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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th September 2020

Inspiring All

It has been a great first full week back at school and it is lovely to see the children HAPPY! In each class bubble there is a calm and positive atmosphere and a focussed approach to learning going on. It has been wonderful to see some of the 'Happiness Boxes' that have been brought into school and I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed talking about what they chose to put in them.



It has also been wonderful today to welcome all of Year R to school together after their group visits this week. I'm sure there are probably a few natural nerves as there always are when we start

new things but know they will soon settle. Welcome new Robins and Robin class families to the Vale - we are looking forward to learning with you.

DROP OFF & PICK UPS

Thank you to those people socially distancing outside the school at drop off and pick up times. With Robin class beginning school on Monday with a drop off time at 8.30am we would like to stress the importance of keeping to times. We are aware that quite a few children who are not in Year 6, R or are siblings are being dropped off at 8.30am and we cannot have this now with a new class of families.

Drop off/Pick Up	Infant	Junior
8.30am /3pm	Year R	Year 6
8.40am /3.10pm	Year 1	Year 5
8.50am/3.20pm	Year 2	Year 4
9am /3.30pm		Year 3

Particularly in the light of rising cases of Covid-19 in the country, we ask all parents to follow these guidelines and keep to 1 adult dropping off and collecting. We may require adults to wear face masks in the future should social distancing not be working.

RED BANANA

Our before and after school club is now open for bookings. Children can be dropped off as early as 7.30am and picked up at the latest by 6.00pm. For more details please contact them on 0774 0585978 or redbananaclub@outlook.com



PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the information sessions online this week. All of the slides used in the presentations have either been sent already to you or will be if your meeting has not yet happened. We are also recording these sessions and uploading them to the classes 'clasdojo' pages if you were not able to attend. We apologise that we have not been able to do this for the Year 3 and 4 meeting as there were a couple of technical glitches on the recording but you should have received the slides. If you have any questions that have arisen from these sessions please do email them to your teacher at your class email address. They will check these accounts at some point between 4-6pm Monday-Friday.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you so much to everyone who has responded to the parent surveys on parentmail this week. We will be collating the data from them on Wednesday 16th September so if you haven't already filled in and would like to, please can you do so before then.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN –

As part of our school development this year, one of our key priorities is to build a culture of 'Oracy' across the whole school curriculum.

'[Oracy] is what the school does to support the development of children's capacity to use speech to express their thoughts and communicate with others, in education and in life.'

Professor Robin Alexander

A key factor of being able to express your thoughts is being equipped with the most appropriate vocabulary to use which is why we are bringing back our 'Word of the Week' across the school. We ask you to talk about the words and what they mean and practise using them in different sentences in conversations.

KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **delicious** (adjective)

Definition : pleasant to taste.

"Mmmm...**delicious** fish and chips!"

Synonym : mouth-watering.

Antonym : disgusting

Challenge : Use WOD in a statement.

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

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

Definition : eat hungrily or quickly

The ant-eater greedily **devoured** the juicy ants

Synonym : consume.

Antonym : savour.

Challenge : Use WOD in a compound sentence.



@VocabularyNinja



Also, we are finding many of the children are asking for help tying laces so it would be very helpful if they could learn this at home. Particularly in current circumstances we are asking staff to not be too close to help in this way.

A poem to help:

*"Over, under, pull it tight,
Make a bow, Pull it through to do it right."*

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 7th September 2020

Robin Class	-
Wagtail Class	96.7%
Lapwing Class	96.8%
Parakeet Class	99%
Sparrow Class	89.9%
Goldfinch Class	97.4%
Kestrel Class	98.1%

The classes who have won our virtual attendance horses this week are Wagtail and Parakeet.

COVID19—self isolation guidance

Firstly, thank you to all parents who have followed the guidance towards social distancing and self isolation. We are actively advising parents that if a



child develops any of the symptoms below they must stay away from school and gain a test.

Should your child develop a temperature during the school day, they will be sent home. Please do keep in touch with the school in this situation with how things are progressing. If you have a test please let us know the outcome as soon as possible on head@vale.surrey.sch.uk or co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk.

Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



ONLINE SAFETY

Although 'Tiktok' is not age appropriate for primary aged children, you may have heard in the news reports of a upsetting video being circulated on the app. Please follow this [LINK](#) for more information and guidance.

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.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Autumn Term Dates		
03.09.20	Term starts	
17.09.20	New Parent Governor Briefing	7.00pm
26.09.20	School Tours – new pupils	10 – 11.00am
07.10.20	School Tours – new pupils	6.30 – 7.30pm
21.10.20	School Tours – new pupils	6.30 – 7.30pm
23.10.20	Wear Pink Day - £1 for Breast Cancer	All day
18.11.20	School Tours – new pupils	6.30 – 7.30pm
02.12.20	School Tours – new pupils	6.30 – 7.30pm
26.10.20 – 30.10.20	HALF TERM	
02.11.20	Back to school	
18.12.20	Terms ends	
	Christmas Holidays	
04.01.21	INSET	
05.01.21	Term starts	
15.02.21 – 19.02.21	HALF TERM	
22.02.21	Back to school	
01.04.20	Term ends	



	Easter Holidays	
19.04.21	Term starts	
31.05.21 – 04.06.21	HALF TERM	
25.06.21	INSET	
16.07.21	Term ends	
19.07.21 – 21.07.21	INSET	

