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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th September 2017

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought this week is:

'Think not of what you have done... but what next you are to do'.

ENTERPRISE FAIR

Our Enterprise Fair last Friday raised an amazing £479.50 – thank you so much! Our Facebook page shows some of the activities that were on offer, which were all initiated and run by the children. Congratulations to Apollo Class who raised the most money with their array of activities including face painting, lucky dip, nail painting, tattoos and a bottle flipping competition.

POWER GEMS

Our reward and incentive programme in school is called Power Gems. These are related to four identified learning powers. This week we are looking at the blue Sapphire gem:

Please use this language at home,
Especially when supporting home
learning.



CLASS BRIEFINGS

Next Wednesday 20th September we are holding our class briefings. Parents are expected to attend at least one session at 5pm or 6pm. The classteachers will introduce themselves and the expectations in their classes, including home learning.

At 5.30pm Mrs Regnard and Mrs Leyland will be presenting about the school's work on developing resilience – please attend.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Today the Y6 nominees presented their thoughts and ideas on why they should be a House Captain. Children from Y1 to Y6 have voted for one girl and one boy per class. Huge congratulations to:



Hyperion: Kennedy & Tom
Diomed: Ellie & Ben H
Shergar: Lily D & Harry
Nijinsky: Isabella & Riley B

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Moon: Nina, Siyana
Star: Summer, Harry F
Eclipse: Ewan, Lily M, Maci
Solar: Jack, Morgan
Comet: Queenie, Imogen
Apollo: Tanaka, Robbie
Voyager: Whole class for showing great attitude towards their learning

SAFETY MAP

At the end of the last academic year each child completed a safety map, telling us where they do and don't feel safe in the school. We have used the feedback to improve provision and supervision in the playground e.g. more directed activities and less children in the toilets permitted at any one time.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS

We are grateful for all support that our volunteer helpers provide e.g. hearing readers, doing odd jobs and supporting times tables. We sent out information this week via Parentmail. All past and new volunteers are asked to attend a meeting on Monday 25th September at 2.45pm with Mrs Leyland. All slips offering support need to be returned to the office by Friday 22nd September please. Some parents are able to offer support on a 'rota' basis – all teachers are grateful for any support given.

RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY

In honour of our service families, we will be marking red, white and blue day on Friday 6th October. The children are allowed to wear red, white and blue clothes – please try to wear something in each colour; jeans are permitted. Hair must be tied up as normal and no makeup or jewellery – small face paint is allowed.

Donations of £1.00 per child will be sent to the three national charities of our Armed Forces; The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity, ABF The Soldiers' Charity, and the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund. if you are happy to support this. Please bring this in via your child to the class at the beginning of the day on Friday 6th October.

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 start next week, if you have been allocated clubs for your child/ren and payment is now due. Please return the fee to the office by Monday 18th 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.

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

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| <u>Parentmail</u> Ball Up Sports Volunteer Helper | <u>Hardcopy</u> Surrey Secondary School Application Leaflet |
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COMMUNITY NEWS

ST. MARTIN'S CHILDREN CENTRE

Please see the attached poster about Epsom & Ewell's Rainbow Group for children 0-5 years with additional needs.



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 super weekend.

Claire Regnard and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

| SEPTEMBER 2017 | | |
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| 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 | Individual school photos | Day |
| | Volunteer helper meeting | 2.45pm |
| 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 |
| Friday 6 th October | Red, White and Blue Day | All day |
| 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 Wriggles & Giggles invited in to Infant rehearsal | 10am |

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| Wednesday 13 th December | Infant Production Junior Carols | 2pm Evening |
| Thursday 14 th December | Infant Production Junior Carols | 9.30am 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 |

