

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Robin Class	95.60%
Wagtail Class	99.13%
Lapwing Class	96.96%
Parakeet Class	99.17%
Wren&Sparrow Class	95%
Goldfinch Class	96.82%
Kestrel Class	92.27%

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

### RECOGNITION BOARDS

After the Easter holiday break, our first target to be recognised will be: **To always write the date and learning objective.**

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Megan

Wagtail: Amelia

Lapwing: Theo

Parakeet: Grayson, Alex J

Sparrow & Wren: Lottie

Goldfinch: Sebastian, Casius

Kestrel: Whole class -fantastic run up to SATs

### READATHON

Well done to all those who took part in our PTA Readathon with Usborne books. Your sponsorship raised £700. Mrs Maidment is busy deciding which books we will receive as a school now. Well done Alyssia in Y4 who read for 1211minutes and Ava in

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

YR who read for 605minutes. What a fabulous effort you all made!



### LIBRARY NEWS

We would like to invite parents to pop in to school to see our newly spruced library on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm. Such a lot of hard work has gone in to making it look like such a welcoming space. Please do come in and take a look.

### YEAR 1 SCATTERBALL

The children who attended the Epsom and Ewell Scatterball tournament had a great afternoon. Well done to the whole team! There was a super sense of co-operation and team work.



### YEAR 4 BIKEABILITY

Well done to all those who took part in their Level 1 Bikeability training this week. The children demonstrated they could control their bikes and stay safe.

### WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY

We are holding our 'Walk to School Week' from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May. There will be our walking event from the Village Hall on Tuesday

morning where we all walk up to the school together. If you can be there to meet Mrs Leyland between 8.35/8.45am to join one of the walking groups. In addition to this there is a different focus for each day.

Monday – Wear bright socks day

Tuesday – Wear your favourite shoes day (*need to have practical shoes for running at playtime with you in school if your favourite are slippers for example*)

Wednesday – Wear ‘Trainers’ day

Thursday – Bling your scooters/bike day



### PICKING UP PUPILS

Please may we remind parents to notify the school office or directly the class teacher if someone different e.g. another parent is collecting your child at the end of the day. It is the responsibility of the parent of the child to inform the school, not the friend collecting. Similarly, do ensure junior children are directed to the office if their parents haven't arrived and they are in the playground so we can contact parents. Please don't think we are being rude if we insist on checking these details – we are keeping all our children safe.

### VALE COMMUNITY MORNING – SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to school to help ‘spruce’ up the outdoor and indoor areas, **9am – 12pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**. The school 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 beginning the digging of the Sensory Garden, to painting a wall with activities that will keep the whole family occupied! We have created the start of a list of jobs that I have attached with this newsletter as we know some people have asked so that it can help them know what equipment they may bring from window cleaner to wheel barrows. This was such a successful morning last year and we really do hope it will be again. Thank you in advance for all your support.



### FAMILY COUNCIL

Thank you to all of those who came on Wednesday morning to our half termly family council forum. This week we were asking for parents opinions about what was felt to be our school's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Here is a summary of the discussion:

#### Strengths:

- Safety – feeling safe
- Positive behaviour strategies
- All children feeling Secondary ready
- Size – all children are known by all meaning good transitions
- Atmosphere
- Calm and purposeful
- Perception of not too much pressure in Y6
- Inclusive – every child is an individual
- Family nature and nurturing nature of the school
- Relationships between children from different year groups
- Parental relationships that are supportive of one another
- Location and use of the outdoors
- EYFS – a really good start to school
- Facebook and social media communication

#### Weaknesses:

- Size – in terms of ability to offer range of activities provided in bigger settings
- Data – our previous test results
- Parental response and engagement – low numbers. A core group who support.
- EYFS Outdoor area and resources – there were differing opinions about this
- Be direct in communicating to parents about what resources would help e.g. through Amazon Wishlist
- Communication of the text each class are using each term
- Parents to have a better understanding of GLF/Oaks and what being a part of the Academy means for the school

#### Opportunities:

- Promotion of 1 form entry school
- Promotion of smaller school where all are known
- Make links with local Ebbisham soft play ‘Once upon a time’
- Local library links – Tattenham corner
- Make use of any potential advertising opportunities
- Parental involvement – infant parents being invited to a lunchtime
- Tadworth Leisure centre Sept 14<sup>th</sup> promotion opportunity for stall

#### Threats:

- People's knowledge of the school due to location
- Potential parent perception of a clique of those parents who live in the village
- Pupil numbers
- Funding
- Stability of teachers



These thoughts will be used now along-side those of the pupils, staff and Governors to help in creating our next 3-5yr strategic plan.



