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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2017

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought this week is:

'You can't live a positive life with a negative mind'.

SAFEGUARDING

For safeguarding reasons, could we please remind parents to leave the infant playground promptly when dropping off (by 8.50am) and collecting children (by 3.45pm). You are kindly asked to leave via the side gate and not through the school. Anyone without an ID badge will be challenged.

If you have come into our school for an official reason, it is essential that you sign in/out of the office so that we know that you are on site. Thank you for your co-operation.

CAR PARK

Please do not double park cars in our car park and leave your car; this applies to the morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

If parents do not follow the rules, then we may have to consider making it a staff car park only.

VACANCIES

We have advertised for a Learning Assistant with midday meals supervision and a Senior Midday meals Supervisor on Eteach; the job IDs: LA1017 – 794087 and 795692. Please come and chat to one of the Co-Headteachers if you or someone you know is interested.

WELCOME

This week we welcomed Kai to Apollo class. We look forward to working with him as he continues his learning journey.

EPSOM & EWELL ART EXHIBITION

We are delighted that 6 pieces of art are on show at Bourne Hall. The exhibition is on until Friday 6th October at 12o/c. This is part of the Epsom and Ewell Partnership of Schools Art Festival. We have chosen one piece from each year group Y1 to Y6 with the theme Art in the Curriculum. Well done to:

Year 1 – Joshua B

Year 2 – Charlie M

Year 3 – Annie C

Year 4 – Mariko P

Year 5 – Jonathon V

Year 6 – Mia D



JUNIOR COFFEE & CLASSES IN ACTION

Next Thursday 5th October Junior Class parents (years 3 to 6) are invited to come in for coffee with Mrs Regnard in the school hall from 9am. There will then be an opportunity to visit your child/ren's classrooms until 10am so that you can see learning in action.

RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY

In honour of our service families, we will be marking red, white and blue day **next 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 in the £1.00 via your child to the class at the beginning of the day on Friday 6th October.

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 yellow Amber gem:

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



ECO GARDEN

Our Eco Warriors welcomed Liz from the Epsom Civic Society last Monday. She was very impressed with our garden which is still thriving even at the end of the growing period and with the children who were enthusiastic and helpful.

The Epsom Civic Society has kindly donated £100 in garden vouchers to support our plans to develop a terraced area and afford some shade in the summer. We are really grateful for their support over the last 3 years. If you are interested to find out more information on the Society, which seeks to safeguard the character of Epsom, can be found on the website www.epsomcivicsociety.org.uk. On the home tab there is an option to join the Society which costs only £2 per year for which members receive 4 newsletters a year with details of local interest.

GLF NEWSLETTER

This term we are continuing to work in partnership with the GLF multi academy trust (MAT) as an associate school. Please read the attached newsletter from the CEO Jon Chaloner.

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

Thank you for the donation of boxes of tissues that we have received so far – 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.



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 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:

Sun: Arthur, Maisie

Moon: Cissy, Abigail

Star: Charlie

Eclipse: Lola, Annie

Solar: Cristina, Madeline

Comet: Mariko, Leo

Apollo: Amy, Kai

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.

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

Parentmail

Multi-Sensory Pantomime
Ezeesport Holiday Clubs
Bourne Hall Newsletter

Hardcopy



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.

Epsom Riding for the Disabled are looking for volunteers. For more information please contact: epsomrdavolunteering@gmail.com

Bourne Hall : Newsletter attached

Multi-sensory Theatre: Aladdin, 10th December 2017 – 11.15am or 2.00pm, The Dawney, Griffin Way, Great Bookham, Surrey KT23 4JJ

Have a great weekend.

Claire Regnard and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

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
Tuesday 10 th October	Years 1 & 2 Educational Visit	Day
Wednesday 11 th October	9.00am Infant Parent coffee morning & visit to classes	9-10am
Friday 13 th October	Years 3 & 4 Educational Visit	Day
Wednesday 18 th October	Woodland Walk & outdoor learning	TBC
Friday 20 th October	Harvest Assembly	9am for new junior parents
	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
	Nasal Flu Years R - 4	



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