



# Vallis First School Newsletter

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## Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

I hope you all had a pleasant half term and enjoyed some family time together. We come back to what is always a busy term leading up to Christmas. Look out for the VSA Bingo Night which is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - thank you all for your hamper donations today; I know these are always a highlight.

Thank you to all those parents who attended the EYFS Phonics meeting on Wednesday morning in the hall and to Mrs Molloy for organising this. The children all know how much I enjoy reading and I regularly share books that the staff enjoyed when they were younger in assembly. Phonics is the start of the journey to becoming a proficient reader and I try and encourage reading for enjoyment as much as possible.

Congratulations to Freddie from Galaxy class who won the Oakfield Academy Map Competition when he visited the school recently - we presented him with his prize in assembly today.

Next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November I will be holding a coffee morning straight after drop off in the Community Room for anyone to come in and have an informal chat with myself or a member of the senior team - please come along if you are free.

In our last terms Celebration Assembly, Saturn Class shared some amazing science learning with us all about the parts of a plant and what they do. They also showed some well designed art work inspired by Andy Goldsworthy which showed off the wonderful colours of Autumn. Well done to all in Saturn Class.

Have a lovely weekend.

Nick





## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Meet the Headteacher Coffee Morning at 9.00am in the Community Room**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December – VSA BINGO NIGHT**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November – SEND Coffee Morning at 9am in the Community Room**

## **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**1.30pm – KS1 Performance**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am – KS1 Performance**

**1.30pm – Foundation Stage Performance**

**5.30pm – KS2 Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am – Foundation Stage Performance**

## **INSET DAYS**

- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023**
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**
- **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

## **REMINDERS**

**The school photo deadline has moved to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Please can we ask that children do not bring in large rucksacks when avoidable.**



## ROWDEN HOUSE CHRISTMAS FETE



Rowden House will be holding a Christmas Extravaganza on SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER from 12noon-4pm.

The residents are getting very excited about this and are busy sourcing, selecting and making craft items for sale. Residents will also be helping us outside on the day, selling items from the stalls and are looking forward to meeting you all on the day.

Stalls and activities will include a cake stall, bric a brac, raffle and tombola, tea & coffee, hot food and fruit punch. Please look out for Santa's grotto with a reindeer and sleigh!

Parking is limited on the day, but we will have overflow car parking available at the Vallis Rd Youth Club and Nursery across the road.

Please do come and join us for a fun afternoon!

