



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'In a world where you can be anything, BE KIND.'

### FOOTBALLING VICTORY

Congratulations to our Junior Football Team who had great success this week with a 2-1 against last year's league champions and 2-0 win over their B team. We are very proud of you and are looking forward to hearing about your future matches.



### E-SAFETY

Thank you to all those parents who attended our parental online safety sessions this week. The children had a very informative assembly to start the week off and I know did some valuable learning as part of their class work. House Captains reviewed their learning today at their meetings and have discussed with the children 5 top tips to stay safe online. Mrs Britten has written a letter as follow up from the parental sessions which is attached with the newsletter along with some other guidance leaflets. If you were unable to attend either of the sessions, the presentation can be found on the school website.

### YEAR 4, 5 & 6 TREE PLANTING

Y4, 5 and 6 had a successful outdoor session with The Woodland Trust this week. A very big thank you to all those parents who came to help with this. It was a lovely day and the weather was great (not too cold and no snow or rain!). The children successfully planted lots of trees, enjoyed lunch in a heated marquee and played some enjoyable games in the afternoon. "I loved the predator and prey game" Dylan Y4.



### WELCOME

We welcome Shannon to Year 5, Isaac to Eclipse Class and Sienna to Solar class in Year 3 this half term. We do hope you excel with us and enjoy your learning journey here.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Sun: Isaac, Jaiden

Moon: Grace, Cissy

Star: Caitlin, Carter

Eclipse: Ewan, Ronni

Solar: Evie, Aaliyah

Comet: Dylan, Ben, Alfie, James, Casius

Apollo: Rosamund, Lauren

Voyager & Apollo: Vale Football Team:

Harry, Alfred, Aidan, Archie, Riley B, Riley J,

Ben, Daniel, Robbie, Woody and Patrick.



## HOUSE GEM WINNERS

The winning house for this half term was Hyperion. They have won a mufti day reward and may come into school in their own clothes on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Well done Hyperion! Let's all continue to be recognised for those wonderful learning behaviours of Cooperation, Concentration, Communication and Positivity.

## VALE BOOK DAY!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** this year (This is an amendment to our previously published date and the national date of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March). We are very excited to be welcoming 'West End in Schools' who will be bringing books to life through dance workshops with the children throughout the day. We would love the children to dress as their favourite book character on the day. Mrs Maidment, our core subject leader, has selected a fantastic book that the children from Sun Class to Voyager will use as a focus of their learning that day. We are going to keep this as a surprise for now and have a big reveal on the day!

## NATIONAL LITTER PICK DAY

As part of our learning about looking after our outdoor environment the ECO team and Mrs Tinker have organised a whole school litter pick activity in house teams on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, having been invited to take part as part of The Great Big School Clean. Please see the attached letter from The Eco team.



## DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SCARECROW?

Year 4 are involved in an exciting community project and competition involving creating a scarecrow following the 'Mother Nature' theme. The competition will be judged on March 10<sup>th</sup> by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell at Bourne Hall. They need to design and create a lady scarecrow inspired by a famous and courageous woman from history and have chosen Rosa Parks. What an exciting learning opportunity!

If you could help them with any of these items:

- Black, brown and white wool
- A dried/made or artificial white flower
- Tweed or brown material
- Brown tights
- Two broom handles
- Thick wire (to make her glasses)
- A thick black marker
- A thick red marker

or help with the making of it on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March during the school day then I know Year 4 would be extremely grateful. Thanks in advance.

## THINKING DAY

If your child belongs to one of the world scouting or girl guiding organisations and would like to wear their uniform to school on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February to celebrate Thinking Day, they may do so. Perhaps they could teach their classes about what the day means to them.

## PLEASE BE VIGILANT

Unfortunately, last weekend there were some visitors late at night in the car park caught on our CCTV who left unwelcome rubbish on the ground. Thankfully the mess was seen and cleared by a member of staff who lives in the village before our children came to school on Monday. We have attached a flyer with local police contacts on, if you see anything that arouses suspicion on the school site, out of school hours.

## 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.



## ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here.  
Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Sun Class	93.20%
Moon Class	98.64%
Star Class	98.33%
Eclipse Class	94.40%
Solar Class	96.96%
Comet Class	95.56%
Apollo Class	97.20%
Voyager Class	94.00%

## 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.

## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

### TIMES TABLES

*Please keep practising! Can you sing a x table to the tune of your favourite song? Choir – I wonder if one will go to the tune of A Million Dreams?!*

### MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Can you solve it?

Tina says: When you add 100 to a number it only changes the hundreds column.

For example  $2,570 + 100 = 2,670$

Give an example to show that Tina is not correct.

### SPELLING STRATEGY

## Hidden Words

Draw and color a picture. Hide your spelling words inside your picture.

Show your picture to someone and see if they can find your hidden words!

## 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.

## LETTERS THIS WEEK

<u>Parentmail</u>	<u>Hardcopy</u>
Ladyland Farm	
Year 4 Movie afternoon	
Year 5 & 6 Mobile Phones	
Junior Citizen Yrs 5 & 6	

May we take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the staff and pupils for their hard work this half term and to those parents who have helped and supported. We look forward to seeing you next half term and hope you enjoy a lovely break.

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

JANUARY 2018		
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM	1 week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Hyperion Mufti Reward Day	Day
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Vale Book Day – please dress as your favourite book character	Day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	National Litter Pick Day – house activity	9-10 am
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
<b>SUMMER TERM</b>		
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer term	8.30-8.50am
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1st <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

## TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

### Autumn Term

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>  
December  
Half Term: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October  
INSETs Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>  
September

### Spring Term

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term: 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
INSETs Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and Friday 4<sup>th</sup>  
January

### Summer Term

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May  
INSET Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>

These are our proposed term dates and INSETs for now, but could be subject to change after conversion to the Oaks Academy.

