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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th May 2019

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 7th May 2019

Robin Class	99%
Wagtail Class	97.28%
Lapwing Class	98.37%
Parakeet Class	98.50%
Wren&Sparrow Class	96.53%
Goldfinch Class	98.86%
Kestrel Class	99.43%

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

RECOGNITION BOARDS

Next week's target to be recognised will be: **To never give up and be resilient.**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Devon, ava

Wagtail: Ashton, George

Parakeet: Kallie, Jamie

Sparrow & Wren: Morgan, Cristina

Goldfinch: Ava, Paris

OAKS STAFF TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

It was raised at family forum last week that it would be good for parents to know about and understand some of the benefits from working within the Oaks Academy Trust further.

One of the ways is how we are able to collaborate with one another in terms of training. This week we held our first joint staff session where teachers from all the different schools were able to choose sessions led by staff, with a specialism, within the

MAT to attend training. Miss Amos led an exciting practical science learning session and Miss McFeeters a coding with Lego seminar. Feedback from all was it was beneficial to their subject knowledge and development of strategies that can be applied to their own practise in class.

BOCKETTS FARM

Robins class had a super trip this week to the farm. Although the weather was a little wet, it didn't dampen their spirits. Much enjoyment and practical learning in the outdoors was had by all. They were fantastic ambassadors of the school and engaged very well in all the activities.



BEHAVIOUR AFTER SCHOOL

It has been reported that whilst infants are waiting for junior siblings in the playground from 3.15pm that there have been a couple of incidences of inappropriate language being used and behaviour that is not in line with our golden rule of respect. Please do ensure parents that your children are well supervised and are following Vale expectations. May we also remind you that the trim



trail should not be in use after school as staff are not supervising it.

YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

It was wonderful today to welcome the parents of Year 4 as we were taken on a journey into their learning about world War II. What an exciting and engaging presentation that has clearly inspired all. Well done Year 4 and thank you.

END OF KEY STAGE ASSESSMENTS

The Year 6 SATs tests are next week, and we wish all of our pupils the best of luck. We know that they have worked extremely hard and now this is an opportunity to show what they can do. We hope they rest well this weekend so that they can come in relaxed, calm and prepared next week. We have spoken to them today about how so very proud of them we are and how the tests will just measure one part of their greatness.

Year 2 SATs are happening throughout this month and we know how hard individuals have worked to be ready. We are proud of all our Y2s and Y6s and know they will do their best.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 20th to 23rd MAY

We are holding our 'Walk to School Week' from Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd 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 in with you in school if your favourite are slippers for example*)

Wednesday – Wear 'Trainers' day

Thursday – Bling your scooters/bike day



HEADLICE

We have several cases in school across the year groups. Please check your child/rens hair carefully and apply treatment if required.

VALE COMMUNITY MORNING – SATURDAY 18th 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 18th 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 was attached with last week's newsletter and is available in the office. 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.



WEBSITE

If you haven't seen our new school welcome video on our Facebook page yet, please do find it on our home page on the website. It is certainly worth a look.



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.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S MATHS LEARNING

One of the questions parents often ask is "How can I help my child with their maths learning at home?" Many are worried because they feel that the strategies used in classes today are unfamiliar to ones they were taught. This is why we have held parent's maths evenings in the past to support this and there are many supportive resources in the pupil pages of our school website. We do have two further top tips for you though. We can't guarantee they will make your child an amazing



mathematician, but we can say they will provide them with a platform to success.

Top Tip 1: Tell your children they are good at maths.

Top Tip 2: Pretend you love maths (even if you hated maths at school yourself!)

There are some other invaluable tips from Professor Jo Boaler of Stanford University here too. [Advice for Parents from Professor Jo Boaler.pdf](#)

Please do encourage them to use Mathletics at home too – it is always a pleasure to award certificates for their participation.

OPEN MORNINGS

We are going to be holding two open mornings, one on Wednesday 12th June at 9am and one on Saturday 15th 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: 7th Epsom Scouts are holding a fundraising Jumble Sale on Saturday 11th May at Epsom Methodist Church Hall.



7th Epsom Scouts
Saturday 11th May 2019

JUMBLE SALE

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 10th 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 be running Summer Camps at The Vale throughout 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

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 & 4 Theatre 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
12.06.19	Open Morning for prospective families	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

