



It has been another busy week and the children have settled really well into the new term after the Christmas break. I have really enjoyed talking to many of the children about their holidays and the things they got up to.

Yesterday was the deadline for applications regarding school places for September and over the last few months I have shown nearly a hundred parents around the school. It's been a pleasure showing them round and what has been really nice is hearing the many positive comments that people have heard or read about Vallis School. As Headteacher, it is so heartening to know that many people in and beyond the school recognise the hard work and commitment that the staff put in to make this a truly great school. I love walking into the classes with visiting parents and seeing the range of learning going on from art, computing, P.E and maths to writing.

Please find the new Curriculum Overviews for your child's Key Stage on the back of this Thursday note.

After a short break before Christmas, last Friday we were able to begin celebrating the children who have shown some amazing learning skills. In Celebration Assembly, we said well done to our Star Powerful Learners who were: Jack in Sun, Derek in Moon, Franklin in Jupiter, Freya in Saturn, Tyler in Neptune, Alma in Apollo, Holly in Galaxy, Frances in Milky Way and in Jamie Voyager.

Keep learning.

Nick Firkins  
 Headteacher

**VSA NEWS**

**Cake Sales:** Sun Class raised an absolutely amazing £103 last week in their cake sale, well done Sun Class!! It is the turn of Moon Class tomorrow, please bake or buy some items for sale. If you are able to help pack (in the morning 8:50-9:15) or sell (in the afternoon 2:45-3:05) please let Mrs Higgins know.

**Spring Disco:** Our next disco will be held on Friday 7th February from 3:15 to 4:45pm in the school hall. Tickets cost £3.50 and will go on sale on Friday 24th January at 2:45pm by the school office. We will then sell Monday morning (27th) from 8:50am to 9:15am, Wednesday (29th) afternoon from 2:45pm to 3:15pm and then Friday 31st at the cake sale. If you can't make it to any of these dates, please send £3.50 in a named envelope in with your child or leave it at the office for one of the committee to pick up.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Half-Term Tree Planting:** 'Wild about Trees' are planting trees at Weylands to help fight climate change and create new homes for wildlife. You are welcome to along and help the Rangers by planting some trees.

They will have spades for you to borrow but please wear wellies and wrap up warm.

Please go to their website at [www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/wild-about-trees](http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/wild-about-trees) to you book your place.

**Dates for your Diary**

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Disco 3.15 to 4.45pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - last day before half term
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - back to school
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 Trip to Osmington Bay
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - last day before Easter Holidays
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - INSET Day
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April - back to school

**Clubs:** There are still a few places left on the following clubs:- Forest School (Tuesday), Dodgeball (Wednesday) and Mini Olympics (Thursday). If you would like your child to take up a place in any of these clubs, please come to the School Office to book and pay for them.