



# Vallis First School Newsletter

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## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This week has seen many of the children going on local trips in the community. The KS1 children visited the library and were treated to some storytelling and finding out about what the library has to offer. If you aren't a member of the library, I would highly recommend visiting it and using their great facilities. The Year 4s visited the Black Swan Arts Centre and worked with a couple of local artists on a project; I know from their feedback they returned full of pride with their contributions.

Christmas is fast approaching and we have a couple of dates for your diary. On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, it is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. If your child would like to, they can come to school on this day in their Christmas Jumper and make a contribution to the charity. The following day, Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, is our Christmas dinner so the children can wear their jumper on this day too.

Next Wednesday, we will be sad to say goodbye to Verity Clayson. Miss Clayson has been a Teaching Assistant at Vallis for nearly ten years and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment over the years and wish her all the best for the future.

In last weeks celebration assembly, Apollo Class shared their learning with the rest of the school and told us about the maths they have been challenged with and some of their topic work. Well done to all of Apollo Class.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Nick





## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**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**

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPERS**

**If you have any Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your child/ren, please consider donating them to the school for families who might struggle to buy them. Thank you.**

## **INSET DAYS**

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

**HEAD LICE – We have a rather nasty outbreak of head lice in the school. Please check your child/ren's hair regularly.**





## ANTI BULLYING WEEK

Next week is National Anti Bullying week. This year's theme for Anti Bullying Week is 'Reach Out'. We want to spread a positive message that it's always possible to reach out and ask for help if you're worried about bullying and celebrate what makes us all unique.

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> we need your help to spread this message by wearing odd socks for 'Odd Socks Day'. This will be a fun way to start a week of activities promoting kind behaviour and an awareness of bullying.

Sunflower Montessori Nursery now has spaces available from January 2023 for 3 and 4 year olds for 49 weeks of the year, 8am-6pm.

We can also now offer a limited amount of term time only places to new families.

Due to the unique location of our nursery on Palmer Street in the heart of Frome, we can also offer wrap-around care for children who attend St Louis Primary and Vallis First School.

Please do get in touch with Hannah (01373 453853/[sunflownurserygroup@gmail.com](mailto:sunflownurserygroup@gmail.com)) to arrange a tour and enquire about availability.

