

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 7th January 2022

Happy New Year to you all – I hope everyone had a good Christmas break. It's been lovely to see all the children back and full of enthusiasm for the term ahead. There are lots of things going on this term across the school including the start of Yoga sessions in KS2. As I am sure you are aware from the news, the numbers of COVID-19 cases across the country are very high at the moment. In terms of Vallis, our risk assessments and routines remain the same as at the end of last term, the only change for us is the reduction of an isolation period from 10 to 7 days (please see the Government and NHS websites for full details).

Staffing issues are also being highlighted in the news across many sectors and I know schools, including ourselves, faced some very difficult staffing issues last term. This is likely to continue; our priority is to keep all the classes open by redeploying staff and using supply teachers where necessary but there may be times when we have no alternative but to close a class, this would always be a last resort. We will continue to keep you informed of outbreaks and any other issues by email and text.

If your child has COVID-19 or your child's class is moved over to remote learning, activities and learning will be posted onto Google Classrooms. We are currently just checking the log ins and access to this as we are aware of children having changed classes from last year and children who are new to the school who don't have a log in. If you have any issues with this, please let the School Office know and we will try and sort them as soon as we can.

Looking forward to a busy term.

Best wishes

Nick Firkins

Headteacher

Reminders

- The flu immunisations will take place on **Wednesday 19th January**. Please ensure that you have completed the on-line consent form for your child/ren.
- EYFS and Middle School applications need to be completed by 15th January. Please go online <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/> to complete the applications.
- There are spaces left on the Yoga after school club starting Monday 17th January, please pop to the School Office if you would like your child to attend this club.

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 12th January – GALAXY CLASS SWIMMING
- Wednesday 19th January – School Flu Immunisations
- Monday 31st January – SEND Workshop for Parents
- Friday 18th February – Last day of half term – finishing at 3pm
- Monday 28th February – Back to school
- Friday 8th April – last day before Easter Holidays – finishing at 3pm
- Monday 25th April – INSET DAY
- Tuesday 26th April – Back to school

MILKY WAY CLASS MAKING THEIR AIR-RAID SHELTERS



