



Vallis First School Newsletter

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Although it has been a cold week, our Reception children enjoyed going on their Winter walk around Frome on Monday, learning more about their environment. Our KS1 children have been writing some diary entries for Beegu which have been lovely to read. All the KS2 children have been very creative over the last few weeks creating some Monet inspired impressionist art which are of a very high standard.

Our 4 learning powers in school (Wise Owl, Tough Tortoise, Resourceful Squirrel and Team Ant), which are based on the Building Learning Power principles of resilience, resourcefulness, reflectiveness and relationships, are well embedded in Vallis and are a thread throughout everything we do. We have already adapted our Friday assembly where we celebrate the children who have been displaying these learning skills and we would now like to freshen up the characters. If you are an artist and would like to be part of the project to create some new artwork to represent our learning characters, please let the school office know and then I will be in touch with more details.

You should have received a separate email by now notifying you of the strike action on Wednesday next week - if you haven't seen it or received it, please contact the school office to check we have your correct contact details.

In last week's celebration assembly, Apollo Class shared some of their learning with the school. They told us about the visiting alien and their investigations to find out more information. It was great to see how their learning from this linked to many other subjects in the curriculum. The children finished their assembly with a song they had learnt while practicing their skills at keeping rhythm. Well done Apollo Class.

Have a great weekend.

Nick





School Opening Times survey

Thank you to all the staff and parents who have taken the time to let us know your views on potential changes to our opening hours. We've had some really useful comments and so far there is a clear majority for the preferred times if we have to make any changes. If you have not already completed the survey, please click on the link below – we will keep the survey open for one more week. Again, just to confirm – this is only research in response to potential changes in legislation, no changes are being implemented at the moment.

[School Opening Times Survey](#)

Parking


Unfortunately we have had some complaints from residents about parking at drop off and pick up times. Many of you will have noticed that the police and traffic wardens have been outside at these times over the last couple of days and they will continue to patrol going forwards. As always we thank you for your support by parking legally and responsibly in and around the school site.

Kindness Festival

As a whole school we are joining in the Kindness Challenge which will include:

- Doing things that are caring and thoughtful.
- Looking at ways we can be creative and have fun.
- Stretching ourselves to do something special.
- And helping anyone who might need our help.

Please see the flyer attached with this Newsletter for more information about the Kindness Challenge.





Dates for your Diary

Next Week:

- Wednesday 1st February – SEND Coffee Morning – 9am in the Community Room – POSTPONED and rescheduled (see below)
- Wednesday 1st February – EYFS Family Learning event, 9am – 10am – POSTPONED and rescheduled (see below)

Looking Ahead:

- Wednesday 7th February – KS1 Family Learning Event, 9am to 10:15am
- HALF TERM: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February
- Tuesday 21st February – EYFS (Reception) Family Learning Event, 9-10am
- Tuesday 28th February – Headteacher's Afternoon Tea – 2.15pm in the Community Room
- Wednesday 1st March – SEND Coffee Morning – 9am in the Community Room
- Thursday 9th March – 9.05-9.30am KS1 Information Meeting

EYFS Family Learning Event

Tuesday 21st February 9-10am

Please could you bring any boxes (any size) and plastic trays that we can use for this event? Thank you.

Spring/Summer Cleverchefs Menu

Your child/ren will bring home the new Spring/Summer menu next week. Please circle or highlight your child/ren's meal choices and return to the school office by Monday 6th February. Thank you.

