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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd February 2018

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The thought for the week:

'It's not about being the best. It's about being better than you were yesterday.'

DRUMMING WORKSHOP

What an amazing and enjoyable day of music making we had on Wednesday of this week. Thank you so much to one of our Y1 parents, Sandro Granda for delivering such inspiring sessions that developed our skills and confidence in rhythm and performance; and knowledge and appreciation of music and instruments from other cultures. There may be a future opportunity, if there is enough interest, for an extra-curricular drumming club led by Mr Granda. Please do contact the school office if this is something you would be interested in so that we can plan further.



PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

The next consultation meetings are set for **Wednesday 14th March**. The online booking system will be live from Friday 2nd March – please go to Parentmail. Our SENCo Mrs Roberts will also be available for meetings on this day, please book these by contacting the school office.

In order to maximise pupil learning time in class and help working parents, we have made a few changes to the timings of the slots and will be starting at 3.30pm and finishing later. **This will mean that we will be closing school that day at 3pm**, in order for staff to have time to prepare. Please do let the office know if you will be unable to collect your child that day at the earlier time so that we can make provision. If your child uses school transport, they will be collected as normal at 3.30pm and looked after by school staff.

The meetings will be a good opportunity to discuss further your child's targets and how you can help support them at home, along with their half termly achievements update that we have introduced, in response to parent feedback at the last Family Forum. It is also a great opportunity to see some of the fantastic learning they have been doing in their books and talk about what is going well and what would be even better if for them.

THINKING DAY

It was wonderful to see so many of our children in their uniforms. Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship and it is wonderful to join our local community groups in this event.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Sun: Amelia, Dylan

Eclipse: Jorja

Solar: Sienna, Jack

Comet: Sebastian, George

Apollo: Archie, Lydia

Voyager: Victor, Sarah



HOUSE CAPTAIN MEETINGS

House Captains met with their houses today to discuss and think about how our school ethos includes many aspects of the government's fundamental British values. The government defines these as: democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty; mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We have attached a poster that we have created to explain this, that has been used today.

VALE BOOK DAY!

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Tuesday 27th February** this year. This is aimed at reminding us all about the joy and importance of books. Children will bring home a voucher which they can use towards buying a book in retail outlets.

We would like all children to dress as a book character – anything goes! Please do not allow your children to bring in props which may be used as weapons. We are also 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. In addition to this, Mrs Maidment, our core subject leader, has selected a fantastic book that the children from Sun Class to Voyager Class will use as a focus of their learning. 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 2nd March**, having been invited to take part. Please do continue to let the school office know if you can help us on this morning between 9am and 10am.



BRITISH ATHLETE LUKE LENNON-FORD VISIT

We are very excited and feel very lucky to be welcoming Luke Lennon-Ford to the school on **Monday 5th March**. Luke is a 28 year old British athlete, who specialises in the 400 metre event. He has been coached by the gold medal sprinter, Linford Christie.

Luke has already had an impressive career, winning bronze at the European Athletics U23 Championships and gold in the 400 metre relay! Luke has also represented his country at the 2012 Istanbul World Indoor Championships, achieving silver in the 400 metre relay, and these are only a few of his achievements! Luke's personal best in the 400 metre sprint is 45.23 seconds- that's fast!

On the day he will be leading a sponsored fitness circuit, involving all pupils. This will be followed by an assembly, where pupils will be given the opportunity to ask Luke any questions regarding his career. The purpose of this event is to inspire all pupils to play an active part in their own physical well-being. It also aims to inspire children to pursue their passion, despite the difficulties they may face ahead of them- resilience is a life skill we aim to nurture at The Vale.

The fitness circuit is a non-competitive sponsored event. The money raised in this event will be used to buy sports equipment for the school, while supporting the work of GB athletes. Please ensure that **sponsorship forms and moneys** are returned to the school office on or before **Monday 12th March** at the latest.

Please also make sure that your child/children come to school on the event day with their PE Kits! Thank you in anticipation of creating a terrific and memorable event. We do hope we will all be inspired by the visit of such a talented athlete!



