

Last week we congratulated and thanked Mrs Blagdon and Mrs Bristow for 20 years' service to Vallis First School. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their commitment and hard work over the past twenty years - it is much appreciated.

Please check the 'Dates for your Diary' section regarding the Christmas performances. This year, KS2 will be holding a Carol Service at Trinity Church. As they will have performed Christmas plays in KS1 and Reception, we thought it would be nice for them to have a Carol Service. All the children will be involved and there will be a mixture of singing, readings, musical performances and carols for everyone to join in with. Later in the year, the Year 4s will also have their leavers' assembly.

Well done to all our Reception children last week as it was their first full week in school for many of them. They have also come to assemblies for the first time and they have been amazing.

In Celebration assembly last Friday, we said a big well done to our Star Powerful Learners who were: Yowan in Sun, Jude in Moon, Franklin in Jupiter, Ramesa in Saturn, Freddie in Neptune, Arlo in Apollo, Jamie and Isaac in Galaxy, Cora in Milky Way and Emilia in Voyager. I gave a certificate to Ashton in Voyager class too. Well done to all of you.

Nick Firkins
Headteacher

Christmas Performance Tickets: Please make sure you collect your tickets for your child's play (see dates listed below) as we do have a limit on numbers for each performance. Two tickets are allocated per child in the first instance - any spare tickets can be requested on the morning of the performances. Young children will need to sit on laps and pushchairs will need to be left in the playground during the performance. Unfortunately older siblings are not able to attend these performances.

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy: We still have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. If you are interested in this post, please contact the school office.

Violin Concert: Milky Way Class will be performing a concert on Friday 13th December at 9am. All parents/carers of Milky Way Class children are welcome.

Mufti Day: We will be holding a mufti-day on **Friday 22nd November** for the VSA Christmas Bingo. Children are allowed to come to school in non-uniform in return for goods for the Bingo hampers - chocolates, bottles of wine, biscuits, smellies or similar items. Please hand any donations to the School Office. Thank you for your support.

Flu Immunisations: The flu immunisations are taking place next Tuesday 19th November. If you have not already filled in the consent form and would like your child immunised, please come to the School Office to pick up a form.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13th November - Tuesday 19th November - Book Fair, 2.45 to 3.15pm

Tuesday 19th November - Flu Immunisations

Friday 22nd November - Mufti-Day for the VSA Christmas Bingo

Thursday 28th November - Family Christmas Bingo

Monday 16th December at 1.30pm - Yr 2 Christmas Performance (Neptune & Apollo)

Monday 16th December at 2.15pm - Yr 1 Christmas Performance (Jupiter & Saturn)

Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am - Yr 2 Christmas Performance (Neptune & Apollo)

Tuesday 17th December at 10.15am - Yr 1 Christmas Performance (Jupiter & Saturn)

Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm - Foundation Stage Christmas Performance (Sun & Moon)

Tuesday 17th December at 5pm - KS2 Carol Service at Trinity Church (Galaxy, Milky Way & Voyager)

Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm - Foundation Stage Christmas Performance (Sun & Moon)