



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

Robin Class	92.40%
Wagtail Class	99.17%
Lapwing Class	93.48%
Parakeet Class	88.80%
Wren&Sparrow Class	88.61%
Goldfinch Class	93.18%
Kestrel Class	93.18%

The classes who have won our attendance horses this week are Wagtail and Goldfinch and Kestrel.

The overall attendance for this last half term was 94.50% and the class with the highest attendance for the half term was Wagtail with 97.57%.

84 children achieved their 100% awards for this half term.

### RECOGNITION BOARDS

After the Easter holiday break, our first target to be recognised will be: **To complete 'dive deeper' questions**

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Elena, Devon, Theo

Wagtail: Evelyn, Donovan

Lapwing: Ethan H

### SPEEDING AND BEHAVIOUR

It has come to our attention through the local community Facebook page that some of our parents and children may not be driving or behaving appropriately on their journey to and from school. This is not in line with our Golden rules of Being Respectful and does not display the behaviours we are otherwise so proud of in our school community. We are in close contact with the local community police regarding speeding and parking and I know they have been patrolling along with the local residents speeding awareness group. This voluntary group are helping us keep our children safe.

### SCIENCE FAIR

It was such a privilege to take our winners and runners up from our school science fair to the GLF Science Fair at Royal Holloway University this week. There were some great key note speakers and then wonderful opportunities for our pupils to take part in practical science with the exhibitors there. It was also wonderful to walk round and look at all of the amazing projects completed by pupils from the other GLF schools that took part. We were absolutely delighted and extremely proud when we found out in the afternoon that our Y6's project on 'projection' had come first in the Light category. A huge congratulations!



## SPORTS FIXTURES

We have had some fantastic sports take place over the last week. Y5 and 6 competed valiantly in the Epsom and Ewell borough Tag Rugby Festival earlier in the week. They got through to the play offs and showed immense determination, resilience and sportsmanship.

We then had two more of our football league fixtures this week. We were defeated in one against Wallace Fields and victorious in the other against Epsom Primary. Well done to all those involved.



## EPSOM & EWELL BOROUGH MUSIC FESTIVAL

A huge well done and thank you to all those involved in putting together this year's music festival at Epsom Playhouse. Mrs Leyland and Mrs Browne were very proud watching in the audience to see the confidence, smart presentation, great singing and actions and above all enjoyment of our pupils. 'Wouldn't it be lovely' was the song choice....and it really was *lovely!*



## READATHON

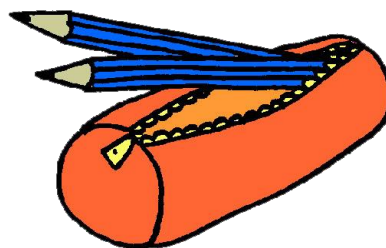
We hope everyone has received their PTA Readathon sponsorship form and information

pack. This is a great event and will raise money for books that can be used within the classroom for each year group and a fantastic way to encourage reading over the Easter holidays. Mrs Browne will be reading and trying to think of interesting places to be caught reading. If you find yourselves reading in some exciting places, please do take a photo so that we can see.



## JUNIOR PENCIL CASES

We ask that for after the Easter break, every junior child brings to school with them a pencil case with the correct equipment. Due to increasing financial pressures on school we are not going to be able to provide stationery in the same way as we have in KS2. The pencil case should have writing pencils, a writing pen (not biro) if they have received a pen license, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, ruler, scissors, coloured pens. Felt tip pens and gel pens are optional. We will still give the children their first pen when they achieve their pen license. Year 6 run a stationery shop before school where items like pencils and pens can be purchased at competitive prices.



## WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

Thank you so much to all those who supported us on our woodland walk this week. It was a lovely sunny morning after a cold and misty start. We had lots of fun looking for our class birds in the trees that Mrs Leyland had been out and positioned first

thing in the morning. We are so lucky to be situated where we are.



### Y3 SCHOOL VISIT

Parakeets class visited Reigate Caves this week and discovered all about World War II and different shelters; Roman kilns; Stone Age cave paintings and geology. They were super role models and it was even commented on by the guides how well they represented our school.



