



Vallis First School Newsletter

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On Monday we had a wellbeing day which was organised by Steph Rainford; the children took part in a range of wellbeing activities during the day including a whole school assembly, sharing stories about belonging and singing our new school song. Some of the day was spent in mixed groups across the school which is always lovely to see and they all enjoyed being with children from other classes.

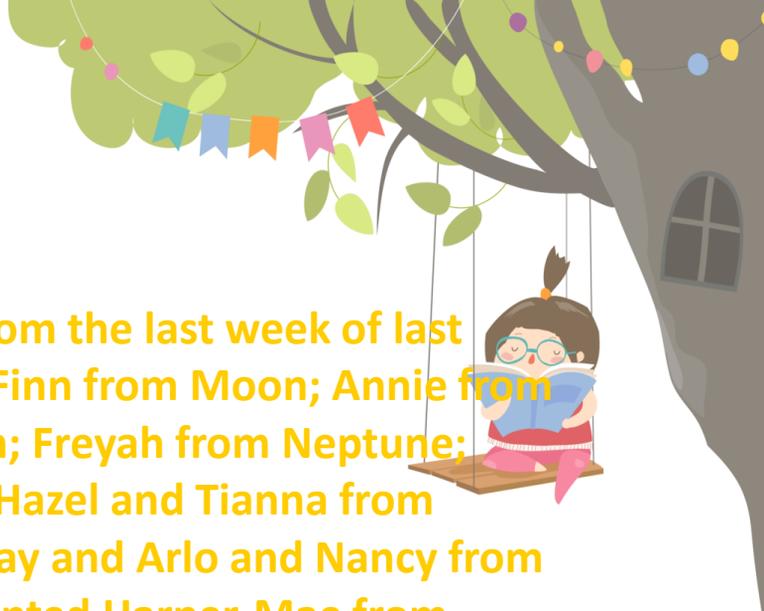
Yesterday, I took our Year 4s who are going to Oakfield Academy in September for an additional visit. They got an opportunity to get to know their form tutor and a look round the school. Next Wednesday is the Frome Transition Day; all the Year 4 children will get a chance to spend the day at their new schools, details should have been given to you from their new school. At Vallis, the children will also be spending the morning with their new classes and familiarising themselves with their new environment. A huge amount of work goes in to preparing the children for transition, whether that be to another school or another class and most children take things in their stride. If your child is getting anxious about September and we are not aware, please speak to their current class teacher so we can ensure they are supported.

The Summer holidays are always a great time for spending time with your family but at times it can be difficult to keep children amused and entertained. At the bottom of the newsletter this week are some activities over the summer being organised by Purple Elephant, a local charitable service for children and families. You can email them direct if you are interested.

Wishing you all a great weekend

Nick





Our Star Powerful Learners from the last week of last term were: Honey from Sun; Finn from Moon; Annie from Jupiter; Lily-Anne from Saturn; Freyah from Neptune; Annabel from Apollo; Ebony, Hazel and Tianna from Galaxy, Tommy from Milky Way and Arlo and Nancy from Mars. In addition, I also presented Harper-Mae from Apollo a certificate on behalf of the VSA for her amazing help at the school Summer Fayre. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and efforts this week

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th July – Transition Morning for our YR-Y3 children and Transition Day for our Y4 children

Thursday 14th July – Reports out to Parents/Carers

Wednesday 20th July – Year 4 Leavers Assembly

Thursday 21st July – Year 4 Leavers Party

Friday 22nd July – last day of term – finish at 2pm

Monday 25th July & Tuesday 26th 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

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.





Transfer Day- Wednesday 6th July

On Wednesday children in Frome schools get to spend time in their new classes and schools. Our Year 4 children will spend the day in their new middle school (you will have received information from the different schools regarding these arrangements) while our younger children will spend the morning in their new classroom with their new teacher.

You will bring your child straight into their new classroom in the morning but then collect them from their current classroom. They return to their current classroom at the end of the morning so that during the afternoon they can share their experiences, ask any questions and chat through any worries.

If your child is joining Apollo, Neptune or Saturn class please enter via the slope, through the tunnel and into the lower playground and wait for your child's new teacher to welcome them in.

If your child is joining Voyager, Milky Way, Galaxy or Mars class please wait at the front of the school for staff to open the main doors to welcome your child in.

