book Fair  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Flu Immunisations  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Family Christmas Bingo  
Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY

**Clubs:** There are still a few places left on Tag Rugby on Wednesday and Mini Olympics on a Thursday. If you would like your child to take part in either of these clubs please come to the school office to book and pay for a place.