



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought this week is:

'It never gets easier, but you get better'.

### STAFF UPDATE

We said farewell to Mrs Banham this week after 18 years at The Vale as a Learning Assistant and Senior Lunchtime Supervisor. We wish her luck as she continues her role as a Carer.

We are also delighted that Mrs Browne has been announced as The Vale's new Co-Headteacher working with Mrs Leyland from January 2018. Mrs Leyland will continue to work Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Browne Wednesday to Friday. Her role as a classteacher in Eclipse Class will cease at the end of the Autumn Term (December 2017); we will notify you of our plans for the class as soon as we can. We will ensure a smooth transition for the children as always.

### RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY

Thank you for supporting Red, White and Blue day today in honour of our service families. Your donations 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.

### SAFEGUARDING

Last week we asked that parents do not enter the school building in the morning (except YR) for safeguarding reasons. We are now going to blow the whistle at 8.45am so that all parents leave the infant playground promptly. If you arrive to drop off your child/ren between 8.45 and 8.50am then you will be asked to kiss and drop at the gate.

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.

Morning Clubs start as follows and children should not come in to school until the stated time:

- Infant Choir Wednesdays at 8.15am
- Junior Choir Thursdays at 8.15am

Please ensure that children do not turn up late either as there is not always someone to let them in school – the office opens at 8.30am.

### WELCOME

This week we welcomed Adrian to Eclipse class and Imani to Apollo class. We look forward to working with them as they continue their learning journeys.



## INFANT COFFEE & CLASSES IN ACTION

Thank you to the parents who attended the Junior coffee and classes in action this Thursday. Next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October Infant parents (years R to 2) are invited to come in for coffee with Mrs Leyland and 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.

## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

### TIMES TABLES

In years 1 to 6 we have put a new times tables programme in place. The internal reference booklet is attached. Children need to know their times tables with rapid recall by the end of year 4, which supports division, fractions and decimals work for example.

To support the learning of the initial tables we recommend (others to follow in next few weeks):

#### **1x table notes**

(Special words to know and understand are bold)

This is included in the homework diary and can be useful for explaining that **multiplication** is **repeated addition**.

E.g.  $4 \times 1 = 1+1+1+1 = 4$  a quick way is to know instantly that 4 ones are 4.

$7 \times 1 = 1+1+1+1+1+1+1 = 7$ . Also  $4 \times 0$  seen as  $0+0+0+0 = 0$  reinforces the rule about multiplying by zero.

#### **2x table notes**

The child needs to understand the meaning of **odd** and **even** numbers e.g. in a group of six children everyone can have a partner, in a group of three, five, seven etc there will always be one left over, an odd one without a partner.

The two times table answers are all even. In the two times table each number is **doubled**.

In response to parent feedback we will be holding a maths meeting for parents on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 6-7pm; children may attend. It is essential that every family attends this as we will lead a whole school workshop on Reasoning and then classteachers will explain the calculation policy pertinent to them.

## 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 green emerald gem:

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

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are delighted that our new School Councillors have been nominated.

Congratulations to:

- Year 1 Moon Class: Cissy and Flynn
- Year 2 Star Class: Isla and Grayson
- Year 3 Solar Class: Maya and Cameron
- Year 3 Eclipse Class: Maci and Willem
- Year 4 Comet Class: Imogen and Ben
- Year 5 Apollo Class: Tanaka and Patrick
- Year 6 Voyager Class: Lily M and Ryley F

Our School Council has a strong voice and through their hard work and determination (emerald power) Butterscotch tart is back on the school dinner menu!

## Positivity & Perseverance

Growth Mindset

Have a go

Learn from mistakes

Be excited to try new things

Try again, keep going

Take a brain break



Our new School Councillors from Apollo and Voyager classes took part in a School Council Training Workshop at Stamford Green on Tuesday. It was a fabulous opportunity to work with children from seven other local schools on a variety of tasks and all the children involved agreed that it was very beneficial. Once again, the attitude and behaviour of our pupils was exemplary. Well done to Ryley, Lily, Tanaka and Patrick for their enthusiasm and positivity. This project is being funded by the Epsom and Ewell Partnership.

#### DANCE FESTIVAL

In June 2018 we will be taking part in the Epsom and Ewell Annual Dance Festival at the Epsom Playhouse. If you have a dance background and would be able to lead a group of children on this, including choreography, rehearsals and 2 x evening performances, please contact us as soon as possible.

#### UNIFORM

We have been informed by Stephenson's that our school tie is now back in stock.

#### 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>.

#### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Eclipse: Aidan, Alyssia

Solar: Isabella, Skye

Comet: Poppy May, Katie, Bailey, Scarlett, Oliver, Piotrek

Apollo: Toni, Rosamund

Voyager: Isabella, Savannah

#### 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  
Bourne Hall Activities

Hardcopy



## 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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Please find attached details of half term activities at Bourne Hall.

The Musical Theatre Society are holding a workshop with auditions on Sunday 15th October for their performance of 'Oliver' at the Epsom Playhouse in May 2018; a little bit of dancing but mainly singing and acting are required. Please see the attached information.

*Have a lovely weekend.*

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

### OCTOBER 2017

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

### NOVEMBER 2017

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	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths meeting for parents	6.00 – 7.00pm
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Winter Fair with hog roast	TBC
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety week	Activities through week

### DECEMBER 2017

Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Open morning for prospective parents	9.30-11am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre-school and Wriggles & Giggles invited in to Infant rehearsal	10am



Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Production Junior Carols	2pm Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Production Junior Carols	9.30am 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

