



# Vallis First School Newsletter

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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

It has been a very busy week with all the Christmas performances; I hope you have all enjoyed seeing your children in their plays and at the Carol Service. The children have all been amazing in learning their words, their singing and working together as a team to put on some great shows. Thank you for supporting your children and coming along and for all the kind donations you made which totalled to £150.00. We have forwarded this to the Frome Food Bank who I know will be very grateful.

Key Stage 2 have been very busy over the past week or so. Milky Way and Galaxy Classes have written Christmas cards to the residents of Rosetti House and a small group delivered them on Tuesday and sang carols to the residents. Mars & Milky Way Classes have also collected items to support young people in need via the YMCA whilst Voyager and Galaxy Classes have collected food for the Frome food bank.

Thank you to the VSA for all their hard work this year in organising events and raising lots of money for the school. The Craft Fayre last Saturday had a lovely feel and there were lots of wonderful things to buy. Please continue to support them next year as they raise lots of money for the children of Vallis.

After a long term, I know the children are ready for a well-deserved break. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and a happy 2023. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Best wishes

Nick



## SEN Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all of your wonderful support this term. I hope that you all have a festive Christmas break and a happy New Year!

I know that this time of year can be challenging for all of us (parents and children!) for many different reasons. I just wanted to remind you of a few websites and services in case you need any support for yourself or your lovely children over the Christmas holiday.

### **Young Somerset - Mindline**

<https://www.youngsomerset.org.uk/need-support-immediately>

Young Somerset is the largest youth work charity in Somerset and our mission is to put young people first.

Mindline is a confidential listening service which provides a safe place to talk if you, or someone you know, is in distress.

### **The Community Inclusion and Activity Team**

<https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/send/community-inclusion-and-activity-team/>

The Community Inclusion and Activity Team helps and supports children and young people 0 to 18 years with a disability or additional need and their families, to try out new things, have fun and access their local community.

### **Somerset's Local Offer**

<https://beta.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/the-local-offer/>

The Somerset Local Offer website can help you to find the support that you need for children with SEND. The information and services on this website are for all children and young people with SEND that the local authority is responsible for, whether or not they have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP), to help families to make the best decisions.

### **Somerset Big Tent**

<https://www.somersetbigtent.org.uk/>

Somerset Big Tent is a partnership of Charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations and Community Interest Companies. These are organisations that provide a range of services including positive activities, therapeutic services and specialist support to increase positive wellbeing and improve mental health within children and young people aged 5-25 in Somerset.

Thank you so much! Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.

Adam Smith  
Special Educational Needs Coordinator