DO YOU WANT TO BUILD A SCARECROW?

Year 4 are still on the lookout for anyone who would be willing to volunteer some time and support to their scarecrow making project on **Monday 5th March** ready for the Epsom and Ewell borough competition. Please do let us know.

WORLD MATHEMATICS DAY

Mathletics are holding a world competition day that we are taking part in on **Wednesday 7th March**. The competition measures speed in arithmetic and numeracy skills on the LIVE Mathletics platform and runs for 48 hours. Please do take part.

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

TIMES TABLES

Do you know the BIG NINE? (Apparently these are the hardest ones to learn)

7x6=?	8x6=?	9x6=?
4x9=?	7x7=?	8x7=?
9x7=?	8x8=?	3x9=?

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Catherine says that the 12th shape in this pattern will be a triangle.



Is she correct?
How do you know?

SPELLING STRATEGY

Blue Vowels!

Write each of your spelling words.

You will need a blue coloured pencil.

Trace over the vowels in each word with your blue coloured pencil.

Vowels = a e i o u

ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here.
Week beginning 19th February 2018

Sun Class	96.00%
Moon Class	99.09%
Star Class	98.33%
Eclipse Class	96.80%
Solar Class	98.75%
Comet Class	96.25%
Apollo Class	98.00%
Voyager Class	96.33%

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

Epsom Baptist Church

Springtime Holiday Club for the Easter Holidays. This year the holiday club is called PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE. It is for children aged 5-11 (Reception to Year 6) and the dates are Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April. There is no charge for this event as it is part of our service to the community and we usually have about 80+ children from most of the primary schools in the borough. There are craft activities, quizzes, games, stories, DVD's, songs and refreshments.

PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE
HOLIDAY CLUB 3rd – 6th April 2018
FOR KIDS AGED 5 – 11

Paul's Journeys
Passport
Tickets
Turkey
Syria
Greece
Malta
Through the Middle East and Europe

10.00am – 12 noon every day
At Epsom Baptist Church, 6 Church Street, Epsom
For further information and registration please telephone 01372 722530

BOURNE HALL MUSEUM KIDS CLUB

See attached flyers for great history learning opportunities.

BOURNE HALL

Herald of Spring - March 10th 9am to 5pm

This year's theme is 'Mother Nature'. There will be children activities and games. Cheer on our Y4 Scarecrow in the competition.

Children can enjoy the Hobbledown Puppet Show and dancer's, be amazed by Close Up Magic's trickery and sleight of hand, marvel at the Bourne Hall Museum kids club as they discover Roman sacred springs and the Gods they thought that lived there and take part in 'feel-good' kids' activities from the Rainbow Centre in the Main Hall.

FREE entry!

Fantastic fun for everyone

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

Parentmail

Hardcopy

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

FEBRUARY 2018

Friday 23 rd February	Hyperion Mufti Reward Day	Day
Tuesday 27 th February	Vale Book Day – please dress as your favourite book character	Day
Tuesday 27 th February	Music Festival Rehearsal	Afternoon
Friday 2 nd March	National Litter Pick Day – house activity	9-9.45am
Monday 5 th March	Junior Citizen for Y5 & 6	Afternoon
Tuesday 13 th March	Pedals for Y2	Morning
Wednesday 14 th March	Parents Consultations School closes at 3pm this day.	Starting at 3.30pm
Thursday 15 th March	Music Festival Rehearsal	Afternoon
Tuesday 20 th March	SATs Information Evening for Y2 and Y6 parents	6pm
Monday 26 th March	Music Festival Rehearsal	Morning
Tuesday 27 th March/Wednesday 28 th March	Epsom & Ewell Music Festival for Infant Choir	Evening
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term	1.30pm
SUMMER TERM		
Monday 16 th April	Start of Summer term	8.30-8.50am
Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June	HALF TERM	1 week
Friday 29 th June (additional date)	INSET: no school for children	Day
Friday 20 th July	End of Term	1.30pm

