



The Vale Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th September 2017

Inspiring All

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the school year 2017/18! We have lots of plans for a really super year ahead, building on our mission:

Vale Every Individual
Achievement for All
Learner Centred
Enjoyment

We look forward to forming our new School Council, House Captains, Young Leaders, Behaviour Ambassadors, Eco Team.

We have welcomed lots of new children to our school this week:

Nina and Siyana to Moon Class

Cristina, Noah, Emma and Benjamin to Solar Class (Y3)

Tanaka to Apollo Class

We look forward to working with them and their families on their continuing learning journeys.

Please remember that the attendance expectation for Surrey schools is 100%. Absence from school is taken very seriously and is only permitted in exceptional circumstances.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought this week is:

'I have not failed, I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.'

ENTERPRISE FAIR

Thank you for your support with our Enterprise Fair today. The children have planned, budgeted and delivered a super array of stalls from Nerf guns, nail painting and lucky dip!

All monies will support the purchasing of educational resources.

PARENT HANDBOOK

Attached is a copy of our updated Parent Handbook. This is also available on our website. Please read it carefully as there are several updates. It is organised in alphabetical order to make it easy to reference. For example:

PE KIT

All children must have a full PE kit in school every day. This includes a light blue round neck t-shirt, navy shorts and navy jogging bottoms. Plimsolls are used for outdoor PE; trainers are permitted from Year 2 upwards as these are more supportive to the feet. If children do not have their PE kit in school it is our policy for them to write lines, as a means of remembering their kit next time.

We also ask juniors to have a pair of trainers in school every day for field use.



ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We are pleased that our pupils partake in a variety of clubs and activities outside of school. We enjoy hearing about these and especially like to celebrate their achievements. So, if your child has received a certificate, medal or rosette for example please bring it in to show us so we can take a photograph and put it on display.

FRUIT/SNACK

All children are strongly encouraged to bring a fresh piece of fruit to school every day. Please name the fruit or put it in a named pot. Infant children are also offered a piece of fruit/veg every day in the afternoon which is funded by the Government. In addition, children are now able to bring in breadsticks or crackers, NO crisps, cereal or fruit bars please.

Please note we are still exploring a school rucksack for junior use.

PTA

We are delighted that Mrs Georgie Potter is going to take on the role of PTA Chair this year. We are now looking for someone to work closely with her as Vice Chair and a PTA Secretary. Please consider these roles.

All parents are invited to the PTA AGM from 6.45pm on Wednesday 20th September

A date for your diary: Saturday 18th November – Winter Fair with a Hog Roast and winter Pimms.

We would be grateful for donations of second hand junior jumpers with the V neck for our uniform sales.

CLUBS

School based clubs will start week beginning 18th September. The club chart has been distributed. This year we are introducing a £1 a week fee for each staff led club to support the funding of resources. Payment for clubs will be taken once your child has been allocated their club. Club forms must be returned to the office by Wednesday 13th September.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We have 3 Open Mornings for prospective parents planned, for children who will start school in Reception from September 2018:

- Monday 9th October
- Friday 10th November
- Wednesday 6th December

Each morning starts at 9.30am with a tour of the school, followed by a presentation from the Co-Headteachers. We normally finish before 11am. Please book a place with the office.

The Surrey information about the application process is accessed online at: www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place.

The current Year 6 also need to apply for their Secondary school places this half term. The school lists, "Information on secondary schools in Surrey 2018/19" are available online at: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes>.

Year 6 pupils are permitted to visit potential Secondary Schools in the school day; please advise the office of the dates and times. Year 5 children and parents are encouraged to go to open evenings this year to get a feel for the Secondary schools on offer in the locality. We have been notified about the Therfield School dates:

Open Evening – all are welcome

Thursday 14th September 2017 - 5.30-8.30pm Headteacher talks at 5.45 and 6.45pm



Open Morning – all are welcome
 Friday 6th October 2017 - 9-11am

Tours of the school for Year 6 parents and pupils

There are tours of the school available throughout September and October, please contact the School Office on 01372 818123 to book a place.

Please check school websites for the other school dates.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Please follow and like our Facebook Page. Search for **'The Vale Primary School'** and our icon is our woodpecker logo, with a white background. We share events and photos from time to time. This week is all about our week back to school.

HALL HIRE

Our hall is available for hire over the weekend. It makes a great venue for parties from £12 per hour plus a £6 insurance charge. There is a minimum hire of 3 hours, for example a half hour set up, 2-hour party and half hour clear up. Please contact Mrs Potter if you are interested.

LETTERS THIS WEEK

<u>Parentmail</u> Club Preference Form Payment reminder Kidzania	<u>Hardcopy</u>
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COMMUNITY NEWS

WRIGGLES & GIGGLES
 Each Tuesday our local 'stay and play' community group meet in our school hall from 9.45am to 11.45am. It is a popular group for parents and carers for babies to pre-schoolers and open to everyone. For a small fee of just £2 for children aged over 1, £1 for children under 1 and siblings, visitors have a range of toys and activities on offer. Please spread the word and come along from September.

Have a great weekend.

Claire Regnard and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

SEPTEMBER 2017		
Monday 11 th & Tuesday 12 th September	New YR Sun Class groups in	am or pm
Wednesday 13 th September	YR Sun Class all in	8.30-8.50am start
	YR Sun Class Phonics session – all Year 1 Moon class parents invited	5.30pm
Monday 18 th September	Mathletics meeting for Y1 Moon Class parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 20 th September	Y5 Apollo & Y6 Voyager trip	Day
	Class Briefings & Co-Headteacher presentation	5pm & 6pm (5.30pm Co-HT)
	PTA AGM – all parents invited, wine & nibbles	6.45pm for 7pm start



Monday 25 th September - TBC	Individual school photos	Day
Tuesday 26 th September	Bourne Hall Art exhibition starts	Evening
OCTOBER 2017		
Tuesday 3 rd October	School Council visit	Day
Thursday 5 th October	9am Junior Parent coffee morning & visit to classes	9-10am
Monday 9 th October	Open morning for prospective parents	9.30 – 11am
Wednesday 11 th October	9.00am Infant Parent coffee morning & visit to classes	9-10am
Wednesday 18 th October	Woodland Walk & outdoor learning	TBC
Friday 20 th October	End of half term	School finishes 3.15/30pm
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October	HALF TERM	1 week
Monday 30 th October	INSET day – no children in school	Day
Tuesday 31 st October	Children back to school	8.30-8.50am start
NOVEMBER 2017		
Wednesday 8 th November	Parent Consultations	1.30-7.30pm
Friday 10 th November	Open morning for prospective parents	9.30 – 11am
Monday 13 th November	Anti-bullying week	Activities through week
Saturday 18 th November	Winter Fair with hog roast	TBC
Monday 20 th November	Road Safety week	Activities through week
DECEMBER 2017		
Wednesday 6 th December	Open morning for prospective parents	9.30-11am
Tuesday 12 th December	Pre-school and Wiggles & Giggles invited in to Infant rehearsal	10am
Wednesday 13 th December	Infant Production	2pm
	Junior Carols	Evening
Thursday 14 th December	Infant Production	9.30am
	Junior Carols	2pm
Thursday 21 st December	End of Autumn Term	School finishes 1.30pm
JANUARY 2018		
Thursday 4 th January	INSET day – no children in school	Day
Friday 5 th January	INSET day – no children in school	Day
Monday 8 th January	Start of Spring term – children in school	8.30-8.50am start