

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st May 2020

Inspiring All



We do hope this finds you well. We're at the end of our second week of the new term and we know that when we put in original dates and plans for the summer term, the current circumstances could not have been further from our minds. We are all living through a situation that none of us could have predicted. We know we are all trying our best to make this unprecedented situation as physically and mentally manageable for everyone in our homes and workplaces. It is amazing how families are adjusting to this new way of life. We are aware from speaking with some of you though, that for some the strain of this prolonged situation is starting to take its toll. We want to reiterate as a school that we are here to give 'at home learning provision' and are here on the end of a phone to support you should you want it. **Our priority remains the same: that children of the Vale feel as safe and as happy as possible.** Of course learning is important, but above that is the well-being of families. As a school we are trying to send out daily core skills (English and Maths) with then a range of activities from other creative subject areas. Hopefully there will be some activities they enjoy and engage with. Mrs Leyland and I do love receiving photos and messages and finding out how you are all getting on. This week we've been trying to look through lots of the lovely work that you have been handing in on Google Classroom. Do what you can do and don't worry about the rest. One thing our teachers have asked though is that if you do have work printed out or are completing in a book and so not handing in online, perhaps you could send them an email now and again as I know they really do miss you.

Moments from home



A lovely bluebell walk.

Fun with hieroglyph writing.



We were so proud of our Sparrow boys this week; hearing how they got on in their virtual Awards Ceremony for Nork Park Rangers U9s. Among them they have received: clubman of the season; parents player of the season; best trainer of the season and players player of the season! All four boys have worked hard throughout the season and have shown great determination and commitment. On top of their awards they have all received "Man of the Match" on at least one occasion. A huge well done!



We also have a great science project going on here. These caterpillars are getting larger every day! I'm looking forward to seeing how they grow and change next week. Any predictions?



Changes to Financial Circumstances

One of the things that's happened to millions of families across the country has been the economic impact due to coronavirus. We completely appreciate that during these challenging and difficult times of uncertainty that families circumstances may be changing. It's possible that your family may now qualify for extra support with meals which, at the moment, is in the form of a voucher that can be used in all major supermarkets. I have attached a document with more information regarding eligibility. Please do contact us if you feel you are eligible and we will be able to help you further.

Whole School Challenges

We hope you were able to see our 'Give it all you've got!' video either on our school Facebook/Twitter or it can also be found on the school website homepage: www.vale.surrey.sch.uk Thank you for your contributions.



#Challenge4

It's been wonderful getting so many quiz questions from pupils and staff for this week's school quiz. I've had to double check some of the answers myself! I have attached the quiz with this newsletter and I will add to each of the Google Classrooms as well. Let us know how you get on and I'll send out the answers next week.

#Challenge5

We had planned this week, had we been in school, to hold a mufti and street party on Wednesday to celebrate and commemorate VE day 75 years Anniversary. I know the teachers are planning to send home some related activities on Wednesday too, but this week we would like you to join us in wearing red, white and blue on Wednesday to honour the occasion. I have also attached a tea-cup designing activity and we would love any of these, either posted through the school letter box or emailed by a photo etc. to display. We are going to endeavour to try and decorate the school for the bank holiday Friday and be part of the Langley Vale village community effort to honour the occasion. Some of you may also be interested in Dan Snow's VE Day Challenge. More information can be found here:

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/dan-snows-ve-day-challenge/>



Please take care and keep safe. If you have any concerns or worries please phone the school and/or email. The office is open Monday to Friday on 01372 273639 and we are also available on email at: info@vale.surrey.ch.uk or head@vale.surrey.sch.uk or co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk . We are working really hard to ensure that we are here to support you in anyway we can.

For any safeguarding concerns please email dsl@vale.surrey.sch.uk or co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk .

Take Care and missing everyone very much,

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

