



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought this week is:

'The temptation to quit will be the greatest just before you succeed.'

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Positive Behaviour Workshop on Monday. Fiona Jarman received good feedback and we know parents are keen to hear more. This was an informal session so no slides to share, but she did discuss The Nurture-Structure Highway and suggested parents look online e.g. [https://www.behaviourwall.com/resources/Nurture\\_Structure\\_Explanatory\\_Notes\\_PARENTS.pdf](https://www.behaviourwall.com/resources/Nurture_Structure_Explanatory_Notes_PARENTS.pdf)

### NASAL FLU IMMUNISATION

Nasal Flu Immunisation is taking place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am. Children will only be immunised if parents have already returned a completed permission form. If you would like to show your child the animated Flu Buster Clip in preparation for Monday, please follow the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jHWwm8NQUw>

if your child has been wheezy and using their reliever inhaler over the weekend please let the school office know when you drop off on Monday morning. The school nurse team will assess whether they are well enough to be immunised.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need and we will be taking part in a range of 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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alfie in Sun Class who has a new baby brother Teddy – lovely news!



## ATTENDANCE

We are going to be publishing our weekly attendance figures. We are grateful to all our families who see that school is an important place and ensure that appointments and holidays are taken out of term time.

Week beginning 31<sup>st</sup> October:

Sun Class 95.50  
Moon Class 98.37  
Star Class 95  
Eclipse Class 97  
Solar Class 98.44  
Comet Class 98.15  
Apollo Class 96  
Voyager Class 94.83

Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> November:

Sun Class 95.20  
Moon Class 97.83  
Star Class 94  
Eclipse Class 94.4  
Solar Class 99.17  
Comet Class 97.78  
Apollo Class 97.60  
Voyager Class 93.10

## WINTER FAIR

It is just one week now until our PTA Winter Fair on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for all the donations this week for the bottle and chocolate tombola. Thank you to the committee who are busy organising:

- Fresh Hog Roast
- Junior Choir singing at 12.30pm
- Range of exciting stalls including: Lucky Dip, Lucky Lollies, Fill a Jar, Tattoo's and Nail Polish, Face Painting, Tombola's, Guess the Weight of the Cake and our ever-popular bar!

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Both our football and running clubs would like some young volunteers to help. Football is with Mr Pedace on Tuesdays and running is on Thursdays with Mrs Regnard – both 3.30 - 4.30pm. If you know of an older brother or sister or neighbour who would be willing to assist us, please contact the office. The last week for staff led clubs is the week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November; we will confirm about the 2 choirs.

## WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

Our next whole school Woodland Walk is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December; we need lots of volunteers to help us walk to, around and back from the sites where we have previously planted trees. You do not have to have a DBS for this event. Please notify the office if you can support us from 9-11am. All children and adults will need to wear a pair of wellington boots and a coat! Please click here for the Woodland Trust's update about Langley Vale Wood: [https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/mediafile/100820274/9676-first-world-war-email.pdf?utm\\_campaign=1945073\\_l01\\_9676\\_fww\\_newsletter\\_20171030&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=woodlandtrust&utm\\_content=&dm\\_i=2D76,15OTT,512FCN,3L8KA,1](https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/mediafile/100820274/9676-first-world-war-email.pdf?utm_campaign=1945073_l01_9676_fww_newsletter_20171030&utm_medium=email&utm_source=woodlandtrust&utm_content=&dm_i=2D76,15OTT,512FCN,3L8KA,1)

## MATHS MEETING FOR PARENTS

This has been postponed and you will be advised when a new date has been set.



## 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: Hyperion (18 April 1930 – 9 December 1960) was a British-bred Thoroughbred, who won the Epsom Derby. He was the most successful British-bred sire of the 20th century and was champion sire in Great Britain six times between 1940 and 1954.



## 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.

#### 6x table notes

An even number table. There is no easy pattern here except that some answers were in the 3 x table just learnt. The units have a pattern 6, 2, 8, 4, 0, but most children do not find this helpful. The tens pattern is irregular. Good luck!

## 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#>

## RED BANANA STAFF VACANCIES

Red Banana Club are looking for energetic and enthusiastic people to join their team. Ideally you would have an NVQ Level 3 in playwork or equivalent, or experience of working with children. If you are interested, please call Donna Woollen for an informal chat in the first instant on 07440585978

## 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:

- 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

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We have 1 more Open Morning for prospective parents planned, for children who will start school in Reception from September 2018:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

The 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).

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Sun: Oliver, Riley  
Moon: Cole, Ella-Mae  
Star: Aaliyah, Joshua  
Solar: Tyler, Jaymie  
Comet: Casius, Paris  
Apollo: Jonathan, Lauren  
Voyager: Brooke, Isabella

## 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

<u>Parentmail</u>	<u>Hardcopy</u>
Christmas Lights switch on	
Princess and Prince	
School dinners arrears	

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Saturday 18th November. Free entertainment for everyone starts from 12noon.

Join the show at 5pm with special guest appearances by the cast of Cinderella from The Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Bear and the arrival of Santa himself!

Free prizes during the day for the Ashley's Kids Club Members, if you are not one, make sure you join in on the day. Plus, more surprises!

### PRINCESS AND PRINCE

Dress as a Princess or Prince and come to The Ashley Centre to have your photo taken on Sunday 19th November in the magical Cinderella Carriage. All photos will be uploaded to The Ashley Centre Facebook page and the photo with more likes on Monday 20th November at 5pm wins family tickets to see the Cinderella Pantomime at the Epsom Playhouse.

### 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 lovely weekend.

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

NOVEMBER 2017		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week Nasal Flu Years R – 4	Activities through week
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	12-2pm
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety week	Activities through week
DECEMBER 2017		
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Whole School Woodland Walk: volunteers please	9-11am
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 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
JANUARY 2018		
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

