



# Vallis First School Newsletter

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Last Thursday we held a coffee morning for our EYFS, Y1 and Y2 parents and it was so lovely to be able to welcome you all into school. If you missed this one, please don't worry as I am looking to hold a termly coffee morning (6 a year) for all parents and carers from September. This will give you an opportunity to come into school and have a chat with members of the senior leadership team. The idea is that they are informal and a chance for you to ask questions and make suggestions about all areas of school life.

We finally managed to have a Summer Fair on Saturday and although the weather wasn't as kind as it could have been, it was very busy and we managed to raise a lot of money for the school - over £2000. The VSA did an amazing job in organising the fair and I would like to thank Helen, her team and all the helpers on the day for their hard work and effort in the run up to the fair and on the day. Thank you to everyone who came along too and supported the school.

Some of our Year 4 children had the chance this week to meet staff from Selwood and Oakfield Academies and ask questions about what life at a middle school is like. Our transition day is fast approaching; the children will have the opportunity to spend some time with their new teachers and classes, information will be sent out on the 4<sup>th</sup> July as details are being finalised at the moment. In September at the beginning of term, there will be two 'Meet the Teacher' sessions where parents and carers will have an opportunity to come in to school and meet the teachers and teaching assistants who will be working with your children through the year. This will also be a chance for you to ask specific questions about your child's class.

As I mentioned in a previous Newsletter, the structure of the school is changing slightly next year due to the numbers of children in different year groups. Mixed-age classes in primary schools are very common and teachers are used to planning for this. Lessons are planned to take into account the range of abilities and ensure that all children can access the learning and are challenged in an appropriate way. Our whole school curriculum, which we have been working on developing this year, is based on a two-year cycle which ensures children don't miss out on any topic areas.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Nick





**Our Star Powerful Learners from the last week of last term were: Temperance from Sun; Isabel from Moon; Eddie from Jupiter; Ryan from Saturn; Eric from Neptune; Harry from Apollo; Ruben from Galaxy, Charlie from Milky Way and Rochelle from Mars. Well done to all of you for using your learning powers this week.**

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Morning for our YR-Y3 children and Transition Day for our Y4 children**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Reports out to Parents/Carers**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 4 Leavers Assembly**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Year 4 Leavers Party**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – last day of term – finish at 2pm**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – INSET DAYS**

**Thursday 1st September 2022 – INSET DAY**

**Friday 2nd September 2022 – INSET DAY**

**Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – INSET DAY**

**Monday 17th April 2023 – INSET DAY**

**Friday 26th May 2023 – INSET DAY**

**On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June we are holding our first SEND Coffee Morning, please feel free to join us at 10:15. Mr Firkins, Mr Smith & Mrs Cobb will be hosting the event 😊**

**We would like to invite Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) parents and carers to an Open Classroom event, for your child to share their work with you on Wednesday 13th July at either 9-9.30am or 2.30-3pm.**

