



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'If you know yourself, you'll not be harmed by what is said about you'.



### SPORTS RELIEF

We were very disappointed to hear that the company organising the World Record challenge that we were to take part in had to regretfully make the decision to drop the world record part of the event. However, we had a fantastic day for sports relief and continued the dance challenge anyhow. Thank you to all who bought wrist bands and supported the event. We learnt in assembly this morning what a difference this event will have to the lives of others.

### TAG RUGBY

A great well done to all those who took part in the Tag Rugby tournament against other Epsom and Ewell primary schools this week. Mrs Roberts commented on your enthusiasm and sportsmanship and how you were great ambassadors of the school.



### WORLD DOWNS SYNDROME DAY

Thank you to all those who wore their odd socks to support this event. There were a fantastic array around school. Remember those competition entries for the best designs of socks are due by next Wednesday.

### SCHOOL LOTTERY

Please, please support the school and subscribe to buy a ticket on a regular basis. It's really easy to do, the children will benefit and there is a guaranteed prize every week plus entry to a national weekly £25K draw too. Simply visit this web page [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play) and search under "The Vale Primary" or just "Epsom" and our school pops up. The rest is easy. Just 50 tickets sold on a regular weekly basis will raise us £1K per year.



### FACEBOOK/TWITTER

We have a new twitter, and relaunched the Facebook account where there are regular updates celebrating school events and children's learning as well as reminders about upcoming events. Please do follow and like us. We can be found on Facebook at: @thevaleprimary and on Twitter @ValePrimarySch. Our twitter feed links directly to our homepage of our website too.

### EASY FUND

The PTA would like to encourage you - all parents, carers and staff - to sign up to **Easyfundraising** to raise valuable funds for the Vale School. This is a **really quick and straightforward scheme** to



sign up to, it is **FREE**, and means that every time you shop on line at certain stores or purchase a holiday or insurance, a percentage of your purchase will be donated to our PTA. There are over 3,300 retailers including supermarkets, department stores, [Booking.com](http://Booking.com), Expedia, [lastminute.com](http://lastminute.com), [Hotels.com](http://Hotels.com) and Travelodge, ready to give a free donation every time you shop online through Easyfundraising.

### So how I sign up?

It's really simple and doesn't cost you anything...

All you have to do is:

1. Click link and go

to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/3KT9QR/D37PKD>

2. Enter The Vale Primary School PTA, in the search box.

3. Click 'Join Us' and Create My Account (they only ask for name and email).

4. Install the Donation Reminder, so that every time you buy something on line you are reminded to activate Easyfundraising. And that's it.

Thank you for your support, you'll be helping to make a real difference to our schools.

### INFANT CHOIR

A reminder that clubs for this term finished this week apart from Infant choir who will still meet on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8.15am. Good luck also to all those taking part in the Epsom and Ewell Music Festival next week – we know you'll be fabulous!

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Moon: Rocco, Sienna

Sun: Lucy, Jaiden

Star: Katy, Oliver

Solar: Elise, Jack

### SPRING TERM CHESS CHAMPS AND SURREY MEGAFINALISTS

Three champions from after-school Chess Club have emerged following a series of seven tournament matches played through the Spring Term:

Tournament Winner: Bailey (Yr 4)

Bonus Points Competition Winner: Jools (Yr 2) and Malia (Yr 3)

Bailey receive a Champion's Trophy and chess book prize. Malia and Jools each receive a chess book prize for their excellent contribution to Chess Club throughout the Spring Term.

Bailey, Jools and Malia each qualify automatically for the Surrey Megafinal stage of the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge, as do Isla (Yr 2), Aiden (Yr 3), Grady (Yr 3) and Lexie (Yr 4). Congratulations to all seven club members.

Summer Term Chess Club resumes on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Enrolment forms are distributed online, and hard copies of the form are also available from the School Reception. For further details please contact Mr Kettle by email: [jdkschwork@gmail.com](mailto:jdkschwork@gmail.com)

### ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here.

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Sun Class	97.0%
Moon Class	89.6%
Star Class	88.5%
Eclipse Class	95.1%
Solar Class	97.4%
Comet Class	97.3%
Apollo Class	91.7%
Voyager Class	93.5%

### COMMUNITY DAY

The PTA newsletter this week mentioned that we are holding a day at school to help 'spruce' up the outdoor and indoor areas. The PTA will provide the bacon butties and hot drinks but in return we would appreciate your time, skills and hard labour from all the family!

This will encompass anything and everything from a bit of weeding, to painting a wall with activities that will keep the whole family occupied!

Our date for this is **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. Please add to your diaries.

### WOODCOTE GREEN GARDEN CENTRE

We are collecting vouchers as part of the Green Fingered Kids Scheme that can be obtained by shopping at the garden Centre – please do think of us when you are doing your spring shopping.



## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

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 2019

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>

### TIMES TABLES

Can you display 5 x table questions that really challenge you around your bedroom? Mrs Browne's would be  $9 \times 7 = 63$ ;  $6 \times 8 = 48$ ;  $9 \times 12 = 108$ ;  $7 \times 8 = 56$ ;  $11 \times 12 = 132$

### MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Draw lines to match the representations.

	Four 5s	
	Three 10s	
	Six 3s	6 x 3

CHALLENGE: Can you think of any other representations?

### SPELLING STRATEGY

# Story, Story

Write a story using ALL of your spelling words. Be sure to underline your spelling words in your paragraph.

### 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. We are also very interested to hear from anyone who would be interested in a more continuous letting for groups at competitive rates e.g. weekend early years music/dance groups; children's language groups; NCT classes etc.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Epsom Methodist Church has a vacancy for a part-time Coffee Shop Manager (admin bias) which may appeal to people with school age children. Please see attached flyer.

Bourne Hall Museum Kids Club are holding Easter Holiday activities – please do see attached flyers, they look like great fun and enriching learning experiences.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### TERM DATES FOR 2018/2019

To make you aware of the proposed term dates for the next academic year. These may be subject to change after conversion to the Oaks Academy.

#### AUTUMN TERM 2018

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 2019



## WRIGGLES & GIGGLES

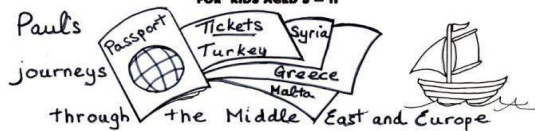
Each Tuesday our local 'stay and play' community group meet in our school hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. It is a popular group for parents and carers for babies to pre-schoolers and open to everyone. For a small fee of just £2 for children aged over 1, £1 for children under 1 and siblings, visitors have a range of toys and activities on offer. Please spread the word and come along.

March	parents and those new families to the school	
	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 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

## PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

HOLIDAY CLUB 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018

FOR KIDS AGED 5 – 11



10.00am – 12 noon every day

At Epsom Baptist Church, 6 Church Street, Epsom

For further information and registration please telephone 01372 722530

## LETTERS THIS WEEK

Parentmail

Hardcopy

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

### MARCH 2018

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	SATs Information Evening for Y2 and Y6 parents	6pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Rock your Socks day to support World Downs Syndrome Day	All day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sports Relief Day	All day with afternoon dance event
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>	Easter Assembly for Y3	9am

