



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

Robin Class	88.85%
Wagtail Class	93.33%
Lapwing Class	97.27%
Parakeet Class	86.25%
Sparrow Class	95.38%
Goldfinch Class	92.42%
Kestrel Class	99.09%

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

### RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week's recognition target is: **To challenge yourself**

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Robin – Rory, Olivia

Wagtail – Alexander, Soha

Lapwing – Jaiden, Mila

Parakeet – Cameron, Josh

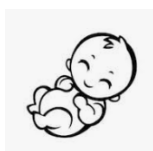
Sparrow – Charlie D, Nicole

Goldfinch – Aaliyah, Alyssia

Kestrel - Josh, Oliver

### CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our best wishes and congratulations to the Finch family on the birth of baby Alice. What lovely news.



### PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to all those who organised and supported a super evening last weekend. It was a thoroughly enjoyable social event that raised very much appreciated funds for the school PTA which are used to enhance and enrich the experience of all our pupils.



### WELCOME BACK

We are very excited that Mrs Jones will be returning to school after half term, following her Maternity leave. She will be joining Mrs Tolley and Year 4. Mrs Jones will be working in Year 4 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Tolley will be working in class on a Thursday and Friday. The class have been working with Mrs Jones for the past few Wednesdays as part of the smooth transition to this arrangement.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Anti-Bullying Week this year is the week beginning the **11<sup>th</sup> November**. The theme this year is 'Change Starts with Us!' Vale Ambassadors have already begun to start thinking about an assembly they will lead. Classes will be considering how we



can ensure all Vale Learners feel valued and included during the week as part of their curriculum. We will also be holding an ODD SOCK day on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** to recognise the week and message of being 'just a little kinder than necessary'.



### PARKING

We had a visit this week from our local parking enforcement officer who will be monitoring the area around the school. Please do ensure you park safely and correctly. Take advantage of the dropping off your child at the bottom of pathway, as long as it is safe to do so, and letting the member of staff on duty guide them up into school. May we also ask that we are respectful of our disabled parking spaces in the car park and ensure these are only used by those with disabled badges. We do have a need for these to be accessible.

### THANK YOU

A belated thank you to Miss Allison for cleaning out our Fish tank in the Beach. We are very grateful and always appreciative of the kindness of our parent body who contribute in so many different ways.

### HARVEST

We enjoyed an amazing whole school Harvest Assembly this morning – a perfect opportunity for us to get together as a whole school and take time to reflect and say thank you. It was wonderful to hear each class, as well as the infant and junior choir and Vale Ambassadors all contribute and participate in the celebration of this festival.

The infants then had a wonderful celebration at their Harvest Tea this afternoon. Many thanks to all

our parents who volunteered to make this such a success.

Thank you for all donations to the local Foodbank – it looked like an amazing array of items that had been requested by them.



### PLEA

We are wondering if any parents are able to help us source a TV bracket for our wall in the front reception area. We have been very lucky to receive the donation of a TV which we would love to mount on the wall and use in the reception area to display school achievements, photos, news etc.

We are very appreciative of all the hard work that Mrs Hart is putting in our behalf to raise money for the school and donations that we have had of a TV and World Map Wallpaper from her clearance of a friends and neighbour's property within the village.

### HEALTHY EATING COLOURING COMPETITION

Well done to Mabel in Y5 who won the Healthy Eating Colouring competition this week. Thank you to all those who entered the contest and Emma in the kitchen for supporting us in having healthy lifestyles and fun at lunchtimes.



## UNIFORM

Please may we ask that all pupils have PE kits in school and that they don't wear their stud earrings on their PE days, unless they can take these out themselves.

Also could we send out a plea for spare knickers/pants/socks for 4-5yr olds for Reception (particularly boys) as our school spares stock is looking quite depleted.

## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

As written last week, children are accessing technology and the internet at a younger age than ever before and we don't always know how to support them in being safe.

On the <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/band-runner/> website there are some really good articles for parents and a link to the game for 8-10 year olds which will support them.



**NATIONAL BUG BUSTING DAY – 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**  
Launched in 1988, National Bug Busting Day has provided regular awareness days to help parents learn how to prevent head lice and stop their spread between children and adults. Established by Community Hygiene Concern the day is a chance to raise understanding and let families check and 'bust bugs'.

There are many habits which you can adopt as a family in a bid to prevent head lice, including:

- Regular checks
- Avoiding sharing
- Paying attention to alerts sent from school
- Being prepared for outbreaks

By ensuring that you check regularly, you stand more of a chance of detecting them early, at home. Through early detection, it is possible to prevent eggs being laid, making it quicker to eradicate. This can be done through sitting under a good light and combing the hair thoroughly, paying particular attention to the scalp and to the nape of the neck. Checks can also be done using wet hair and a special comb for removing head lice which can help you find lice and any eggs which have been laid.

Whilst it may seem harmless to share personal items, it can easily lead to outbreaks of head lice, especially amongst children. Avoid sharing items such as:

- Hairbrushes
- Hair accessories
- Hats, helmets and hair bands
- Scarves and coats
- Towels
- Earphones

Good luck 'Busting!'



## PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Consultation meetings are set for **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. The online booking system will be available from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. We will **be closing school that day at 3pm**, in order for staff to have time to prepare to start at 3.30pm.

Please do let the office know if you will be unable to collect your child that day at the earlier time so that we can make provision. If your child uses school transport, they will be collected as normal at 3.30pm and looked after by school staff until then.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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

- 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.

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.

#### 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		
28.10 – 1.11.19	Half Term	
6.11.19	Open Morning Reception 2020	9.00 – 10.00am
8.11.19	Robin Class Health Screening	
11.11.19-15.11.19	Anti-Bullying Week	
12.11.19	<b>ODD SOCKS DAY</b>	
13.11.19	Parent Consultation	3.30pm
15.11.19	Children in Need	
18.11.19	Play and Learn – Robin Class	9.00 – 10.00am
19.11.19	Years 3 and 4 School Trip	
20.11.19	Open Morning Reception 2020	9.00 – 10.00am
20.11.19	Years 1 & 2 School Trip	
21.11.19	Family Forum	9am – 9.45am
22.11.19	Play and Learn – Robin	9.00 –

	Class	10.00am
25.11.19	Nasal Flu	
4.12.19	Open Morning Reception 2020	9.00 – 10.00am
7.12.19	PTA Winter Fair	12.00 – 3.00pm
11.12.19	Infant Secret Santa	
11.12.19	Infant production	2.00pm
12.12.19	Infant production	9.00am
13.12.19	PTA Christmas Disco	4.00 – 6.00pm
17.12.19	Junior carols	2.00pm
18.12.19	Infant Christmas Party	1.30pm
18.12.19	Junior carols	6.30pm
20.12.19	Term ends 1.30p.m	
06.01.20	INSET DAY	
07.01.20	Back to school	

Have a great half term break and enjoy some very well-deserved time with your families.

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

