



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

# Inspiring All

Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Robin Class	93.58%
Wagtail Class	99.64%
Lapwing Class	100%
Parakeet Class	99.55%
Sparrow Class	94.62%
Goldfinch Class	97.58%
Kestrel Class	99.55%

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

### RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week we will be recognising those who try: **to use good manners**

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Robin – Logan, Elice

Wagtail – Jenson B, Ava

Lapwing – Amiyah, Rowan

Parakeet – Olivia, Abigail

Sparrow – Danica, Zac

Goldfinch – George, Maci

Kestrel - Casius, Ben

PARENT WORKSHOP – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm

Pauline Wright (a specialist teacher from the learning and language support team at Surrey) is coming in to deliver a workshop to any interested parents who are concerned that their children are struggling to **read and spell**. There are 12 places available! Date – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm.

Please let the office or Mrs Roberts know if you would like to book a place.

### CELEBRATING OF LEARNING DEVELOPMENTS

Thank you so much to all the parents who joined us on Thursday this week to find out about some of the curriculum developments happening in school as part of our review. It was great to have positive feedback and please do come and talk to Mrs Leyland or Mrs Browne if you have any questions. The children felt very proud to invite you into their classrooms and show you their learning.



You can find a copy of the workshop presentation on the parents' page on our school website.

[www.vale.surrey.sch.uk/parent-pages/parents-page](http://www.vale.surrey.sch.uk/parent-pages/parents-page)



## DROP & GO

Thank you so much to all those parents dropping their children in the car park and handing them over to the staff there to guide them into school – it really is making a huge difference to congestion around the school site. There are also lots of you parking near school and striding – thank you.

## FOOTBALL

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank Mr and Mrs Jelly for sponsoring the new football kit we have in school which is going to look great on match days. Also a huge thank you to Charlie Cairns, Alexandra United Football Club for the generous donation of our new football goals.



## SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The day will be celebrated globally with the theme of: Together for a better Internet. We at the Vale will also be marking the day with activities. More information to follow. Here is a video link to how you as parents can talk to your children about their online lives. <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer/film-how-can-parents-talk-children>

## BRITISH VALUES

We uphold and learn about these British Values in school:

- Democracy
- Individual Liberty
- The Rule of Law
- Mutual Respect
- Tolerance and Respect of Opinions and Diversity

Our assembly this week focussed on the rule of law, where there was discussion about why rules are important not just in school but in society and how we value fairness. The house captains this

week led meetings about respecting others and ourselves and understanding the importance this.



### Understanding why rules are important:

- We develop fair rules for our classrooms in our code of conducts to create a safe and respectful learning space
- We understand that rules at school are developed to support and prepare us for the world of work (attendance, punctuality, smart uniform)



### Treat others as you would want to be treated:

- We remember our VALE values
- We COOPERATE to help one another
- We RESPECT each other's physical space and contributions
- We take on group roles to support the learning of our peers

## 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](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/syg)  
Applications for this close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

### HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

As we discussed at the parent workshop on Wednesday, vocabulary and language acquisition is so important in the primary years. The amount of words a child has access to using in their repertoire can be an indicator of their future success. It is our aspiration to ensure all our children have a vast bank of words to draw upon.

Our words of the week this week are: **imagined** and **revenge**. Please do talk about and use these with your children in conversation.

## KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

**Word of the Day:** **imagined / imagination** (verb)

**Definition:** a mental image or picture in your head.

*The world the child had **imagined** was unlike anything he had seen before.*

**Synonym:** picture, visualise.

**Antonym:** doubt.

**Challenge:** Describe what a character imagines.

## KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

**Word of the Day:** **revenge** (verb / noun)

**Definition:** an act in return of injury or offence.

*His final act of **revenge** was desperate and reckless.*

**Synonym:** retaliate, vengeance.

**Antonym:** forgive.

**Challenge:** Use WOD to describe the weather's actions.

### DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

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	
11.02.20	Safer Internet Day	
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	
12.03.20	Year 1 & 2 Great Fire of London Workshop	
16 – 27.03.20	Living Eggs in school	
24.03.20	Year R Trip	
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 and I hope you manage to keep dry.

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