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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th June 2019

Inspiring All

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year before our children all make that transition to the next stage of their journey either with us at The Vale or their new secondary schools.

TRANSITIONS

As well as consolidating skills, knowledge and understanding from this year we do have a focus this half term on making all the transitions our children make as smooth as they can be. We are very aware that any change can be unsettling to varying extents. We are holding transition meetings for the parents of our **Robins children moving into Year 1 on 10th July** and our children in **Lapwings class making that move into the Juniors on 4th July**. These will be opportunities for parents to find out more about the expectations and changes that will happen as the children move from EYFS to KS1 or KS1 to KS2. The children will all have an opportunity to meet their next teacher and spend the morning in their new classes on the **2nd July on Changeover morning** which is always an exciting day in school. In class, teachers will also spend time with the children thinking about what will be similar and what will be different in their new classes. Our Y6 will also spend time this half term visiting their new schools as well as our new children starting in Robins having opportunities to visit us. We had our first group of new children to Robins visit us this week which was a really positive session.

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 3rd June 2019

Robin Class	96.80%
Wagtail Class	90.87%

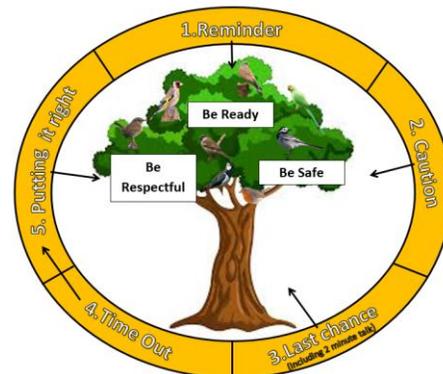
Lapwing Class	91.74%
Parakeet Class	99.60%
Wren&Sparrow Class	96.84%
Goldfinch Class	98.64%
Kestrel Class	93.64%

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

A reminder to parents and carers that our expectation is that children attend school 100% of the time. We are still getting requests for holidays during term time, which we are not able to authorise. Guidance is clear that no leave can be granted for absence from school unless there are exceptional circumstances and states that holidays, birthday celebrations etc. cannot be classed as exceptional. It is well researched the impact absence can have on learning. Please read attached Attendance Policy.

RECOGNITION BOARDS

Next week our target to be recognised will be: **To treat everyone respectfully**. This is very much linked to one of 3 Golden Rules and it is always good to revisit what these mean and how we demonstrate them.



VALE GOLDEN RULES



CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Parakeet: Grayson, Jamie

Sparrow & Wren: Oscar, Jaymie

Goldfinch: Alfie, Ben

Kestrel: Shannon, Lydia

Y1 & Y2 VISIT

Lapwings and Wagtails had an extremely successful, if a little windy, trip to Littlehampton this week. They have been using the context of the seaside to develop their understanding, knowledge and skills of history and the past and other curriculum areas.



Y3 WATERSPORTS

Parakeets had a very exciting day at Mercer's Lake this week trying new sports. This was a fantastic opportunity to build confidence, resilience, team work skills and to challenge themselves and achieve. A huge thank you to all those parents who helped on either our infant or Y3 trip this week.



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Robins, Lapwings and Wagtails had the opportunity this week to develop their oracy and drama skills by taking part in a fantastic theatre workshop. A great time was had by all.



Y3 CLASS ASSEMBLY

We were treated to seeing the fantastic performance given by Parakeets this morning sharing with us some of the great learning they have been doing in history. Their knowledge and understanding of the changes that took place during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age was amazing as well as their singing, narration and drama. In one of the songs it talked about how the people were 'stronger together' – a message as relevant then as is today. Well done Year 3 we were all very proud.

ANTI-BULLYING

The school council have recently reviewed and amended a child friendly anti-bullying leaflet and presented back to classes. It is vital that children feel safe in school and know how to ask for help if they don't. Please find attached their newly reviewed leaflet.

FEELING GOOD WEEK

We will be celebrating National Feeling Good Week this year 17th -21st June.

