

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

# Inspiring All



We hope this finds you well. It has been wonderful to hear from families this week, whether it's been by phone, email, through the door in the car park or through attending school for childcare because you are essential key workers. Our thoughts are with all those in our community who are experiencing illness or bereavement or are carrying out essential key work in these difficult times.

We have been delighted to hear positive comments about how home learning is going and do appreciate how every household will be different in its ability to engage with this - either from a working from home and juggling this perspective; or a technology aspect and sharing devices between family members. We will endeavour to support you in any way we can so please do phone after Easter if we can help in any way. We want the home learning to support you with routine and keep our children practising skills but not at the expense of well-being. That is our priority. All home learning will stop today for the Easter break and then resume on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**. Please take time over this break to pause and focus on keeping in touch with our loved ones; being kind to ourselves; and reminding ourselves of the small things each day that have made us smile.

We feel it is really important to keep working as a school community which is why we are introducing our whole school mini challenges that we sent a parentmail about earlier in the week.

### Challenge 1:

Email to [head@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@vale.surrey.sch.uk) any photos over the Easter holidays of family activities making the most of Spring e.g. Easter egg hunts, gardening, spring art etc. I will then post these on our Facebook page. If you want to send but not have them posted please just say in the email.

## Challenge 2:

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April we would like to be bombarded with photos of you wearing your House colours:

Red- Diomed;

Blue – Hyperion

Green – Nijinsky

Yellow – Shergar

Again please email these to [head@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@vale.surrey.sch.uk) and I will post on our school website Facebook page. If you want to share with us in school but not have them posted on social media please just say that in your email.

Over the Easter holidays we are open on a couple of days for the provision of childcare for essential keyworkers otherwise the school is closed for the 2 week break. If you should need to contact someone with regard to childcare provision for the children of essential keyworkers, please email [head@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@vale.surrey.sch.uk) or [co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk) . For any safeguarding concerns please email [dsl@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@vale.surrey.sch.uk) or [co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk) .

We wish you a happy Easter and thank you sincerely for all your continued support.

Take Care,

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

## TERMLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The role of the School Strategy Board 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-Headteachers, ensure financial viability and compliance with all legal duties. Our Spring Term Virtual Meeting took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and this is a brief overview to inform parents of what was discussed to benefit the children.

Our focus topic was the Coronavirus, the social distancing and lockdown that is currently in place by the Government and how this is affecting our school. Governors received an update on the situation from the Co-Headteachers covering staff, pupil and parent wellbeing, school provision for pupils including the Easter holidays, safeguarding and the management of health and safety on site. We also received a report on the updates to the key objectives of the Self Evaluation and Development Plan 2019/20. Other areas of discussion were the number on role, financial implications for the school regarding the coronavirus and the nominated governor meeting with the SENCo regarding our SEND and Pupil Premium children. GLF undertook an annual School Effectiveness Review on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, the report was presented to Governors with key lines of enquiry chosen by the Co - Headteachers as the focus for the day.

On behalf of The Vale Governors I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff Team for their hard work and commitment to the school in supporting our children and families and to thank our parents for your support during these challenging times.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter, keep safe and well.

**Debbie Matthews**  
Chair of Governors



**We have also had this message sent from St. Martins Church.**

From Rev Nick Parish, vicar of St Martin's church Epsom: In these uncertain times, please be assured of our daily prayers for the wellbeing of everyone who lives or works in Epsom. If you have particular prayer needs, if you are worried and would like someone to talk to, or if there is anything else you would like to share, you can email me in confidence:

[vicar@stmartinsepsom.org](mailto:vicar@stmartinsepsom.org)