### FACEBOOK/TWITTER

Please do follow, retweet 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.

### NPQML

We were really pleased and proud to hear this week that Miss MccFeeters has achieved here National Professional Qualification in Middle Leadership. Very well deserved – congratulations.



### 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. We also have some leaflets to publicise these events if anyone wants to collect some from the school office to distribute to local surgery's, libraries, children's centres, nursery's etc.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Please do take a look at the Community News section of the website for events happening in the local area. This has many up and coming events on.

In addition: 7<sup>th</sup> Epsom Scouts are holding a fundraising Jumble Sale on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at

Epsom Methodist Church Hall.



Epsom Methodist Church, Ashley Road

Doors Open at 1.30pm for Public: 50p entry  
10.30 – 11.30am Early Birds: £5 entry

Donations: please leave at Epsom Methodist Church on:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30 - 8.30pm or Saturday

9 to 10.30am.

Thank you !



If you have any items which you would like collected, please call the volunteer collector.

NO FURNITURE OR LARGE ELECTRICAL GOODS, PLEASE. LIMITED PARKING ON SITE

Enquiries: 07736 771864



### OPPORTUNITY

The company Bounceagogo will running Summer Camps at The Vale through out the Summer break. They are currently recruiting for staff to help them run the camps. If you or a friend/family member would be interested in working with the company during the holidays please contact Dan Haynes.

Email: [bounceagogo@gmail.com](mailto:bounceagogo@gmail.com)

Website: <http://bounceagogo.co.uk/Parties-Camps-Events/>

### DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Summer Term Dates		
09.05.19	Yr R School trip	9.00am
10.05.19	Y4 Class Assembly	9.00am
10.05.19	Library Open Afternoon	3.15pm
18.05.19	Community Morning	9.30 – 12.30pm
20.05.19	Walk to School Week	
20.05.19	Yr 6 Residential	
22.05.19	Yr4 Residential	8.20am
23.05.19	Yr 3 & 4Theatre Group	All day
24.05.19	INSET Day	
27.05.19 – 31.05.19	Half Term	
03.06.19	School starts back	
04.06.19	Yr 2 Trip	
04.06.19	Yr 3 Trip	
05.06.19	Yr 1 & 2 Theatre Group	



07.06.19	Yr 3 Class Assembly	9.00am
14.06.19	Mufti Day for Summer Fair Tombola	
14.06.19	Yr 1 Class Assembly	9.00am
15.06.19	Open Morning for prospective families	10.00am
17 – 20.06.19	Year 6 Bikeability	
18.06.19	Epsom & Ewell Dance Festival	
19 – 21.06.19	Yr 5 Residential	
20.06.19	GLF Music Festival	
21.06.19	Yr 2 Class Assembly	9.00am
22.06.19	Summer Fair	11.00 – 2.00pm
26.06.19	Sports Day	KS2 Morning KS1 afternoon
27.06.19	Yr5 Class Assembly	9.00am
27.06.19	National Sunglasses Day £1 donation	
28.06.19	INSET Day	
02.07.19	Change Over Morning	
05.07.19	Yr R Class Assembly	
10.07.19	Reception to Yr 1 Transition Meeting	2.30pm
10.07.19	Open Afternoon for Parents	3.45 – 5.30pm
13.07.19	PTA Barn Dance	
17.07.19	Whole School Woodland Walk and Picnic	11.00 – 1.00pm
17.07.19	Year 5/6 Production	6.30pm
18.07.19	Year 5/6 Production	2.00pm
23.07.19	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly	9.00am
23.07.19	Yr6 Leavers Party	4 – 6.00pm
24.07.19	Attendance Reward	
24.07.19	Term ends	1.30pm

Have a lovely weekend.

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

