



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought for the week:

'Be kind and polite and the world will be alright',

### WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

We enjoyed our whole school Woodland Walk today; thank you to all our volunteers who braved the cold! Our trees are coming on brilliantly.

### 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.



### Online Safety Guidance for Parents

### ONLINE SAFETY

Please read the attached leaflet carefully which details how to support children with Apps, instant messaging, gaming, bullying and live streaming.

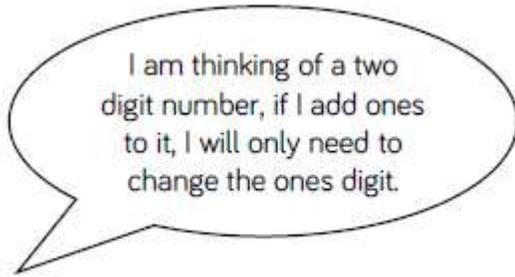


### MATHS TEACHING

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 another example of a reasoning based question:



Sam says,



Is he right?  
Explain your answer.

The answer is:  
Sam is incorrect.  
If you add 5 to 28 then you have to change the tens and the ones digit because you have to exchange ten ones for a ten.

We came 251 out of 411 schools in the Mathematics competition with a score of 361. The winning school had 6839 points.

#### HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

##### TIMES TABLES

Please keep practising! 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.

##### 8x table notes

Even number table. Units continually decrease by 2. Tens increase by 1 except between 5 x 8 & 6 x 8 but here it is easy to add on 8. Similar change at 10 x 8 & 11 x 8.

#### 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.

#### INFANT CHOIR

Infant Choir runs as usual for the next 2 Wednesdays, 6th & 13th December 8.15am, to prepare for the Christmas performance.

#### PTA UPDATE - CHRISTMAS EVENTS

As the end of term approaches the PTA has some treats arranged.

On the 7th and 8th December we will be holding our annual Secret Santa event where children can purchase gifts to bring home and put under the tree. To ensure all children have the opportunity to purchase gifts they will be limited to 2 main gifts each, and can bring in up to £5. It is always very exciting to see who the children choose to buy for and indeed what they choose! Thank you so much for the donations you have been bringing in to make this event possible. We will continue to accept donations up to the days of the events.



We are delighted to announce that there will be a Santa's Grotto after school on Friday 15th December. Tickets will cost £5 per child and will be allocated in timed slots that can be booked when the ticket is purchased. Younger siblings are welcome to book too. Slots to see Santa will be available from 3.40 to 6.40pm. Ticket price of £5 includes: festive colouring, snack and drink, visit the reindeer, visit to Santa and a gift. Tickets will be on sale from the PTA at the office from 8.30 – 9am every day next week (4th-8th December). We appreciate not all parents do drop off at this time so will accept envelope's containing child's details and payment handed into the office at other times. Please do ensure you include your contact details so that your timed slot can be allocated, and children's details can be confirmed.

Our last event this year will be the Infant Christmas Tea on Tuesday 19th December. This is always a fun event, if you have some time to spare and want to help with this event please contact your Class Rep.

Thank you so much for your continued support this year and for making the Winter Fair a success.

### CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION TICKETS

We are writing to confirm the process of ticket allocations to our Christmas performances. Tickets are limited to two per family per department (infant or junior) in the first instance on a first come first served basis. Every person watching the shows will need a ticket; this is due to fire regulations and limited space in the school hall.

If there are tickets left over it will then be possible to offer tickets to other family members; an additional ticket application form will go out next week. Please DO NOT request extra tickets on this form.

Allocated tickets will be available to collect from the school office from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, the same day an application form for additional tickets will be sent by Parentmail.

Preschool children are welcome to attend the afternoon performance of the Junior Carol Singing and the Wednesday performance of the Infant Christmas Play; they must have a ticket. We politely request that they are taken outside to calm down, should they become unsettled during the production.

### POSADA CELEBRATIONS

It is tradition in the Langley Vale community for the figures of Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus to be passed from one home to another in the week before Christmas.

Posada is a Spanish word meaning inn. Posada celebrations originated in Mexico. Two young people would dress as Mary and Joseph. They travelled from house to house in their village telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus and asking if they could give him a room.

After keeping the figures of the holy family for one night they are taken to the next house on the list.

If you are interested in taking part with this tradition please let the office know. You do not have to live in the village to participate.

### INFANT VISIT TO THE CHURCH

Next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December YR, Y1 and Y2 will be visiting the local church, St Stephen's on the Downs, to listen to the Christmas story and learn about the various events leading up to Christmas. If you are able to help walk the children to the church, please speak to your child's classteacher or the school office.

### 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](mailto:info@vale.surrey.sch.uk) and book in a mutually convenient time for a telephone call or meeting.

### ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here. 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 27<sup>th</sup> November:

Sun Class	96.95
Moon Class	96.09
Star Class	95.44
Eclipse Class	94.94
Solar Class	95.69
Comet Class	95.97
Apollo Class	96.80
Voyager Class	95.89

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Teacher led clubs have now finished for this term. Junior choir will continue for one extra week the last session being Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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:

- 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: Amelia-Rose, Alfie

Moon: Sienna, Eva

Star: Zac, Nicolas

Solar: Emma, Harry

Comet: George, Paris



Apollo: Lexie  
 Voyager: Eleanor, Riley

**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**

<a href="#">Parentmail</a>	<a href="#">Hardcopy</a>
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**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.*

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

DECEMBER 2017		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Open morning for prospective parents	9.30-11am
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Christmas Treat	2.00pm
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	2pm
	Junior Carols	Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Production	9.30am
	Junior Carols	2pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner	Lunchtime
	Santa's Grotto	3.30 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Christmas Party	1.30pm
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

