

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 14th January 2022

It has been a busy first full week back in school and all the children have settled well into their learning and new topics. You will find the curriculum overviews for this term on the class pages on our website, which give a brief outline of areas that are going to be covered until Easter. In normal circumstances, we would be welcoming you in to school to work with your children in various events but sadly with the current restrictions, this isn't possible. We hope that this will change soon as I know how much the children and you enjoy the family learning events.

I am often asked by parents what they can do to support their child's learning at home. Any time you spend with your children is hugely valuable in their development. Specifically, reading and sharing books as often as you can; using fun games and different media to learn tables, division facts and number bonds and any fine motor skill activities like drawing and writing will help them. Keeping learning fun and engaging is key and short and frequent activities can often work best.

As last week was a short week, we didn't have star learners to celebrate, so this will start again today and next week we can see who has been showing those key learning skills during the week.

New guidance on reducing the isolation period to 5 days for a positive case of COVID-19 was announced yesterday. Please see the NHS and government websites for the latest guidance regarding this.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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. This link will expire on Monday 17th January.
- Please do encourage your KS2 children to access TTRockstars at home (see your child's class teacher for log-in details). It is a fabulous resource that will support the children in learning their times tables and will help prepare the Year 4 children for the end of year statutory times tables check. They really do enjoy it as well!

Dates for your Diary

- **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**