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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th November 2017

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought for the week:

'Nobody makes you angry, you decide to use anger as a response.'

WELCOME

This week we welcomed Miss Jasmine Lidington to our class based support staff team. We look forward to working with her as she gains experience working with children. Moon Class are also working with a student teacher this half term, Miss Rachel Lewis is enjoying her time in Y1 with Mr Atterton.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Thank you for supporting walk to school week this week – we have all enjoyed the array of clothes, shoes, socks and bling! The comfy shoes day, particularly with slippers, was a great success! We ask that all families take a little more time each day to walk or park and stride to school, which ensures a fresh air boost and is better for the environment.

WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

We are looking forward to our whole school Woodland Walk next Friday 1st 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_I01_9676_fw_w_newsletter_20171030&utm_medium=email&utm_source=woodlandtrust&utm_content=&dm_i=2D76,15OTT,512FCN,3L8KA,1

BRITISH VALUES

Our school ethos includes many aspects of the government's fundamental British values. The curriculum provides lots of opportunities to look at fundamental British values. Your child already has some experience of this in lessons such as religious education (RE) and personal, social and health education (PSHE).

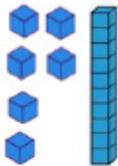
We look at further opportunities to explore British Values through our values of co-operation, communication, concentration, positivity and perseverance.



MATHS TEACHING

Education is ever evolving and currently maths teaching is under a huge review nationally. We are working with a London based Maths Hub to secure Maths Mastery teaching. This embraces a completely different way of approaching the teaching of maths and has proven to raise outcomes for the children by depending their maths knowledge (fluency), understanding (reasoning) and application of skills (problem solving). Here is an example of understanding:

Tom says he has 61
Is he correct?
Explain your reasoning



The answer is: Tom is not correct because he has 16. He has switched his ten and one around.

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.

4x table notes

Even number table. Each number is **doubled** twice (probably too time consuming after 5×4 but worth knowing as a strategy.) The unit pattern 4, 8, 2, 6, 0 repeats but again, some children do not remember it.

MATHS IN YOUR WORK

In the week beginning 8th January we will be holding a maths week. We would love to hear from parents, carers, grandparents and friends etc if they are able to come in and talk to individual classes about how you use maths in your everyday work. From accountants, to nurses, to carpenters and office workers we would love to hear from you. Please drop a line to the office with your availability and focus.

INDIAN DANCING

This week we utilised some of our Sports Premium funding to fund an Indian Dance workshop. The children from Years 2 to 6 were taught how an Indian dance which they then presented to other classes. Later in the school year Years R and 1 will have a dance opportunity tailored to them.

WASTEBUSTER

Earlier this term we took part in a Home Recycling Challenge in school and won a prize of an eco-mascot, made from 5 recycled plastic bottles, in recognition of our work in caring for the environment. The mascot is sitting proudly in our front entrance.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

Ticket request form was sent out today via Parentmail.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you again for your super fund-raising efforts in aid of Children in Need which raised a grand total of £358.00.

WINTER FAIR

Our Winter Fair last Saturday raised around £1400. We still have Secret Santa, Santa's Grotto and the selling of more raffle tickets to come – we can't wait to see the hampers!

BOOK FAIR

The book fair raised an amazing £256 for our school to purchase books!

SMALL WORLD DONATIONS

Our Sun (Reception Class) would be delighted to receive any donations of small world people, animals etc. We expect many of you are having a clear out before Christmas! Please take these directly to the Sun classteachers or pass to the office.

Mrs Klim is also looking for any random small toys or figures to use in her group work, no taller than 10cm. Kinder egg toys, small dinosaurs, animals and play mobil are all welcome additions. Once again please pass these to the office. Thank you.

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 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 20th November:

Sun Class	96.87
Moon Class	96.08
Star Class	95.66
Eclipse Class	95.55
Solar Class	95.98
Comet Class	96.19
Apollo Class	97.17
Voyager Class	95.90

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week is the last week for teacher led clubs for this term. Junior choir will continue for one extra week the last session being Thursday 7th December

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 6th 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.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Sun: Leo, George

Moon: Mattias, Ethan

Star: Isla, Ava

Eclipse: Alex, Alf, Maci, Oscar

Solar: Amelia, Noah

Apollo: Megan, Lauren

Voyager: Riley, Lacey

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Christmas Post

The Epsom Methodist Scout Group is again running their Community Christmas Post service, delivering in postal areas KT17,KT18, KT19 and KT21. Please refer to the posters on display for the locations of their special post boxes

LETTERS THIS WEEK

<u>Parentmail</u>	<u>Hardcopy</u>
Bourne Hall events	
Christmas ticket request	



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 great weekend.

Claire Regnard and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

DECEMBER 2017

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Friday 1 st December	Whole School Woodland Walk: volunteers please	9-11am
Wednesday 6 th December	Open morning for prospective parents	9.30-11am
Tuesday 12 th December	Pre-school and Wriggles & 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

