



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

# Inspiring All

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK We've Got This!

This Y3 is demonstrating this as she explains to me how she has worked through solving the task of building a fraction wall.



### SUN CLASS TRIP

A superb opportunity for outdoor learning was had this week down at the farm in the sunshine. Great enjoyment that was learner centered was had by all.



### OFSTED

We are delighted with the findings of our recent Ofsted Inspection and were very happy that it supported our own school evaluation, in that we continue to be a Good school. Thank you again to the hard work of all stakeholders within our school community: pupils, staff, parents, Governors and friends alike to help us continue to move forward to ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils. Please do see our website or parentmail if you would like to read the copy of the letter sent to us from the Inspector.

### VALE SPIRIT

The Vale showed superb sporting attitudes in our first Football match of the Summer Term.

*Post match report: St. Joseph's came out strong at their home ground and were 2-0 up despite Daniel's magical saves throughout. In the true spirit of the Vale they were not deterred and began fighting back. Before long, the Vale closed the gap and snatched two goals back. They continued to dominate after that, though unfortunately in the last minute St. Joseph's came back to win 3-2. Amazing spirit Vale. So unlucky!*

### VISIT FROM STAMFORD GREEN YOUNG LEADERS

We were really pleased to welcome pupils and adults from Stamford Green to school this week for a tour and lunchtime. It was a really positive experience and the pupils and teachers from both schools have talked about ideas they have gained from the day. We can learn so much from working together.



## VALE COMMUNITY DAY

We are holding a morning at school to help 'spruce' up the outdoor and indoor areas, **9am – 12pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. 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 and friends!

This will encompass anything and everything from a bit of weeding, to painting a wall with activities that will keep the whole family occupied! We have created lists. If you have any gardening tools; wheel barrows to transport woodchips to different areas; paint brushes etc that you could bring to help then please do. We really do appreciate all your support to tidy and refresh our learning environment to make it the best it can be for the children.

## TERMLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The role of the Governing Body is to provide Strategic Leadership to the school to deliver the best possible outcomes and education for all of our children. We also recruit, support, challenge and performance manage the Co- Head Teachers, ensure financial viability and compliance with all legal duties. Our Spring Term Full Governing Body meeting took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and this is a brief overview to inform parents of what was discussed to benefit the children.

Governors received a report from the Co Headteachers outlining the School Development Plan looking at targets and progress, an update on external school visits, the school's Self Evaluation Form against the OFSTED Grade Descriptors for a Good school, progress and attainment data for pupils across the school including an update on the Maths Mastery Curriculum introduced last term and the impact on pupils learning to date and an update on behaviour across the school. Governor's visited their link class to observe, monitor and evaluate Reading and English Workshops in the classroom in particular spelling and phonics. An update on joining The Oaks Trust associated with the GLF Multi Academy Trust took place with Richard Wagner the Chair of the Board of Directors in attendance. I can confirm that the Regional Schools Commissioner at The Department of Education has approved our conversion application and the legal process is now taking place to convert

from a Surrey Maintained school to Academy status. Completion of this process is scheduled for the Summer Term and I will advise you further when confirmed. Governors also had a refresher session on Safeguarding children. We discussed our governor Self- Evaluation Form which requires updating and our annual skills audit to ensure that as a governing board we have a broad range of skills and knowledge covering all aspects of our roles and responsibilities.

Debbie Matthews  
Chair of Governors

## WARMER WEATHER

Please ensure your child has a school water bottle (costing £1.50 from the office) and avoid using branded/coloured water bottles. All children also need a hat or cap (any colour but non-branded) and please apply sun cream in the morning.

## P.E. KIT

All children should have a complete P.E. kit in school at all times. Please make sure that all items And bag are named. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## TISSUES

With the onset of the hayfever season and summer colds we would be grateful for donations of boxes of tissues. These can be brought into the school office. Thank you.

## THANKS

Many thanks to all those who support the PTA and their events. It is with huge smile we say thank you for the new audio visual equipment in the hall which will totally transform assemblies, presentations, productions etc. I'm sure your children will tell you about the new board in the hall.

