



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it's the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, I will try again tomorrow.'

### MATHS WEEK CELEBRATION



Thank you again to all those involved in Maths Week, both adults and children alike. There was a very positive 'buzz' of learning in the school. We are proud of our new maths and art hall display.

### CAMERA CLUB

It was very exciting to welcome camera club to our Junior Assembly on Wednesday of this week. The children were very engaged and many wanted to participate in the trial club session that lunchtime. If your child has come home from school and expressed a desire to join camera club, please do talk to the office about options.

### WELCOME

We welcome back to The Vale in Year 6 Samuel and hope he enjoys his time of learning with us.

### CLUBS

Staff lead clubs began this week. There are places available at Infant or Junior Choir. These take place on Wednesday at 8.15am (Infants) and Thursday at 3.30pm (Juniors.. Thanks to all those who have paid their fees for staff led clubs. We would be grateful to receive any outstanding fees.

### MATHS PARENTAL WORKSHOP

We will be holding a maths information session on on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 5.30pm – 7pm**. We will begin in the hall with an overview of whole school changes to how maths is taught at The Vale. This will be followed by workshops led by class teachers in classrooms that are age group specific. These will outline the progression in calculations; the use of concrete resources, pictorial representations and abstract methods; and illustrate an overview of the expectations in maths for each year group. There will be a crèche available for younger siblings in the school library. Please do support us in helping you support your children.

### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Our Power Gem rewards for demonstrating positive learning behaviours (co-operation, communication, concentration, perseverance and positivity) count towards house points. House Captains have led house meetings today to motivate their teams and evaluate some of the positive behaviour changes we have made. We have asked the houses to review and evaluate the different systems we have in school with a view to making positive changes based on the feedback and research.



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Sun: Evelyn, Ashton

Star: Levi, Alex, Charlie, Jools, Grayson

Eclipse: Harley, Ronni

Solar: Amelia, Charlie, Tyler, Harry T

Comet: James, Lily, Joshua

Apollo: Riley, Woody, Georgina, Aidan

Voyager: Kennedy, June, Ryley, Hannah

## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

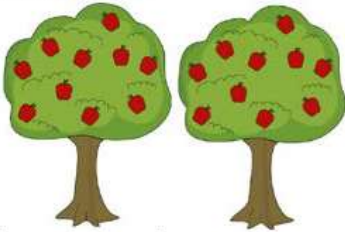
### TIMES TABLES

Please keep practising! Try questions within an equation e.g.

**$(4 \times 5) + 7 = 9 \times 3$  True or False**

### MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Spot the mistake.



There are 10 equal groups with 2 in each group. There are ten 2s.

Answer:

There are 2 equal groups with 10 in each group. There are two 10s.

### SPELLING STRATEGY

See or make words within a word.

**Believe** is a tricky word with the **ie** pattern.

Can you see the word in **believe** which means to not tell the truth?



The word within **believe** is **lie**, so use this in a sentence to remember it: "Never believe a **lie**."

*What word can you see in 'young'?*

## LUNCHTIME AND PLAYTIME EQUIPMENT PLEA

We are having a little bit of a sort out of our equipment in the Infant playground so that we can make our playtimes really active and positive. If anyone is having a sort out after Christmas and can donate any equipment for the children to use, we are looking for: plastic food, toy money and shopping role play items; balls, skipping ropes, chalk, construction toys e.g. Duplo, toy cars. We would be grateful for any donations to be given to the office.

## FAMILY COUNCIL

Our next Family Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 2.30pm. All parents are invited to come along to the hall and have coffee with the Co-Headteachers. There will be an opportunity to discuss any questions or concerns with regards to school attainment and achievement data.

## UNIFORM POLICY

Please do consider the length of time needed when having ears pierced before the children can take their earrings out for P.E. lessons. We strongly advise that this is saved as a summer holiday activity. Note that earrings appropriate for school are small studs.

Lester Bowden has amended their opening hours for the purchase of school wear; Monday - Saturday 9.00 – 17.30pm, Sunday closed.

## E-SAFETY

Safer Internet Day has the theme this year of 'Create, Connect & Share Respect: A better Internet starts with you'. It takes place later in the half term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

## ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed below. 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. We all need to aim for 100% attendance although we do understand children get ill. At assertive mentoring the children and teachers talk about 97%+ attendance being good. Our attendance figures for the last half term were low. We hope that they pick up this half term and we keep those illnesses at bay!

**Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland  
Co-Headteachers**

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January:

Sun Class	92.4%
Moon Class	89.1%
Star Class	95.7%
Eclipse Class	91.7%
Solar Class	88.3%
Comet Class	96.7%
Apollo Class	90.8%
Voyager Class	97.6%

**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>
After school Clubs	
Gymnastics competition	
Football match letters	

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February

Epsom & Ewell's Rainbow Group – A group for children from 0-5yrs with additional needs will be held at St Martin's Sure Start Children's Centre.

**WRIGGLES & GIGGLES**

Each Tuesday our local 'stay and play' community group meet in our school hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. 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.

JANUARY 2018		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	PTA Meeting	6.30pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Maths Parents Workshops	5.30-7pm
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Family Forum	2.30pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	PTA Infant/Junior DISCO	TBC
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Woodland Tree Planting for Y4,5 and 6	Morning
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM	1 week
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day	Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior Citizen for Y5 & 6	Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Pedals for Y2	Morning
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Consultations	Afternoon/Evening
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	SATs Information Evening for Y2 and Y6 parents	6pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March/Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Epsom & Ewell Music Festival for Infant Choir	Evening
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term	1.30pm
SUMMER TERM		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer term	8.30-8.50am
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	HALF TERM	1 week
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June (additional date)	INSET: no school for children	Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term	1.30pm

