



The Vale Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th December 2017

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought for the week:

'Hang in there. It is astonishing how short a time it can take for very wonderful things to happen.'

FAREWELL FROM MRS REGNARD

After 15 years at The Vale I bid a fond farewell to The Vale Primary School. I leave with mixed feelings; emotion and memories of an amazing school that has been a part of my life for so long against excitement for my new role.

I was employed at The Vale over 15 years ago as The Vale's first Deputy Headteacher, at this time the new school had grown from a small infant school to have its first Y6 class. 3 years later I was Acting Headteacher, then full time Headteacher, and have been so lucky to work with two fantastic Co-Headteachers in Mrs Christer and Mrs Leyland for 7 years collectively.

It has been a privilege to lead our school through huge economic, educational and society changes. The dedicated staff here make the school what it is, and with the enormous expectations and pressures put upon them they still come to work every day with a smile, aiming high and to inspire all. I shall miss each and every one of them.

I have known some of our families and children throughout my career at The Vale, seeing them grow, learn and develop is what makes teaching worthwhile. I have known a lot of our current children from birth! The Vale is a unique school and as our whole school prayer states, 'as many bricks build a house, so many hearts make a school'. I wish Mrs Leyland and Mrs Browne all the best as they lead The Vale through it's next chapter.

My last day is next Thursday 21st December. Please come and say hello and goodbye to me, I would be delighted to see you at my afternoon tea next Wednesday 20th December at 2.00pm in the hall. Thank you for the good wishes I have received so far and to everyone for your support.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

The infant and junior children sang loud and proud at their Christmas productions this week, their confidence and enthusiasm were a joy to see. Thank you to all the staff for their input and creativity with these events.



The junior children enjoyed their Christmas treat on Monday; thank you to the PTA who funded the pantomime. Next Tuesday 19th December the infant children are having their Christmas party in the afternoon. Years R, 1 and 2 are permitted to wear sensible party clothes to school that day.



Today was Christmas lunch day – yum!

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.



MAT CONSULTATION

Thank you for the interest shown at our MAT consultation this week. The Vale's Governing Body are meeting next week to make a final decision on joining Oaks Academy Trust.

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.

And finally:

12x table notes

Even number table. Add 10 then 2. Units continually increase in 2's, tens by 1 up to 10 x 12. All facts except 12 x 12 should already be known.

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.

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 11th December:

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| Sun Class | 98.40% |
| Moon Class | 94.78% |
| Star Class | 93.33% |
| Eclipse Class | 93.75% |
| Solar Class | 97.50% |
| Comet Class | 95.19% |
| Apollo Class | 98.40% |
| Voyager Class | 94.14% |



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Eclipse: Aidan, Adrian, Tehya, Ewan, Annie, Alyssia

Solar: Benjamin, Ben

Comet: Lawrence, Keira

Apollo: Jessie, Beth

Voyager: Mia, Ellie, Cameron

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Our Open Morning for prospective parents have now taken place for children who will start school in Reception from September 2018. If you or someone you know would still like to visit our school, please contact the office who will arrange a small group tour. 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. All applications must be sent by 15th January 2018.

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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| <u>Parentmail</u> Gymnastics, Camera & Chess Club Information Football academy Job Opportunities | <u>Hardcopy</u> |
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COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIFORM

We have attached a leaflet from Stevensons, our uniform supplier. They have started renovations (and will remain open during this work) of the Lester Bowden Shop and have now moved our school uniform from the Lester Bowden Website onto their Stevensons.co.uk website.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Christ Church, Epsom Common is currently recruiting for two important paid roles; please see the attached information.

RECIPE BOOK IDEA

Please find attached a fantastic opportunity for the children to have a recipe published in The Ashley Centre Recipe book. The deadline is January 2018; please support this local community event.

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 – and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018!

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

| DECEMBER 2017 | | |
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| Tuesday 19 th December | Infant Christmas Party CHILDREN MAY WEAR PARTY CLOTHES ALL DAY (YR to 2) | 1.30pm |
| Thursday 21 st December | End of Autumn Term | School finishes 1.30pm |
| JANUARY 2018 & SPRING TERM | | |
| 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 |
| | HALF TERM | 1 week |
| | End of Spring Term | 1.30pm |
| SUMMER TERM | | |
| | Start of Summer term | Day |
| | HALF TERM | 1 week |
| Friday 29 th June (additional date) | INSET: no school for children | Day |

Term Dates Spring and Summer 2018

SPRING TERM 2018

Thursday 4th January – INSET

Friday 5th January – INSET

Monday 8th January – back to school for all children

HALF TERM – Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February – back to school for all children

Thursday 29th March – end of spring term at 1.30pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS from Friday 30th March



SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday 16th April – back to school for all children

Monday 7th May – Bank Holiday, school closed

HALF TERM – Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Monday 4th June – back to school for all children

Friday 29th June - INSET

Friday 20th July – end of summer term at 1.30pm

Monday 23rd July – INSET (start of summer holiday for children)

