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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th December 2019

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 9th December 2019

Robin Class	88.89%
Wagtail Class	98.89%
Lapwing Class	96.82%
Parakeet Class	91.74%
Sparrow Class	91.54%
Goldfinch Class	94.41%
Kestrel Class	98.8%

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

RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week's recognition target is: **To follow instructions carefully**

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Robin – Amelia, Zaydan

Wagtail – Jonny

Lapwing – George, Leo

INFANT CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

What a fantastic and inspiring Christmas show we have had this week. All of the children were amazing. They spoke and sang confidently and with enjoyment and enthusiasm. I'm so glad the 'Star' got to shine! There were lots of shining stars on stage and in the band.



LEARNING IN KESTRELS

In year six the children have the joys of the extra responsibilities as house captains, librarians, Guga fit and Golden Mile leaders, running stationary shop, assembly monitors, being role models for the rest of the school - the list is endless! But whilst doing all that they're preparing for their end of Key Stage 2 SATs and getting ready for the big move to secondary school. This can be quite daunting and so we spend lots of time supporting the children to find themselves and create strategies to reach their potential and overcome any barriers.

You may find children talking about being Kid Awesome instead of Kid Average. This is based on the work by Matthew Syed and is all about seeing and acknowledging the hard work that goes into achieving a goal (whether it is short or long term) and not giving up after the first hurdle - or five! We've been thinking about our goals, what we need to do to achieve them and what might be holding us back. You might have your own goals you can share with them.

It's important that the class enjoy their last year of primary school so in between fantastic learning and working hard you may find the children collaborating together and getting up and dancing. 'Waka Waka' is their favourite and they probably know the dance moves off by heart now!





between now and the end of term will all go to Crisis at Christmas. Crisis is the national charity for homeless people. It helps people directly out of homelessness and campaigns for the changes needed to solve it altogether.

A donation of £28.87 can reserve a place for one homeless guest at one of their Christmas centres.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you so much to all those who came and enjoyed our school fair last Saturday. It was a wonderful event that really brought many of our families and our school community together. A huge thank you to our PTA for organising with such enthusiasm and skill. We were very fortunate to raise around the £2000 mark – we are just still finalising some costs and raffle tickets money.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

It has been lovely today to be so festive as a school team and celebrate Christmas lunch together in our Christmas Jumpers and Mufti. We have finally found out the name of our school Christmas Elf which is.....and are all very much looking forward to the disco tonight!



RAFFLE TICKETS

We will still be selling raffle tickets for all the wonderful hampers in reception up until the Junior Performance on Wednesday 18th December.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

All the money collected at our Infant and Junior Christmas Performances and any donated on Christmas Jumper Day or at any other time



AMAZON WISHLIST

We are being overwhelmed by the generosity of our parent body and wish to say a huge thank you for many of the parcels that are coming through the door. We have now got some great resources for next year as well as us being able to have a fantastic engaging learning session this week with 'dry ice'. We are truly very grateful for all these resources which will help enhance and support learning.



SOMETHING FOR THE NEW YEAR

On Thursday January 16th at 9am -10am we are inviting parents into school to find out about some of the changes and developments we are making to deepen our learning and apply mastery principles across the curriculum. There will be a chance to have a coffee and learn more as well as visit classrooms and see learning in action. Please do join us as your children will really want to show you how proud they are of their learning.

SURREY YOUTH GAMES YOUNG AMBASSADOR SCHEME

Surrey Youth Games are looking for young people from Epsom & Ewell to be Young Ambassadors for the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2020. The main role of a Young Ambassador is to encourage as many people as possible to sign up for the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games. As a Young Ambassador you will help to promote the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games within your school by giving out flyers, talking in assemblies

or creating posters. Working together with the Council's Leisure Developments team, you will be helping to increase the awareness of the event as well as helping more young people find out about how they can take part in free training sessions. This then gives them the chance to represent Team Epsom and Ewell in the finals weekend!

What benefits do you receive from being a Team Epsom & Ewell Surrey Youth Games Ambassador?

- Team Epsom & Ewell Surrey Youth Games T-Shirt
- Invitation to the Epsom & Ewell SYG Presentation Evening at Epsom Playhouse
- The chance to help your school win the Most Supportive School Award
- The chance to win the Young Ambassador of the Year Award

How can you become a Young Ambassador in 2020?

- Students must be in school years 5-11
- Students must attend a school within Epsom & Ewell

Please do follow this link if you think this is something you would like to apply for. We have had lots of children from The Vale find this scheme very rewarding in the past and will certainly support any applications. www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/syg

ADMISSIONS FOR 2020

May we remind families that applications for starting school in September 2020 must be made by January 15th 2020. Surrey Admissions encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

however parents can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child. If you know of anyone needing to apply this academic year please do pass the message on.



PARKING

A further thank you to all those parking safely and respectfully. We do appreciate the school run can be a pressured time but have certainly seen a great improvement over the last week and greatly value your support in 'parking and striding' or using our 'drop and go' strategy.

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

KS1 word this week:

KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

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

Definition: brave or experienced soldier.

*There stood a **warrior**, tall, strong and effortlessly brave.*

Synonym: fighter or soldier.

Antonym: civilian.

Challenge: Post-modify WOD in a sentence..

YesKS2 word this week:

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

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

Definition: reduce gradually in size, amount or strength.

Dwindling, the king's power was not what it once was.

Synonym: decrease, reduce, wane.

Antonym: increase, flourish.

Challenge: Use WOD or with -ed or -ing opener / fronted adverbial.

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
Spring Term Dates		
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	

Have a lovely weekend.

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Co-Headteachers