## E-SAFETY PARENTAL WORKSHOP

As part of e-safety Stamford Green are hosting 2 sessions focusing on online safety which parents from The Vale have been invited to attend. They are being held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 1.45pm- 3.00pm or 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Places are limited. If you would like to attend please let the office know by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Sun: Riley, Amiyah

Moon: Flynn, Bobby

Star: Carter

Eclipse: Annie, Alf, Abi, Alex

Solar: Fraser

Comet: Katie, Ava, All the class for Egyptian Home Learning

Apollo: Abbie, Vincent, Patrick, Georgia

Voyager: Lily, Ellie, Ben H, Riley

## ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here.

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Sun Class	97.60%
Moon Class	94.76%
Star Class	98.00%
Eclipse Class	87.20%
Solar Class	97.39%
Comet Class	96.67%
Apollo Class	91.74%
Voyager Class	94.00%

### Last terms attendance:

Sun Class	94.54%
Moon Class	93.76%
Star Class	95.51%
Eclipse Class	93.37%
Solar Class	94.58%
Comet Class	96.37%
Apollo Class	95.66%
Voyager Class	93.33%

We expect the average attendance for the school to be above 96%. It is amazing how much learning can be missed when a pupil is absent for even a short time.



## FACEBOOK/TWITTER

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.

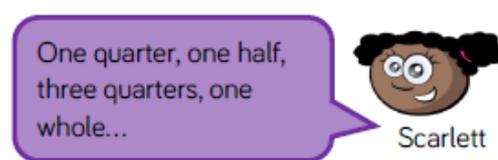
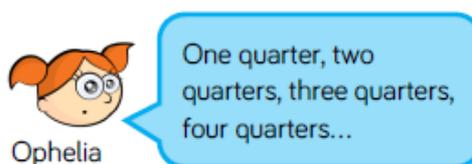
## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

### TIMES TABLES

*In the 11x table are there more odd answers to the questions or even? Can you spot any patterns or think of any reasons why this may be?*

### MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

Ophelia and Scarlett are counting in quarters.



Who is correct? Explain your answer.

### SPELLING STRATEGY :

Can you create any funny Mnemonics for any of your spellings this week? This is a favourite in Mrs Browne's house:

Our  
Old Uncle Richard

It helps that Rachel and Sally really do have an Uncle called Richard!

### 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

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>

### 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

Bourne Hall Museum Family History Events are being held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Please see attached flyers.

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Cycling Instructors and invite those interested in this rewarding role to follow the below link.

Link - <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs> and search for "Cycling Instructor".

SUMMER TERM		
18.04.18	Sun Class Educational trip	All day
18.04.18	Stamford Green Behaviour Ambassadors to the Vale	
25.04.18	Dome visit to the school – all classes	All day
28.04.18	Community Day	
11.05.18	Class Assembly – Comet Class	9.00 – 9.30am
15.05.18	Eco Bags clothing collection	9.30am
18.05.18	Class Assembly – Moon Class	9.00 – 9.30am
18.05.18	Royal Wedding Celebration	
21 – 26.05.18	Year 6 Residential	
24 – 25.05.18	Year 4 Kip in a Hall and Educational trip	All day
28.05.18 – 1.06.18	Half term	1 Week
15.06.18	Class Assembly – Sun Class	9.00 – 9.30am
19 & 20.06.18	Year 3 & 4 Dance Festival	
20 – 22.06.18	Year 5 Residential	
22.06.18	Class assembly – Solar & Eclipse Classes	9.00 – 9.30am
28.06.18	Class Assembly – Apollo class	9.00 – 9.30am
29.06.18	INSET : no school for children	Day
02 – 06.07.18	Sports Week	
04.07.18	Sports Day	
11.07.18	Open afternoon	
12.07.18	Junior Production	
13.07.18	Strawberry Tea	Afternoon
13.07.18	Class Assembly – Star Class	9.00 – 9.30am
19.07.18	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9.00 – 9.30am
20.07.18	End of Term	1.30pm

### 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.

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