Mental health problems affect 1 in 10 children, this can include depression, anxiety and conduct disorders. Having good mental health is as important as having good physical health. This helps children to develop resilience and gives them the emotional tools they need to cope with everyday upsets and life events. Feeling valued, accepting others, eating a balanced diet, taking part in physical activity and being able to cope with

tricky situations are just a few important skills that have a positive impact on emotional well-being. Feeling Good week has been developed to support children to develop these skills.

This year's theme is 'Together we can' – it is encouraging children to work together as a team, build relationships and share their feelings. We have planned a range of activities for the week to support children to work together to achieve goals; improve listening, learning, sharing and trust; help children to develop respect and pride in shared activities; build positive relationships, an awareness of both themselves and others; understand their own and others attitudes and values and promote equality and community cohesion.

Some of the activities we have planned are:

- Wearing yellow on Monday 17th – children will need to pay £1 and this will go to the charity 'Young Minds'
- Planning and practising their acts for the talent show to be held in school on Friday 19th July
- Painting pebbles to create a decorative area in the sensory garden
- Having a cake sale on Thursday 20th – please send your child in with cakes on this day – all monies raised will go to the 'young minds' charity. (Any help and support to run this would be greatly appreciated! Please see Mrs Roberts)
- Teachers will be planning in teamwork, confidence building and trust activities in their classes throughout the week
- All classes will get out and do some learning in the outside areas where possible

YOUNGmINDS



PARENT DROP OFF

Please can we ask that when you are dropping your children off at school that you leave them at the infant class doors or office entrance if you are dropping them at the front of school by prior arrangement.

SUMMER FAIR

Our Beside the Seaside Summer Fair will shortly be upon us on Saturday 22nd June 12 – 3pm. Please keep the date free as it will be lots of fun for all the family.

SCHOOL DISCO

Don't forget to get your tickets from the office for the disco on Friday 14th June. It is a mufti day for the tombola so no additional clothes need to be brought in. The discos are 3.30-4.30pm for the Infants (Infants will be kept by class teachers until 3.30pm if they are staying for the disco) and 4.35 – 5.45pm for the Juniors.



SPORTS DAY PREPARATION

The lines have been marked on the field and the classes are starting to practise their events for our Junior and Infants Sports Day on 26th June. The Juniors have their events in the morning starting at 9.15am and infants are in the afternoon at 1.30pm. Please bring a chair or picnic blanket and your cheering voice. All friends of the school are welcome! If parents are able to help with setting up gazebos from 8am we would love to see you. We would also like to invite you to join the children for lunch on the field as we have done in the past (or in school weather dependent – shade may be needed)

For our Sports Day, we ask all children to wear a top of their house colour as follows:

Nijinsky = green
 Shergar = yellow
 Diomed = red
 Hyperion = blue

If possible, please ensure this is a plain coloured t-shirt, please turn any logos inside out, including football shirts.

SUMMER WEATHER

Please do remember to stay safe this summer term if we see periods of hot weather. Remember water bottles and hats and to apply sun cream before school. Opportunities at school for shade during lunchtime is provided too.



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.

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.

FAMILY FORUM

We will be holding our next Family Forum Meeting on 3rd July at 2.30pm. We would like to review our school travel plan with parents at this meeting and begin to discuss initiatives for the next academic year. We would love to see as many parents who can make it as possible.

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.

DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Summer Term Dates		
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
14.06.19	PTA Disco	3.30 – 4.3 Infant 4.345 – 5.45 Junior
15.06.19	Open Morning for prospective families	10.00am
17 – 20.06.19	Year 6 Bikeability	
17 – 21.6.19	Feeling Good Week	
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	
03.07.19	Family Forum Meeting	2.30pm
04.07.19	Year 2 to Y3 Transition Meeting	2.30pm
05.07.19	Yr R Class Assembly	
10.07.19	Reception to Yr 1 Transition Meeting	2.30pm
10.07.19	Open Afternoon for	3.45 –



	Parents	5.30pm
13.07.19	PTA Barn Dance	5.30 – 7.30pm
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.

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