

Vallis First School Thursday Note

Spring Term – Thursday 13th February 2020

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I can’t believe we are already half way through the academic year! During this last term, I have seen lots of great learning around the school and I’ve been so impressed with how the children have been able to talk enthusiastically and knowledgeably about their topics. Last week, I had the pleasure of taking twelve Year 4s to Gracewell Care Home where they played games with some of the residents. Last time we visited, I received an email from the daughter of one of the residents and she said, “I was so impressed with the children, their politeness, wonderful behaviour but also how kind and interested they were in the residents there”. The children did Vallis proud this time as well.

In Celebration assembly last Friday, we said well done to our Star Powerful Learners who were: Millie in Sun, Theo in Moon, Edith in Jupiter, Rochelle in Saturn, Adam in Neptune, Tianna in Apollo, Reggie in Galaxy, Dylan in Milky Way and Orla in Voyager. Fantastic learning all of you. I hope you all have a great half term. See you on Monday 24th Feb.

Nick Firkins

Headteacher

**Dates for your Diary**

Friday 14th February – last day before half term

Monday 24th February – back to school

Friday 28th February – Milky Way cake sale

Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th March – Year 4 Trip to Osmington Bay

Wednesday 1st April – Parents’ Evening

Thursday 2nd April – Parents’ Evening

Friday 3rd April – last day before Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April – INSET Day

Tuesday 21st April – back to school

**Toad spawn:** Mrs Lucey is appealing for any toad spawn that you may have in your garden. Toad spawn differs from frog spawn as it is laid in a string rather than a jelly like clump. If you have any that you are willing to donate to our Nature area, please let Mrs Lucey know.

**Shoe Appeal for RAISE**: RAISE are collecting any pre-loved, waterproof and clean shoes for refugee camps across Europe. If you have any old shoes you can donate, please tie them together and bring them to the office and we will arrange collection. The deadline for donation of shoes is:

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**Cake Sale:**  It is the turn of Voyager Class tomorrow, please bake or buy some items for sale. Please do remember we are a nut free school!  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 Edwards know or pop along to the community room in the morning.  It is the turn of Milky Way class on 28th February.

**Spring Disco:** Thank you to everyone who came our Spring disco, as usual it was a loud but fun afternoon. Our next disco will take place in May.

**Hundred Club:** The February winners of our Hundred Club were:

1st Prize – number 60 – Alex Kershaw Moore

2nd Prize – number 26 – Karen Slocombe

3rd Prize – number 29 – Emma McNally

Thank you for your continued support.

**Clubs**: Please note that next half terms clubs start on the second week back at school – ie. Monday 2nd March.

There are still a few spaces available on the following after school clubs for next term:

Forest School - Wed

Tennis – Wed

Boxercise – Thurs

Please see the office if you would like to take up any of the places.

**No nuts!** Please note that due to having pupils with severe allergies we are a nut-free school. This includes foods such as peanut butter and snack bars that contain nuts and sesame seeds.

**The Secret Garden:** Please don’t forget to send in your 50p donation towards this performance which is happening on Tuesday 25th February.