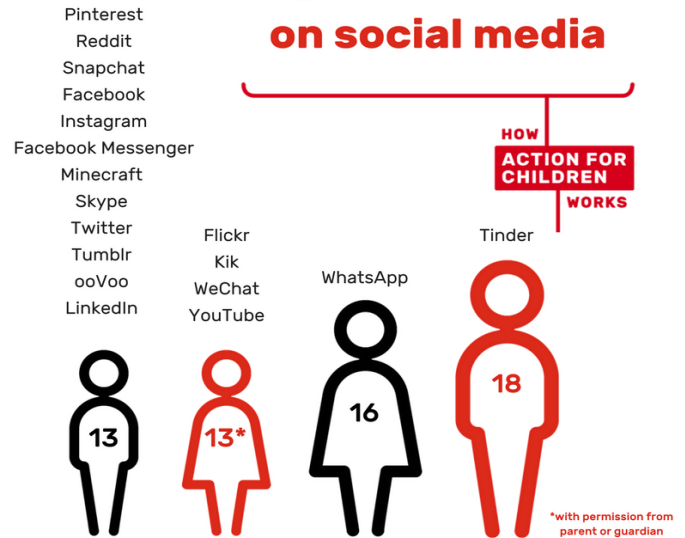
### OPEN MORNINGS

We are going to be holding two open mornings, one on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 9am and one on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10am for any families who are looking for places for their children either for Year 3 for September 2019; Reception for September 2020 or maybe who are looking at places in other year groups. Please do let any families know that you think might be interested.

### HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME/E-SAFETY

Recently there have been some issues in school between children from Y3-6 which have been linked to the use of social media. Just as reminder, here are the age restrictions for different sites and apps:

## Age restrictions on social media



WhatsApp's age restriction was increased to 16 in May 2018 following new GDPR guidelines. TikTok (missing from the picture) is also 13. None of these should be being used by children at the Vale according to these age restrictions.

If you would like any more information please feel free to come in and talk or visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides> to find out about each app and how to protect your child whilst online.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Please do take a look at the Community News section of the website for events happening in the local area.

In addition, Langley Vale village hall are holding their AGM on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 7pm in the Hall.



## Langley Vale Village Hall AGM

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

7pm in the Village Hall

**All Villagers Invited**



The Village Hall is a registered charity and is run on behalf of the village by a committee.

The committee is small, very passionate and dedicated but **needs more support**.

We need more people to help out and get involved to enable the hall to continue running into the future for the use of all residence.

If you are able to help please come along to the AGM and have chat to us about what's involved and what help we need and you can offer.

We really want the hall to continue being here and being of use to the people of Langley Vale but we need your help to make this happen. Without a committee the hall cannot continue, with other local community centres being closed with and land value being so high in the area we do not want to lose this space for the community.

## DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

SPRING TERM DATES		
8.4.19 – 22.4.19	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
23.4.19	Summer Term Starts	
25.4.19	Y5/6 Football Match Away against St. Joseph's	After school
29.4.19	Bikeability Year 4	Morning
30.4.19	Y5/6 Football Match away against St. Martins and Southfield Park	Morning
1.5.19	Family Council Meeting	9am
2.5.19	School Photos – classes and teams	
2.5.19	Y1 Scatterball	Afternoon
8.5.19	Y2 Scatterball	Afternoon
9.5.19	YR Bocketts Farm trip	

10.5.19	Y4 Class Assembly	9am
18.5.19	School Community Day	9.30am
20.5.19	Y3/4 Tennis	Afternoon
22.5.19	Y4 Fishbourne Palace Trip/Kip in a Hall	
23.5.19	Y3/4 Roman Day	
27.5.19 – 31.5.19	HALF TERM	
3.6.19	School starts back	
4.6.19	Y2 School Trip	
4.6.19	Y3 Mercers Park Trip	
7.6.19	Y3 Class assembly	9am
12.6.19	Open Morning for prospective families	9am
14.6.19	Y1 Class Assembly	9am
15.6.19	Open morning for prospective families	10am
17-21.6.19	Y6 Bikeability	
18-19.6.19	Epsom and Ewell Dance Festival	
20.6.19	GLF Music Festival	
21.6.19	Y2 Class Assembly	9am
22.6.19	School Summer Fair	TBC
26.6.19	Sports Day	KS2 morning KS1 afternoon
28.6.19	INSET DAY	
2.7.19	Change Over Morning	
5.7.19	YR Class Assembly	9am
10.7.19	Open Afternoon for parents	3.45pm – 5.30pm
13.7.19	PTA Barn Dance	
17.7.19	Whole School Woodland Walk and Picnic	
23.7.19	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9am
23.7.19	Year 6 Leaver's Party	
24.7.19	Attendance Reward	

We hope you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the new term.

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