



# Vallis First School Newsletter

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## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

This week has seen a focus on anti-bullying and we started the week with an assembly led by Mrs Edwards. Many children and staff came to school wearing odd socks on Monday and during the week the children have done a range of activities around the bullying theme. Sometimes, these themes can be difficult to talk about but it is important to be open and honest and to talk about experiences and use strategies for dealing with difficult situations. We talked about the S.T.O.P. idea in assembly to identify bullying - Several Times On Purpose which is an easy way to remember what we mean by bullying.

Adam Smith our SENCO has updated the special education needs information on our web site this week and this can be found under the parents tab if you'd like to have a look - please see Adam's more detailed page on this Newsletter.

I would like to welcome Kristian Green to the EYFS team. Kristian, who has been working in EYFS since September and before supporting the children at lunchtimes, has now joined us full-time.

Voyager class shared some lovely learning with the whole school last Friday. We found out about their Victorian shadow art and the mini books they created. They then treated us to a lovely song they had learnt. Thank you Voyager class for sharing your learning.

Have a lovely weekend.

Nick



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Meal Day

## 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



## Special Educational Needs Update – Information Report

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for all of your wonderful feedback on our SEND Information Report earlier this year. There was so much positivity shared about the SEND provision in the school and lots of great ideas about how our Information Report could reflect this and be made easier to read. I have updated the Information Report with many of your suggestions. My apologies if your suggestion is not yet apparent in the document. I will continue to make updates throughout the year.

Much of your feedback was focussed on making the information easier to access. This became quite a challenge as it was also necessary to include more detail in several areas in order to be compliant with legislation. Several parents suggested that a clickable/collapsible web format might make it easier to manage. I have made a page in this format and would be incredibly grateful for your feedback on this.

Many parents also commented that some of the document was a bit formal. Sadly, I feel that this is still the case but I will try to rephrase things in future updates to make it more personal.

As with education in general, our Information Report is full of acronyms! Following your suggestions, I have put a link to a glossary on the web page. There is a linked document on the web page which gives you an overview of the key themes from the feedback that you submitted. I have also included a downloadable PDF version of the Information Report in case you have any technical difficulties with the collapsible format of the questions.

If you have time, it would be greatly appreciated if you could go to the school website to access the Information Report and let us know what you think.

Under the menu item 'Parents' is a section called 'SEND Information Report'.

<https://vallisfirstschool.org/send-information-report/>

As with last time, please send any feedback (critical feedback welcome!) to [office@vallisfirstschool.org.uk](mailto:office@vallisfirstschool.org.uk) with the subject heading 'SEND Information Report Feedback'.

Thank you so much for all of your help! I'm sure that the updated information contained in the report will help to support many families in the future.

Adam Smith – Special Educational Needs Coordinator

