

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Robin Class	.100%
Wagtail Class	97.60%
Lapwing Class	98.64%
Parakeet Class	95.22%
Sparrow Class	97.69%
Goldfinch Class	98.79%
Kestrel Class	99.55%

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

### RECOGNITION TARGETS

We all tried very hard this week to speak and act politely to each other and many DOJO points were earned. Next week's recognition target is: **To be on task**

### CLASS BRIEFINGS

Our Autumn term class briefings are being held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September for all classes. Parents are expected to attend at least one session at 5pm or 6pm. The classteachers will introduce themselves and the expectations in their classes, including home learning and any residential trips that might be taking place this year.

At 5.30pm Mrs Browne and Mrs Leyland will be presenting on our plans for the year ahead. We are also welcoming our new family support worker, Susannah Seegoblin to the school who will attend this event.

### Y5&6 DAY AT THE RACES

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic day at Epsom Downs Racecourse on Thursday. This was run by the Jockey Club and involves very active and purposeful maths learning. The children had a fantastic time and were able to see the horses in action as well as take a peek at the stables. What a fantastic opportunity we have to be in this location.



### CONGRATULATIONS

Our best wishes to Mrs Waight and her family on the arrival of Arthur James Waight on Wednesday this week. All are well and we wish them very many congratulations.



## DOJOs CUMULATIVE RECORD

Hyperion: 520

Nijinsky: 555

Shergar: 444

Diomed: 463

## STARS

Wagtail: Megan, Harrison

Lapwing: Rowan, Amelia

Parakeet: Ethan G, Daisy

Sparrow: Harry, Isla

Goldfinch: Morgan, Oscar

Kestrel: Lexie, Whole class

## SENSORY GARDEN

We are wondering if there is a parent, grandparent or friend who has keen green fingers who would like to support the school by maintaining the sensory garden that Ms Amos and the children began last year. This would be initially working alongside Ms Amos but with a view to developing the area further from the initial start. Please do talk to Ms Amos or one of the Co-Headteachers if you or someone you know feels this is a project you or they might support.



## END OF DAY

Further to last week's newsletter about considerate parking, a parent has requested that we politely remind infant parents without older siblings, if they could be prompt to leave the school site where possible in order to alleviate parking issues for junior parents and ensure the staggered timings are effective. Mrs Leyland and Mrs Browne have been out the front over the last week and want to thank parents for trying their very best to ensure they park in the right places etc. We do understand the school run is a tricky endeavour and this is true of most schools in the country. In addition to this, however, may we remind parents collecting infants

that the trim trail is not to be used by children after school and that the juniors are still learning in class for those 15 minutes so to ask children to be respectful of that.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS

I am delighted to announce that we have had some very promising Y6 House Captains elected this week. Their speeches on Monday clearly demonstrated their commitment to our Vale Values and the role. Mrs Browne met with them on Friday to congratulate them officially and outline some of their initial duties and they will lead their first house captain meetings next week.

They are:

Diomed – Paris, Freddie

Hyperion – Ben, Yasmine

Nijinsky – Mariko, Dylan

Shergar – Queenie, Oliver



## CLUBS

School based clubs will start next week. Children have been allocated their clubs and should ensure they attend weekly and show their commitment.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Please do join us for our Macmillan coffee morning on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. We will be raising funds for this fantastic Cancer charity and it will be a super opportunity to network and meet other parents. I know there will be some fantastic cakes on offer, and you are welcome to bring some to add to the table. We have sent invites out to our local community and it would be wonderful to have as many people as we could to make this a fantastic event.

## PTA CAKE SALES

PTA cake sales will be monthly this year and unlike previous years the PTA request that on the day of a cake sale that all parents who can contribute some cakes, rather than the onus being on one class which has happened in previous years. Dates of the cake sales will be published on the dates for your diaries on the newsletters and if the pupils could bring cakes in on that day to the office then they can be contributed to the stall. These will then be on sale at the end of the day to all pupils and families in the infant playground by representative of the PTA. We're very much looking forward to our first sale on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September when some of our proceeds will be going towards McMillan Cancer Trust to support the coffee morning happening earlier in the day and the rest to our PTA collection towards benefitting the children of the Vale.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We have Open Mornings for prospective parents planned, for children who will start school in Reception from September 2019:

- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Each weekday morning starts at 9.00am with a tour of the school, followed by a presentation from the Co-Headteachers. We normally finish at 10.00am. Please book a place with the office. The Saturday Open Morning is at 9.30 -10.30am

Year 6 pupils are permitted to visit potential Secondary Schools in the school day; please advise the office of the dates and times. Year 5 children and parents are encouraged to go to open evenings this year to get a feel for the Secondary schools on offer in the locality.

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN –

Please do come to our class briefings as you will find out what different activities will be appropriate for your children to begin working with you on at home. If you cannot make for whatever reason – do let your class teacher know so that they can give you copies of any resources.

## VALE AMBASSADORS

Mrs Roberts and I (Miss Amos) are delighted to announce that the new Vale Ambassadors are:

Year 1: Jenson B, Imogen

Year 2: Elicia M

Year 3: Eva M

Year 4: Jools, Summer M, Ava, Charlie D

Year 5: Cristina, Evie, Annie, Elise

Year 6: Lexie, Yasmine

We had an incredibly hard job choosing our new ambassadors as there are so many children worthy of the roles and we had a huge amount of interest. We still have one vacancy in year 2 and one vacancy in year 3 so if your child would like to be considered they should write telling us why they would be perfect for the role.

## PRESTON PARK COMMUNITY DAY

Mrs Browne will be at Preston Park Community Day event this Saturday, 12-3pm representing the school. Please do come along and say hello or have a go on the Matchbox Countdown Calendar stall!

## PTA BOOT AND BENCH FAIR

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September The Vale will be hosting its first Boot and Bench Fair from 10-12. Please do come and support the event. If you would like to request a pitch or bench area for selling, please do speak to Libby Brook or Danielle Nash our PTA Chairs or ask in the school office. Otherwise we'll see you on the day to see what bargains can be picked up.

## FACEBOOK PAGE/TWITTER

Thank you for following and liking our Facebook Page and Twitter feed last academic year. We continue to post/tweet and review and monitor frequently. We want to share and celebrate as much as we can and keep it as current as possible. Search for '**The Vale Primary School**' and our icon is our woodpecker logo, with a white background or @thevaleprimary. Our Twitter account is @ValePrimarySch.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

There have been some new additions to the Community News section of the website – please do take a look.





## DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Autumn Term Dates		
16.09.19	NSPCC Assembly for pupils	am
18.09.19	Open Morning Reception 2020	9.00am
18.09.19	Class Briefings Co-Headteachers Presentation	5.00pm & 600pm, 5.30 pm
20.09.19	McMillan Coffee Morning – all welcome	9.00 – 10.00am
20.09.19	Cake sale	3.15pm
22.09.19	PTA Boot and Bench Sale	10.00 – 12.00
25.09.19	Infant Coffee Morning	9.00 – 10.00am
28.09.19	Open Morning Reception 2020	9.30 – 10.00am
02.10.19	Open Morning Reception 2020	9.00 – 10.00am
03.10.19	Junior Coffee Morning	9.00 – 10.00am
16.10.19	Open Morning Reception 2020	9.00 – 10.00am
17.10.19	Individual Class Photos	am
25.10.19	Harvest Assembly	9.00 – 9.30am
25.10.19	Infant Harvest Day	2.30 – 3.00pm
25.10.19	Cake Sale	3.15pm

Have a lovely weekend.

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

