

Vallis First School Thursday Note

Autumn Term - Thursday 5th December 2019 www.vallisfirstschool.org



Thank you to everyone who attended the VSA bingo evening last Thursday - I hope you enjoyed it and were lucky? It was great to see so many of you there and help raise around £1,000 for the school. Thanks again to Helen and her team of VSA volunteers as without them, all these events couldn't take place. Also, I'd like to thank Alex Kershaw-Moore, our Chair of Governors, for being such an expert bingo caller. The VSA are always looking for more volunteers, so if you would like to be involved, please let the office know.

I have started to hear the singing of Christmas songs echoing down the corridor this week as the children begin practising for their performances. Please remember to get tickets from the office for the performances in Reception and Years 1 and 2. You do not need tickets for the Year 3 & 4 carol service at Holy Trinity Church.

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been immersing themselves in their topic this week with a WWII day including food tasting, dressing up and playing games, singing and dancing. Many of the children came to a film night last night. It was also great to see so many parents in on Tuesday morning to work alongside their children in Years 3 and 4 in a 'Make Do and Mend' session. There was a lovely atmosphere in all the classes and lots of team work.

In Celebration assembly last Friday, we said a big well done to our Star Powerful Learners who were: Ethan in Sun, Olivia in Moon, Anajd in Jupiter, Maisie in Saturn, Hope in Neptune, Elwood in Apollo, Jacob in Galaxy, Annie in Milky Way and Mila in Voyager. Keep up the good learning.

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.

Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 13th December. Please send your child to school wearing a Christmas jumper in return for a money contribution which will go to the 'Save the Children' charity.

Black Swan Arts are hosting a children's day with live demonstrations on Saturday 7th December from 2-4pm as part of their latest exhibition of Frome artist Corinna Sargood. The event is free and being held in the Long Gallery, all welcome.

Clubs: Please note that this term's clubs end this week. Your child should have brought home a new clubs letter for clubs commencing the week beginning 13th January. Please return the slips by next Wednesday 11th December. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 13th December, 9am - Violin Concert for parents/carers of Milky Way class

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)

Thursday 19th December - Class parties pm (no food required, just party clothes to change into)

Friday 20th December - Last day of school before Christmas holiday. 2pm finish.

Monday 6th January - INSET day

Tuesday 7th January - Back to school