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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th December 2019

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 6th December 2019

Robin Class	94.07%
Wagtail Class	97.41%
Lapwing Class	88.64%
Parakeet Class	94.78%
Sparrow Class	95.77%
Goldfinch Class	94.71%
Kestrel Class	97.73%

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

RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week's recognition target is: **To show reading stamina**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Robin – Lily-May, Ronnie

Wagtail – Emma

Lapwing – Maisie, Amiyah

LEARNING IN PARAKEETS

This term in Year 3, we have been studying geography comparing England and the Netherlands. We have learned how to read and draw maps, use grid references and comparing physical and human features. We were lucky enough to visit Painshill park and do some ge-orienteering and wild navigation.

We have also been studying landscapes in art, studying the works of William Heaton.

In English we have been writing stories and non-chronological reports ranging in topics from crayons to mythical creatures.

As part of PSHE, we have been looking at the skills of resilience and perseverance, linking this into how engineers use these skills to invent things.

WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

We had a wonderful Woodland Walk this afternoon to the statues that have been put up as a memorial in the Centenary Woods, Langley Vale planted by the Woodland Trust.

PARKING

Thank you all for your support with our parking initiatives including drop and go. Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking taking care not to block any driveways.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Thank you so much to everyone for bringing in the Christmas Wish Stars to decorate the tree in our reception area. I know a lot of thought went into these and they look wonderful.



There are lots of events and activities over the next couple of weeks at school which will help us celebrate the season with our school family. I have put a quick reminder list here:

- the Christmas Fair on Saturday,
- the Infant Productions next week and the Junior Productions the following week
- Secret Santa next week on 11th and 12th December
- Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December and Christmas Lunch
- Choir singing Christmas Carols at the Ashley Centre on the 13th December.
- Christmas Disco on Friday 13th December
- Infant Christmas Party on Wednesday 18th December



TERMLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The role of the Governing Body is to provide Strategic Leadership to the school to deliver the best possible outcomes and education for all of our children. We also recruit, support, challenge and performance manage the Co- Head Teachers, ensure financial viability and compliance with all legal duties. Our Autumn Term Local Governing Body meeting took place on the 27th November and this is a brief overview to inform parents of what was discussed to benefit the children.

Governors received a report from the Co Headteachers outlining updates to the key objectives in the Self Evaluation and Development Plan for 2019/20 with governors assigned to priorities for monitoring purposes. Nominated governor reports were discussed looking at SEND, Pupil Premium children, the Curriculum, Safeguarding and Leadership and Management. Other areas of discussion were the numbers on roll and the impact on our finances, the Pupil Premium impact statement and strategy for 2019/20. Pupil attendance is also being monitored closely across the whole school to measure the impact on pupil's progress. Governors received the attainment report on results for the academic year 2018/19 with our Key Stage 2 results being particularly pleasing with the core subjects all above the National Average. The teaching of phonics has been reviewed with a new programme in place since September, new

resources have been introduced to support teaching and learning. The School's Three-Year Strategic Plan has been reviewed by Governors and the Co-Headteachers with key priorities identified for further development to be aligned with the 2019-20 School's Self Evaluation and Development Plan. The conversion from the Oaks Academy Trust to GLF Multi Academy Trust was a smooth transition for the school on the 1st September and the Governing Body is now known as the School Strategy Board, what this means for The Vale was discussed by governors.

On behalf of The Vale Governors I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new children and their families to school as they commence or continue their learning journey with us. Also, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas with family and friends and a happy, healthy new year.

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>e</u> quality, <u>i</u> nequality



KS1 word this week:

KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **reject** (verb or noun)

Definition : dismiss a person or thing as inadequate or faulty.

*The singer was **rejected** from the competition.* *The **reject** felt lonely and unwanted.*

Synonym : refuse, decline, failure, loser.

Antonym : welcome, friend.

Challenge : Use WOD in two separate sentences. One as a verb, one as a noun.

KS2 word this week:

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **plethora** (noun)

Definition : an abundance or excess.

*There was/were a **plethora** of stores to buy goods from.*

Synonym : excess, deluge, plenty.

Antonym : scarcity, few.

Challenge : Use WOD in a complex 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.

PARENTING UPDATE

Epsom Family Centre

Our Family Support Worker (Mrs Seegobin) and Mrs Leyland recently met with the manager of Epsom Family Centre who provide local information for families, children and young people in the Epsom & Ewell area. Their website can be accessed using the following link: <https://www.epsomfamilycentre.co.uk/> and contains

a timetable of what's on in the community. The Family Centre are hoping to be able to offer more services in the New Year so keep checking their website for updates!

Surrey County Council's Family Information Service

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/families>

Surrey Family Information Service (FIS) is a statutory service providing free impartial information and signposting for families with children aged 0 to 19 (up to 25 years for those with additional needs). They also manage and maintain the **Surrey Local Offer** enquiry service and website.

The role of FIS is to help families get the most out of the information and services available in the community and online. The FIS website covers a range of subjects including childcare, family finance, parenting support and education. You can also visit the **Surrey Local Offer website** for Special Educational Needs and Disability (**SEND**) information and help.

The comprehensive **Family Information Directory** can be used to find services, support groups, activities, events and more. **See the website for further details!**

WEA – Adult Learning within Reach

<https://www.wea.org.uk/>

The WEA is the UK's largest voluntary sector provider of adult education in England and Scotland and is a charity dedicated to bringing high-quality, professional education into the heart of communities.

No previous knowledge or qualifications are required. The charity also has a special mission to raise aspirations and develop educational opportunities for the most disadvantaged. This includes providing basic Maths, English and IT skills for employment; courses to improve health and wellbeing; creative programmes to broaden horizons and community engagement activities that encourage active citizenship. Some of the **FREE** courses offered in the local area:

- Supporting Children with Autism
- Supporting Positive behaviour in SEND
- Dealing with Low Mood Stress and Anxiety
- Building Emotional Resilience
- Managing Anxiety



You can enrol online, and the website will advise how many spaces are left! Please take a look to see what's on offer!

Family Links

<https://www.familylinks.org.uk/free-downloads-for-parents>

This website contains tips for parents including **Parenting top tips** and **Guidelines on physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleep for children under 5 (WHO)**

Step by step guides for parents: Empathy, Giving Praise Effectively, Giving time to calm down, making family rules, giving choices and consequences, active ignoring, problem solving and negotiating.

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		
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	

16.01.20	Year 3 Swimming starts	
23.01.20	Footbeats Year R	
27 – 31.01.20	Year 6 Bikeability	
05.02.20	Theatre Group Years 5 & 6	
04.02.20	Reading and Spelling Workshop	
17 – 21.02.20	Half term	
24.02.20	INSET DAY	
03.03.20	Junior Citizenship Year 6	
04.03.20	Pedals Year 2	
05.03.20	Skipping workshop – all years	
09 – 13.03.20	Comic Relief Week	
11.03.20	Parent Consultation	
16 – 27.03.20	Living Eggs in school	
26.03.20	Last week of swimming for Year 3	
30.03.20	Epsom & Ewell Infant Music Festival Rehearsals	
31.03.20	Epsom & Ewell Infant Music Festival	
01.04.20	Epsom & Ewell Infant Music Festival	
02.04.20	Year 3 & 4 Production	9.00am and 6.00pm
03.04.20	Term ends 1.30pm	

We hope you enjoy the weekend and hope to see you on Saturday at the Christmas Fair.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

