



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# Inspiring All

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the school year 2020/21! It has been so lovely to see the children and families back again after such strange circumstances this year. We have been so proud of how the children have responded to coming back and how they are following our new rules and routines.



**V**ale Every Individual  
**A**chievement for All  
**L**earner Centred  
**E**njoyment

It is based on supporting well-being and relationships; identifying and addressing gaps in learning; having compassion and letting children have space; and revisiting how we learn in order to rebuild our pupils as learners. I'm sure you will find out more in our parent information zoom meetings.

We have welcomed some new members of staff to our school this week: Miss Jackie Clark (Y5) and Miss Claire Crafter (Learning Assistant). We very much look forward to working with them.

This week in our classes and in our recorded assembly we reviewed some of the things we believe to be important to us as learners at the Vale:

### 1) BEING A 'VALE LEARNER'

Vale learners are:

CARING    READY    SAFE    RESPECTFUL    RESILIENT

They:

EMBRACE CHALLENGE    and    REFLECT ON LEARNING

### 2) DOJOS

Dojos will carry on as last year as a reward system to praise and recognise different learning behaviours and skills. House Captains will still work out which House has the most DOJOs weekly and there will still be a winning House each half term who will be rewarded with a multi-day. House Captains will be elected shortly after they



As part of our INSET training this week, as well as ensuring our training was all in place for re-opening to adhere to our Covid-19 policy and risk assessments, we spent a lot of time thinking about our curriculum this term and how we support all our children returning and re-engaging with school. All our work has linked to our values.



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have prepared and shown their video election speeches.



### 3) RECOGNITION TARGETS

We will still be having our recognition targets across the school each week and pupils will receive a dojos related to these weekly. Next week's recognition target is: **To follow instructions safely.**

### 4) CO-HEADTEACHER'S HOT CHOCOLATE

We will still be choosing a child from each class each week to receive a Hot Chocolate as recognition of them always and consistently being a positive 'Vale Learner' who demonstrates our Vale Learner attributes. These will be in the form of Hot Chocolate sachets to be brought home with a positive postcard.

We also talked about how by identifying how we are feeling we can begin to learn to self-regulate our emotional behaviours. The children were introduced to these zones of regulation and you may find them useful to talk through and use at home.

Happy Calm Feeling Ok Focused Ready	Sick Sad Tired Bored Feeling Slow	Frustrated Worried Silly Wiggly Excited	Hyper Too Excited Yelling Disgusted Angry

### PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will be holding these meetings on zoom this term and I hope you all received the Meeting ID and link details in the

parentmail sent on 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The dates of these meetings are:

Year R – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 4pm

Year 1 – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 4pm

Year 2 – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 5pm

Year 3 and 4 – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 5pm

Year 5 and 6 – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 4pm

We will be recording these meetings and will endeavour to get a recording to you if you are unable to join.

### PE KITS

In our returning to school parent guidance we explained how the children will come to school dressed in their PE kits on the days they have PE. This will be one day a week for Year 1 and 2 and two days a week for Year 3 -6. Here are the days.

Year Group	Days to wear PE Kit
Year 1	Thursday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday Friday
Year 5	Tuesday Thursday
Year 6	Monday Tuesday

### CLASS E-MAILS

The class emails have proven to be a fantastic tool for communication throughout 'lockdown' with teachers and we want to carry on with these, especially where we may have individuals completing remote learning as they are self-isolating etc. However teachers will of course be busy in class much of the time so they will check them daily at some point between 4-6pm on Monday-Friday. If your email is regarding something more urgent please direct it through the office by phone or email at [info@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@vale.surrey.sch.uk).

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN –

Please ensure you start a good routine at the beginning of the year hearing your children read (or talking about their reading if they are in the upper juniors and they are doing this independently). Make time for this at least 5 days out of 7. Also let them see you read. The impact of reading to your child, throughout the primary years, on language

development and the understanding of how texts work is priceless. Please also ensure that the beginning of term comes with establishing good routines for sleep, it really is so beneficial to their readiness to learn.

#### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

Robin Class	-
Wagtail Class	94.23%
Lapwing Class	96.15%
Parakeet Class	95%
Sparrow Class	95.45%
Goldfinch Class	100%
Kestrel Class	92.86%

The classes who have won our virtual attendance horses this week are Lapwing and Goldfinch .

#### 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.

We will publish more dates for you to be aware of in next week's newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

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

