



The Vale Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2019

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 25th November 2019

Robin Class	91.11%
Wagtail Class	91.85%
Lapwing Class	95.45%
Parakeet Class	85.42%
Sparrow Class	93.85%
Goldfinch Class	95%
Kestrel Class	95.91%

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

RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week's recognition target is: **To be a tidy and organised learner**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Parakeet – Daisy, Ethan G

Sparrow – Alex, Charlie

Goldfinch – Ben, Mabel

Kestrel - Lily, Sebastian

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

The children and staff are busy getting ready for Junior and Infant Christmas productions. The school is a hive of busy activity. This is a very exciting time of the year with lots of many great activities happening and the singing is sounding wonderful. With December on the horizon, it's beginning to feel a **little bit** like Christmas!

Remember our Infant productions are on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and Thursday

12th December at 9.30am. Our Junior 'Christmas around the World' carols are on Tuesday 17th December at 2pm and Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm. We very much look forward to seeing you all there. Tickets are needed for these.

Additional tickets can be requested from Monday from the school office. These will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

The results of our parent questionnaire can now be found on our school website and we have taken on board all of the comments. It is an expectation as part of being at the Vale to work in partnership which is why we find it so useful to have your responses and why we expect these to be completed by all of our families.

ANTI-BULLYING POSTER COMPETITION

Congratulations to Skye in Year 5 whose design was selected as the winning poster from our school competition, launched in Anti-Bullying Week.

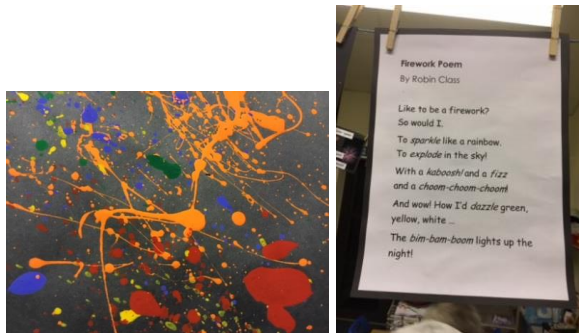


It was chosen for its positive focus on being a buddy in order to prevent bullying.



LEARNING IN ROBINS

Robin Class children have settled in really well and are already great ambassadors for our school. In Reception, we have been busy learning letter sounds and tricky words to start the children on their journey to read. The children have looked at a new number each week and have been using their reasoning skills to explain their thinking. Through our topic, 'Out of this World', we have learnt about the history of firework night, collectively written a firework poem, got messy making firework art, made our own milky ways, used junk modelling to make rockets, heard about the first man on the moon and used the story 'Whatever Next' to structure our own class story.



Firework Poem
By Robin Class

Like to be a firework?
So would I.
To sparkle like a rainbow.
To explode in the sky!
With a *boosh!* and a *fizz*
and a *chaam-chaam-chaam!*
And waa! How I'd dazzle green,
yellow, white.
The *dit-dam-boom* lights up the
night!

COFFEE and E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

It was disappointing that we had no parents come to attend our e-safety workshop this week. We are going to be reviewing our workshops and family forums as staff spend a lot of time preparing and planning for them. It is an expectation that parents do attend the information events we have so that we can work together. We will be asking parents again when the best times for these events are. Thank you to Miss McFeeters for the time and effort to plan and deliver such an important presentation. Technology is fantastic – when used safely and appropriately.

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
equivalent	(adjective): having the same value/ equal to	Two quarters is <u>equivalent</u> to one half.	Synonym: same, equal to Antonym: different, unequal	equi means 'equal' e.g. <u>equality</u> , <u>inequity</u>

WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

Our next whole school Woodland Walk is on Friday 6th 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/>



KS1 word this week:

KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **devoured** (verb)

Definition: eat with speed, hungrily.

The book was finished, she had devoured it.

Synonym: chomped, gobbled, destroy.

Antonym: nibble, build.

Challenge: Use WOD to write a statement.

KS2 word this week:

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **relinquish** (verb)

Definition: voluntarily cease claim or give up control.

He relinquished his grip of his favourite book.

Synonym: renounce, give up, abandon.

Antonym: retain, continue.

Challenge: Use WOD with -ed or -ing suffix in a compound sentence.

SECRET SANTA

On the 11th and 12th December we will be holding our annual Secret Santa event where children can purchase gifts to bring home and put under the tree. The Infants will have opportunity on the 11th and the Juniors on the 12th. To ensure all children have the opportunity to purchase gifts they will be limited to 2 main gifts each, and can bring in up to £5. It is always very exciting to see who the children choose to buy for and indeed what they choose! We would really appreciate any donations of suitable gifts to make this event possible. We will continue to accept donations up to the days of the events.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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

- Wednesday 4th December

This 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

Please do continue to take a look at our community news section on our website for local events and news.

DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Autumn Term Dates		
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 enjoy the weekend break and see you back in school next week ready for more great learning.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

