



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought this week is:

'Edit and rewrite. That's how you get better'.

### FAREWELL

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, we shall be saying farewell, thank you and good luck to Mrs Banham. Mrs Banham has worked at the school for 18 years; she is currently a Learning Assistant and our Senior Midday Supervisor. We are grateful for Mrs Banham's time and dedication that she has given our school, including playing the piano and supporting numerous musical events.

We have advertised this dual role on Eteach, reference LA1017 - 794087, . Please come and chat to one of the Co-Headteachers if you or someone you know is interested.

### PRESENTATIONS

Thank you to all families who attended our class briefings and Co-Headteacher presentation on Wednesday evening. A copy of our presentation on Resilience is on our website under Parents Page.

### SCHOOL TRIP

On Wednesday Apollo and Voyager Classes had a fun filled day at Kidzania. It was a delight to see their exemplary behaviour, independence, excitement and budgeting in a 'child's city'.

### 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 purple Amethyst gem:

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

## Communication

Be creative

Talk about ideas

Ask questions

Listen to others

Respond appropriately

Say when you don't understand

### HARVEST ASSEMBLY

It has been necessary for us to move the Harvest Festival assembly from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October; new junior parents are invited to attend from 9am for about 1 hour (Y3 parents and parents of those children who have joined the juniors since September). Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September our photographer will be in school to take individual and sibling group photographs.

## INFANT CHOIR

It's not too late to join Infant Choir, and it is a really good term to join as the children perform to all parents at Christmas. Reception children are welcome once they have settled in the mornings. Infant Choir is Wednesday at 8.15am with Mrs Hallet and Mrs Turner.

## TISSUE BOX DONATIONS

We would be very grateful to receive a donation of a box of tissues from every child – as you know school budgets are very tight and this really helps us as we enter the colder months. Please pass these to your child to give to their classteacher or pass on via the office – thank you.

## TERMLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The role of the Governing Body is to provide Strategic Leadership to the school to deliver the best possible outcomes and education for all of our children. We also recruit, support, challenge and performance manage the Co- Head Teachers, ensure financial viability and compliance with all legal duties. Our Annual Business Full Governing Body took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> September and this is a brief overview to inform parents of what was discussed to benefit the children.

Governors were appointed to roles of responsibility in line with the School Development Plan and assigned to our two sub committees, Resources and Children and Learning. The position of Chair and Vice Chair remain unchanged for this academic year. We looked at attainment data from July in detail for Key Stage one and two to analyse areas of strength and development for the school. Each Governor is assigned a class to visit termly to observe, monitor and evaluate a topic of a particular focus, this terms topic will be maths in the classroom. Discussions on the school joining the GLF Academy Trust are an agenda item at each meeting and Richard Evans Director of Education was in attendance. The process is still ongoing as the Regional School's Commissioner has instructed the Academy Trust to prioritise inadequate or improving schools, however we are continuing with regular meetings and service support from them. We are hoping that the parent and staff consultation process will take place in the Autumn Term and I will advise you of details once confirmed. Recruitment for a new Co Headteacher is currently taking place and I will inform you once the position has been offered and confirmed for January 2018.

As governors, we attend training and Conferences to broaden our knowledge and keep up to date with current topics, the financial climate in which schools are currently operating, the OFSTED Inspection Framework and academy status are the most recent ones. We also self- evaluate our own performance and have an Improvement Plan which includes raising our profile within the school and being a more visible body.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Vale Governors to welcome our new children and families to the school.

Debbie Matthews  
Chair of Governors

## PTA AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA AGM and committee meeting on Wednesday evening. It was lovely to see lots of new faces and share new ideas. Our committee roles are now confirmed as:

Chair: George Potter

Vice Chair: Kathy Castledine

Treasurers: Katherine Walsh and Femke Walker

Secretary: Dawn White



We are still looking for class reps for Y3 Eclipse and Year 6; if you can help please contact Georgie Potter on 07803432320.

We have set several dates for your diary, which include Friday afternoon hot chocolate or sweet sales (alternating per class – dates TBA) and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Winter Fair with a Hog Roast and winter Pimms.

### EPSOM & EWELL ART EXHIBITION

From next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, there is a show of art at Bourne Hall from schools across the Epsom and Ewell Borough. Each school has 6 pieces on show, we have chosen one piece from each year group Y1 to Y6 at The Vale with the theme Art in the Curriculum. Please do go along to have a look.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45pm with Mrs Leyland. All slips offering support need to be returned to the office by today Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 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.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Moon: Grace, Ethan

Star: Ethan, Reenisha

We would also like to say well done to children for achievements outside of school. We share certificates

## 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. This week there is a photo of our super new hall display V-A-L-E showing a contribution from every child.

## 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>	<u>Hardcopy</u>
Years 3 & 4 Trip	Years 3 & 4 Trip
Year 6 Residential Trip	Year 6 Residential

## 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 fabulous weekend.

**Claire Regnard and Sarah Leyland**  
**Co-Headteachers**

### SEPTEMBER 2017

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual school photos	Day
	Volunteer helper meeting	2.45pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Bourne Hall Art exhibition starts	Evening
<b>OCTOBER 2017</b>		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Council visit	Day
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	9am Junior Parent coffee morning & visit to classes	9-10am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Red, White and Blue Day	All day



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