



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Robin Class	77.31%
Wagtail Class	93.33%
Lapwing Class	96.36%
Parakeet Class	98.33%
Sparrow Class	96.92%
Goldfinch Class	95.29%
Kestrel Class	96.82%

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

### RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week's recognition target is: **To be a good role model**

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Robin – Benji, Charlie

Wagtail – Lucas, Imogen

Parakeet – Olivia, Grace

Sparrow – The whole class for having an amazing trip to Painshill

Goldfinch – Aidan, Charlie

Kestrel - Yasmine, Willow

### STAFFING NEWS

We are delighted to let you know that we have successfully recruited a new Cluster Premises Manager, Emma Kerr to work across both The Vale and Warren Mead Junior and Infant Schools. She will be starting towards the end of this term.

### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to all those of you who have returned questionnaires, it is invaluable support in terms of measuring progress against our school development points and identifying future next steps. We hope to continually work as a partnership which is why the voice of all stakeholders is so important. We will communicate overall patterns once the analysis is complete.

### PAINSHILL PARK VISIT

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to Painshill Park on Tuesday this week where they had great fun geo-orienteering, using wild navigation and exploring. They used compasses and grid references to find their way around the site. They were blindfolded while being led to an area and had to work out where they were from clues on the map. They also created rivers with the bridges of Painshill Park. A great day of active Geography – we had a few tired children on the coach home.



## SCIENCE MUSEUM VISIT

On Wednesday Year 1 and 2 ventured up to the Science Museum to enrich their History learning about 'Explorers' in the past. They watched a documentary about the first landing on the moon and saw a replica of the lunar module.



## FOOTBALL TEAM

Our upper Key Stage 2 Football team were such fantastic ambassadors of the school on Wednesday this week. They showed great resilience and spirit and played extremely well. They played five matches against other Epsom and Ewell schools; were defeated in 3 and drew 2. Well done team for your valiant effort and to our parents for being such a supportive crew.



## ROBINS PLAY & LEARN SESSION

It was wonderful to have so many families join us for our session on Friday morning. There were such great active learning opportunities being shared.



## LEARNING IN YEAR 5

Over the past term the children in Year 5 have been developing their knowledge and understanding of in science with some fantastic, engaging and active investigative learning.



They have been investigating Properties of Materials. The first task was to investigate several materials and classify them according to their flexibility, permeability, transparency and whether they were magnetic. They learnt which materials are soluble and created solutions and how to separate materials by the most appropriate method including filtering, sieving, evaporation and using a magnet. One afternoon, they tested which materials would conduct electricity to light up bulbs and on another they found the best insulator to keep ice from melting. The most favourite lesson, to date, was mixing reactants to create a product to show irreversible chemical changes. The children were able to produce enough carbon dioxide to blow up a balloon and casein - an early plastic used in the early 20th century.

## WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

Our next whole school Woodland Walk is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon; we need lots of volunteers to help us walk to, around and back from the centenary woods where we are planning to visit the statues on display. You do not have to have a DBS for this event. Please notify the office if you can support us from 1.15pm-2.30pm. All children and adults will need to wear a pair of boots and a coat! Please click here for the Woodland Trust's update about Langley Vale Wood:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/wood-information/langley-vale-wood/>

## COFFEE and E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

We have scheduled a coffee morning and very informative e-safety workshop for parents to run **from 8.50am-10am on 28<sup>th</sup> November**. Please join us for a chat and an opportunity before Christmas purchases to consider how we can best help support our children in today's ever-changing digital world. It is so important to understand how we can support them to use technology to its best potential - safely.

## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Building a wealth of vocabulary and knowing how to use it in a variety of ways has such an enormous impact on learning in all curriculum areas. Here are 2 more words to use to follow the process with to enable the children to use and commit to their long-term memories.

### Process:

- 1) Read the word
- 2) Define the word
- 3) Use the word
- 4) Link the word
- 5) Deconstruct the word

e.g.

Read it	Define it	Use it	Link it	Deconstruct it
<b>equivalent</b> .....	<i>Two quarters is equivalent to one half.</i>	<i>Two quarters is equivalent to one half.</i>	<b>Synonym:</b> same, equal to <b>Antonym:</b> different, unequal	<i>equi</i> means 'equal' e.g. equality, inequity
	(adjective): having the same value/ equal to			

## KS1 word this week:

### KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

**Word of the Day :** **ideal** (adj/noun)

**Definition :** most suitable, in relation to expectations.  
*Beans on toast was an ideal breakfast.*

**Synonym :** perfect.  
**Antonym :** unattainable.

**Challenge :** Use WOD in a statement.

 **@VocabularyNinja** 

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'

## KS2 word this week:

### KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

**Word of the Day :** **indignant** (adjective)

**Definition :** angered at being treated unfairly.  
*Indignant and exhausted, he gave up.*

**Synonym :** aggrieved  
**Antonym :** content.

**Challenge :** Use WOD in a compound sentence.

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## NOTICE OF ROAD RESURFACING

Please be aware that from 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November the top of Beaconsfield Road, just beyond the school, is being resurfaced.

## PARKING ON THE ROAD

Please can school users be considerate of our neighbours and not park across driveways. We have received several complaints now from our neighbours.

## SCOOTERS IN THE CAR PARK

We have noticed there are a number of children scooting in and around the car park before and after school. Some of these children are not being



supervised as they have been dropped early etc. In the interest of safety for all, we need parents to ensure that children are supervised and are not putting themselves or others at risk.

**PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Thank you to everyone for the very generous hamper donations this morning. We received so many lovely things that we'll be able to create some fantastic hampers for our Christmas raffle. All the money raised goes directly to benefitting the children and it wouldn't be possible without everyone's generosity so thank you.

The Christmas Fair is coming up fast and you should all have received your Christmas packs in the children's book bags today. It's being held at the school from 12 - 3 on Saturday, 7th December and it would be great to see as many of you as possible.

We have a number of new and exciting stalls as well as old favourites so it will be an opportunity to stock up on Christmas presents as well as having fun. Becketts Gin, Usborne books, The Body Shop and Endless Stories jewellery will be present, amongst others, and you'll be able to enjoy a burger or mince pie whilst you wander round, all washed down with a hot chocolate or mulled wine. Father Christmas will be in attendance in his Grotto so please pop in to say hello. Elfridge's will be selling fun, pocket-money priced things for the kids, and there will also be the teachers' matchboxes, Guess the Weight of the Cake (thanks to Cathy Martin), sweet stalls, all sorts of games and of course, the tombola. Please do bring along friends and family - the more, the merrier!

**SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

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

**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		
25.11.19	Nasal Flu	
26.11.19 (New date)	Play and Learn – Robin Class	9.00 – 10.00am
28.11.19	Coffee and E-Safety Workshop	8.50 – 10.00am
4.12.19	Open Morning Reception 2020	9.00 – 10.00am
6.12.19	Afternoon Woodland Walk	1.30pm
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	Junior Secret Santa	
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	

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

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

