



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought last week was:

'Don't make excuses, make improvements.'

### CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done and thank you to everyone for their efforts with supporting Children in Need last Friday – we looked Spotacular! Even the school corridors, hall and shared areas were covered in spots! The children thoroughly enjoyed counting the spots. There were 211 altogether – congratulations to Lauren L in Y5 who counted the exact number! Each class placed their coin collections on pictures of Pudsey – thank you to everyone who contributed. Well done to Moon Class who collected the grand total of £37.79 – the highest amount in any class. We will announce the grand total raised next week.

### WINTER FAIR

Thank you to all our families who came to the Winter Fair on Saturday. A great time was had by all. Thank you to all the organisers and volunteers who made it such a success, and all The Vale staff members who supported it! Events like these raise significant funds for our school, which are even more essential in these times of extreme financial pressure.



### WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

We would like to add an element of fun to our walk to school week this week.

- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November: wear a bright item of clothing, replace ONE item of uniform with a brightly coloured item e.g. bright socks, bright jumper
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: wear comfy shoes, slippers are permitted but outdoor shoes are essential, trainers are allowed
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: odd socks
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November: bling your bike, scooter, bag or coat (no parade)

### PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES

We have sent home a paper copy of our Parental Questionnaire to each family. Please spend some time to complete the questions and send it back in to school via the office by this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November; please complete one per child.

### INFANTS MORNING DROP OFF

Thank you for everyone's support with our new morning drop off for infant children, where parents 'kiss and drop' at the class doors. It has ensured a calm start to the day.



## JUNIOR PARENTS

Junior parents are NOT permitted to walk around to the junior playground during any part of the day. This is a safeguarding issue. Parents are requested to come to the office or email [info@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@vale.surrey.sch.uk) and book in a mutually convenient time for a telephone call or meeting.

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> November:

Sun Class	99.20
Moon Class	93.91
Star Class	97.67
Eclipse Class	96
Solar Class	91.25
Comet Class	97.78
Apollo Class	94.80
Voyager Class	95.52

## 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)

## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

As part of the Anti-Bullying week activities Mrs Leyland led an assembly; the theme was 'All Different: All Equal'. Our children shared their thoughts on equality:

- It is alright to be different
- Even if you are different you treat everyone the same
- Everyone has something different about them

## 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.

## 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: Nijinsky (21 February 1967 - 15 April 1992) Nijinsky, usually known in the United States as Nijinsky II, was a Canadian-bred, Irish-trained Thoroughbred racehorse and sire. He was the outstanding two-year-old in Europe in 1969 when he was unbeaten in five races.



## 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.

#### **9x table notes**

Lots of patterns here, best not to overload with all at once but see which helps.

1. Pattern of units decreases by 1, whilst tens increase by 1.
2. Digits of answers always add up to 9, e.g.  $2 \times 9 = 18$  ( $1+8=9$ )  $7 \times 9 = 63$  ( $6+3=9$ )
3. Digits of earlier answers are reversed later in the table. (Add zero to  $1 \times 9 = 9$  in homework diary.)  
e.g.  $1 \times 9 = 09$  &  $10 \times 9 = 90$ ,  $3 \times 9 = 27$  &  $8 \times 9 = 72$ .
4. Finger patterns. The child places their hands palms down on the edge of the table as if to play piano. Number the fingers (including thumbs from left to right 1 to 10. To find  $7 \times 9$  curl up the 7<sup>th</sup> finger. There remain 6 straight fingers on the left and three on the right, so the answer is 63. Having run out of fingers they should know  $11 \times 9$  from  $11 \times$  tables and for  $12$  times  $9$  again the digits add up to  $9$  and must be more than  $99$ .)

### 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:

- 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:

Solar: Solar, Lola

Comet: Keira, Piotrek, Alfie

Apollo: Riley, Aidan

Voyager: Hannah, Ben



## 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	<u>Hardcopy</u>
Christmas Lunch	
School Dinner arrears	

**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.

*Here's to a positive week ahead.*

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

NOVEMBER 2017		
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	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
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

