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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd November 2017

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought this week is:

'Your talent determines what you can do. Your motivation determines how much you are willing to do. Your attitude determines how well you do it.'

WELCOME BACK

This week saw the start of the second half of the autumn term, and the lead up to Christmas! It is a long half term with lots of exciting learning and activities planned that will last in the memory!

As the mornings and afternoons are darker and the weather is colder, please ensure all children have a coat as playtime takes place all year through.

We have welcomed Joshua, Star Class, to our school this week. We look forward to working with him and his family on his continuing learning journey.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

We are looking forward to seeing all parents for our Positive Behaviour Workshop on Monday 6th November at 9am. This is being led by Fiona Jarman from GLF. We urge as many of you as possible to attend to hear the important messages about the Thrive Approach which we have introduced in school which focuses on building resilience to develop well balanced emotionally secure children. Fiona Jarman will also discuss the effects of technology on young children's brains.

We are an inclusive school and support children with a range of needs. This workshop is applicable to parents who have children with identified needs and for all parents who are interested in this area or who may have concerns.

E-SAFETY

In an ever-growing technological world, it is imperative that children and adults alike understand the benefits and risks of the technology available to them. We urge all parents and carers to ensure they know what forms of technology their children are using and to monitor this frequently. Please have discussions about their use. Please take a look at the Digital Parenting magazine which is available here: <http://www.vodafone.com/content/digital-parenting/learning-and-fun/digital-parenting-magazine.html#>

INFANT MORNING DROP OFF

Thank you for your support with the new system for drop off of infant children in the morning. They are going to go straight into their classrooms when parents and carers drop them off between 8.30-8.50am. This is proving a popular system and has already ensured a calmer start to the day.



If you need to speak to the classteacher you may see them to chat to, or please make a mutually convenient appointment via the main office. No parents will be permitted into the classrooms. Whilst in the classroom between 8.30-8.50am the children will be undertaking a range of activities including mindfulness colouring.

The excellent Gugafit sessions are being undertaken at 11am at the beginning of playtime. Don't forget your child/ren's healthy snack for playtime as we do find that they are hungry.

PARENT CONSULTATION MEETINGS

The on-line booking system for the Parent Consultation meetings on Wednesday 8th November is now live. All parents are expected to meet their child/ren's classteacher to discuss how they have settled into their new class, what progress they have already made and what targets they have been set.

SCHOOL FUND

Thank you for the donations to the School Fund that we have received so far. We attached details of our School Fund to the newsletter on 13th October. As you know school budgets are at an all-time low and are set to decrease further. We work very closely with our School Business Manager and Governors to ensure value for money through every aspect of school life. All donations are greatly received to help us provide additional resources for the children. You can pay this on ParentPay and we are able to claim back Gift Aid.

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 17th November we will be taking part in a range of Children in Need events. Children (and adults) are asked to wear spots! Spotty clothes, spotty pyjamas or spots on your uniform or mufti clothes (nothing plain and boring please). Pudsey and Blush clothing is permitted, with other headbands etc. Face paint is also allowed. **All of this is permitted for a donation to this cause – which our children love! We suggest £1 but you may give more.** We are also doing our traditional coin collection so start collecting those coppers please.

HOUSE SYSTEM

At The Vale we have a house system which supports groupings and rewards in school. Siblings are placed in the same house as one another. Our Power Gem rewards count towards house points. A girl and a boy from Voyager class is voted as a House Captain each September. We use the house system for mixed playtimes, art sessions and sports day. Each of the four houses is named after a Derby winner. This week we profile:

Diomed – he was foaled in 1777, was an English Thoroughbred race horse who won the inaugural running of The Derby in 1780.



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 was attached last week. 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.

3 x table notes

An odd number table: The answers in this table all contain digits which add up to 3, 6, or 9, (multiples of 3) e.g. in 15 the digits are 1 & 5 which, added together make 6. In 21 digits 2 & 1 added together = 3, therefore 21 is in the table. (This may be too difficult a concept for some children in the initial stage of learning but may be useful at a later stage.)

Keep practising and make it fun!



TRAIN TO TEACH

There are a variety of seminars and events organised in the local area for people interested in getting in to teaching; if you or a person you know is considering this rewarding career please let them know.

UCAS have now opened their applications:

- 1st November: Get into Teaching Coffee Morning, 9.00-9.30am at Cuddington Croft Primary School
- 2nd November: Get into Teaching Recruitment Fair, 5.00-8.00pm at Silvermere Golf Club in Cobham
- 8th November: Get into Teaching Coffee Morning, 9.00-9.30am at Danetree Primary School in Ewell
- 8th November: Get into Teaching Information Workshop for Teaching Assistants, 4.00-4.45pm at Cordwalles Junior School in Camberley
- 15th November: Get into Teaching Information Workshop for Teaching Assistants, 4.00-4.45pm at Cuddington Croft Primary School in Cheam
- 29th November: Get into Teaching Information Workshop for Teaching Assistants, 4.00-4.45pm at Lime Tree Primary School in Redhill
- 6th December: Get into Teaching Coffee Morning, 9.00-9.30am at Lime Tree Primary School in Redhill

SUPPORTING REMEMBRANCE

Poppies, poppy bracelets and reflector poppies are now available from school. We suggest a donation of £1 for the larger items please.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We have 2 more Open Mornings for prospective parents planned, for children who will start school in Reception from September 2018:

- 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.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Solar: Maya, Aaliyah

Comet: Whole class, Josh

Apollo: Patrick, Lydia

PTA

The PTA will be holding a Hog Roast on Saturday 18th November 12 – 2.00pm

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

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| Parentmail | Hardcopy |
| Dance2Bfit | |
| NESCOT Football Academy | |



COMMUNITY NEWS

TADWORTH CHILDREN'S TRUST

Tadworth Children's Trust will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 25th November, 12.00 – 4.00pm.

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.

Have a super weekend – please be safe if you are attending a firework display and follow the firework code!

Claire Regnard and Sarah Leyland Co-Headteachers

| NOVEMBER 2017 | | |
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| Monday 6 th November | Positive Behaviour Workshop | 9.00-10.00am |
| Tuesday 7 th November | Years 5 & 6 Residential Meetings | 6.00pm |
| 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 Nasal Flu Years R – 4 | Activities through week |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Maths meeting for parents | 6.00 – 7.00pm |
| 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 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 |

