

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th February 2022

On Wednesday, I was invited to Milky Way class to have a look at some art they have been doing and it was amazing. Their pictures are of squirrels and the children have really captured the shape and form of the animal - some examples are on the gallery page of the website. I have also seen a range of maths round the school this week and again, I have been really impressed in how the children are showing the application of their knowledge as well as their basic math's skills.

A real positive this week has been the drop in our COVID numbers in school - we now only have a few cases. You will no doubt be aware of the possible changes in the isolation rules announced yesterday by the government; I will of course keep you updated on any implications for us as a school. Recently, we have had many visiting teachers in our school and it has been lovely to hear their many positive comments.

“Thank you. This is a happy and welcoming school and I have enjoyed teaching here.”

From time to time, we do need to send reminders about parking in and around the school site. Only parents/carers who have been to the school office and got permission to park on the school site should be entering our car park at drop off and pick up times. I would ask all parents to respect these rules please so we can ensure all the children and adults are safe at busy times.

Our Star Powerful Learners this week were: Martha from Sun; Obi from Moon; Sonny from Jupiter; Shivanya from Saturn; Connie from Neptune; Rose from Apollo; Bryher from Galaxy; Ted from Milky Way and Freyah from Mars. Well done to all of you for showing some great learning skills - keep it up.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Nick Firkins

Reminders

- Please let the school office know if you would like your child to take part in an after school club after half term.
- Please pop the outstanding school trip to Osmington Bay outstanding monies into the school office by Friday 18th February.
- Please fill out your child's hot school meal menu and return it to the school office if you would like your child to have hot meals after half term.

Dates for your Diary

- **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**

Mrs Lucey would be hugely grateful for any vegetable seeds or wild flower seeds that you may like to donate to her for the allotment and Forest School area.



Milky Way Class have been sketching and painting some wonderful pictures of Squirrels this week

