

VALLIS FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 18th February 2022

We are now half way through the school year and I think it is safe to say it has had its up and downs so far with the ever changing COVID landscape. The school is feeling really positive at the moment with our COVID numbers virtually zero and the staffing issues that we have had are starting to ease. Gradually, we are starting to move away from dealing with the many issues that COVID has created to making some really good progress with our School Development Plan. With better and warmer weather approaching in Spring, hopefully things will continue like this and we can revert back to re-introducing some of our school events such as inviting you in for Family Learning sessions to share some of your children's' learning, which is something I know both the staff and children have missed.

Visitors have continued to come into school over the last term and yesterday Saturn class enjoyed an interactive music session with the Somerset Music Service.

Last week, we appointed Jenny Collins as class teacher for Jupiter to cover Rikki Holmes who will be going on her maternity leave after Easter. Jenny is an experienced teacher and we look forward to welcoming her to our team in April.

Our Star Powerful Learners this week were: Temperance from Sun; Isla from Moon; Alfie from Jupiter; Iris from Saturn; Eddie from Neptune; Sophia from Apollo; Matilda from Galaxy; Lilly from Milky Way and Freya from Mars. Well done to all of you for your amazing efforts with your learning.

I hope you all have a well-deserved half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 28th February.

Nick Firkins

Headteacher

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**

We will be taking part in the Frome Kindness Festival.

Kind acts often form part of Vallis' Anti Bullying weeks but next term the focus of the first week back at school will purely be on kindness.

There will be workshops from the organisers of the festival and children will also make smile collages or posters, sing songs with kindness as the theme, tell jokes and give compliments to each other amongst many other things.



