



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

# Inspiring All



Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Robin Class	92.79%
Wagtail Class	97.77%
Lapwing Class	100%
Parakeet Class	95.45%
Sparrow Class	98.06%
Goldfinch Class	93.75%
Kestrel Class	97.73%

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

### RECOGNITION TARGETS

Next week we will be recognising those who try: **To present your work neatly**

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:

Robin – Rory

Wagtail – Elena, Megan

Parakeet – Cameron, Flynn

Sparrow – Zac, Oliver

Goldfinch – Isla, Jaymie

Kestrel – Paris, Sebastian

### WELCOME

We welcomed back Ms Johnson in school this week to a new role of Learning Assistant where she will be working with our lower juniors as part of the team.

**VALE SCIENCE FAIR – FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
We were sorry we had to postpone today's Science Fair due to staff ill-health but we will ensure we get a new date to you as soon as possible as we know the children have completed some fantastic projects and investigations. We can't wait to see them exhibited.

### YOUNG CHAMPIONS 2020

We were delighted to nominate one of our Year 3s for the Environmentalist Award as part of the Epsom and Ewell borough Young Champions Event. We were then over the moon to find that he had won! We have a great team of Eco Warriors in school and this pupil particularly deserves to be highlighted for 'going over and above' to help our school environment. He dedicates many lunchtimes to this cause and it was fantastic that this was recognised with this award given by the Mayor.





### BOOK DAY

We will be holding our Book Day on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. The children may come into school dressed as their favourite book character. The day will be designed to continue to foster an enjoyment of reading and there will be lots of activities planned within the day. The children will then each receive a £1 voucher that they can use to buy the books released for £1 for the day or towards other books.



### SPORTS RELIEF

We do hope you have been able to begin collecting those sponsors towards sports relief and the mile we will complete on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. We can walk, run, skip, jump, hop.....and I'm sure we will make it fun! We will also be holding a £1 Wear Sports Kit day and a carousel of sports activities during the day organised by the House Captains.

### PTA CLASS CHALLENGE

Thank you to those who have been bringing in coppers and loose change to fill their class containers. I'm not sure which class is going to get the most??!! Please do keep bringing them in.



### PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Remember to reserve your tables at the Vale PTA Quiz night on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. These evenings are great fun. Bring your own drinks and snacks and entry is £5. Tickets are available from the office.

### DROP AND GO

Mrs Leyland and I would like to once again thank parents for supporting this new system. In the morning there has really been a notable difference and lots of parents and residents have commented. May we remind for safety purposes that parents ask children to leave the car on the left – the side of the pavement. May we also reinforce that the lane in the car park is for 'drop and go'. If you want to park, please find a space on site or park further down the road and walk to the school.

### PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

Please ensure you have booked to see your class teachers for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please note that we will **be closing school that day at 3pm**, in order for staff to have time to prepare to start at 3.30pm.

Please do let the office know if you will be unable to collect your child that day at the earlier time so that we can make provision. If your child uses school transport, they will be collected as normal at 3.30pm and looked after by school staff.

### WEATHER

We have seen a flurry of 'very wet' snow on Thursday this week. We are not expecting anymore or the need to make any changes, however for your information:

In the case of adverse conditions. The school will close in bad weather for one of the following reasons:

- 1) Severe weather makes the school building/site unsafe
  - 2) Severe weather affects safety of staff e.g. transport is not running, roads are closed or too dangerous to travel on
- Before making a decision, we would establish which staff are able to make it in and a risk assessment is made of the school site and road and pavements too. We would endeavour to make a decision as early as possible as it does also effect those who use Red Banana club before



school. If a decision was made to close the school we would post it on our twitter feed which appears on our website; via parentmail; post it on Surrey's school closure website; on facebook and on Eagle Radio.

Obviously we do not want to put anybody at risk but if our pupils and staff are able to get here safely, the school will make every effort to stay open.

As I said we are not expecting any more snow, but I wanted to ensure all parents were aware of our procedure.

### HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Our words of the week this week are: **overhead** and **contemplate**. Please do talk about and use these with your children in conversation. Perhaps ask them how they have used them in school?

## KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

**Word of the Day :** **overhead** (adv / noun / adj)

**Definition :** above the head or a cost.

*A ball flew **overhead**.*

***Overhead**, aeroplanes could be heard.*

**Synonym :** above.

**Antonym :** below, underneath.

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



## KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

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

**Definition :** think about or look at for a long time.

Think deeply.

*The manager had to **contemplate** how the game had played out.*

**Synonym :** observe, scrutinise .

**Antonym :** ignore.

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



### DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Spring Term Dates		
03.03.20	Junior Citizenship Year 6	
04.03.20	Pedals Year 2	
05.03.20	Skipping workshop – all years	
06.03.20	The Vale Book Day –	

	dress as your favourite book character	
09 – 13.03.20	Sports Relief Week Sports Relief Day – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March a) Wear sports kit to school for £1 b) Sponsored Mile c) Sports Morning	
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	Whole School Woodland Walk & Parent Volunteers	1.20pm
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 wonderful weekend.

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

