

# VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of half term – finishing at 3pm**
- **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school**
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – last day before Easter Holidays – finishing at 3pm**
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY**
- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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**

