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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 18th September 2019

Inspiring All

We have had another lovely week of learning in our bubbles this week. A highlight of the week was the live online Celebration assembly held on Wednesday morning. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate everybody and hear clapping from all the different classrooms around the school site.



CELEBRATIONS

A huge well done to these children this week for being celebrated for achievements in learning.

Wagtail: Logan and Bethany

Lapwing: Molly and Megan

Parakeet: Ashton and Leo

Sparrow: Grace and Rocco

Goldfinch: Isla and Oliver

Kestrel: Lily and Ewan

We are looking forward to introducing new 'Oracy' certificates soon for those children demonstrating good progress and attitudes towards our oracy learning.

WELCOME

We welcome to The Vale community, Ryan in Year 6 and Harry in Year 3 and their families. We hope you settle in very quickly and have been made to feel part of the team!

GLF EDUCATION PARTNER VISIT

On Wednesday this week we had a visit from our GLF Education Partner, Fiona Jarman. It was a productive visit and she was pleased to see all the safety measures we had in place as well as children and staff looking happy. Any visitors from GLF wear facemasks for these visits and only visit one site a day. We were pleased to have that monitoring to validate that we are following all recommended guidance.

DROP OFF & PICK UPS

As we have got more used to our staggered starts and finishes the car park does seem to be less busy in the mornings particularly. Thank you everyone for all you are doing to maintain a safe distance.

Please may we remind you however that you must not park on any of the double yellow lines or double park please within the car park as this is not safe. We will ask you to move.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you for all your feedback with regards to how the school have responded over the last half a year or so. We will of course work with you to improve those elements that we can develop further.



	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The school managed provision during Covid-19 Lockdown	88.5%	11.5%	0%	0%
The school this term has managed effectively to re-open to all children	91%	7.7%	1.3%	0%
The school communicates well and keeps parents informed	80%	20%	0%	0%
The school ensures my child feels safe	85.9%	12.8%	1.3%	0%
My child always enjoys coming to school	74.4%	17.9%	7.7%	0%

We always value your feedback and want to work in partnership with parents to ensure the best provision for all our children.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE SCHOOL STANDARDS BOARD

As we promoted last week we are still looking for parents who wish to support and contribute to school by becoming a member of the SSB. We urge you to think about whether you would like to find out more. We have reattached the letter from last week and if you are interested please could you make either the office or Co-Headteachers aware so that we can arrange to meet either socially distanced or remotely online to discuss further.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Each year the children vote for the Year 6 children that they would like to represent them as their House Captains. These children show great responsibility and have lots of opportunities to meet with the Co-Headteachers; lead house meetings and assemblies; encourage their houses through the Classdojo reward system; and lead on events like sports days. It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that the elected House Captains for this year are:

Hyperion – Lottie and Ben
Nijinsky – Elise and Willem
Diomed – Jaymie and Charlie

Shergar – Evie and Ollie

These children also count the classdojo points each week to keep a running total so that the winning house can earn their mufti day each half term. Keep going trying to achieve your 'dojo' points!

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN – Our 'Words of the Week' this week are:

KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **narrow** (adj/verb/noun)

Definition : a small width / make less wide.

*The **narrow** road couldn't fit two cars.*

Synonym : small.

Antonym : wide.

Challenge : Use WOD in a simple sentence.



KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **plunder** (verb / noun)

Definition : steal goods using force - time of war.

*The hungry teacher **plundered** the pupil's packed lunches in search of salt and vinegar crisps.*

Synonym : pillage.

Antonym : retrieve.

Challenge : Use WOD in a compound sentence.



We ask you to talk about the words and what they mean and practise using them in different sentences in conversations.

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 14th September 2020

Robin Class	100%
Wagtail Class	94.23%
Lapwing Class	98.78%
Parakeet Class	84.11%
Sparrow Class	95.91%
Goldfinch Class	95.45%
Kestrel Class	96.35%



The classes who have won our virtual attendance horses this week are Robin and Kestrel Classes.

COVID19

As it stated in our parentmail earlier this week:

We ask that all parents are vigilant in ensuring that their children do not attend school for 10 days if they develop any of the following Covid symptoms:

- A high temperature (38C or higher)
- A new persistent cough
- A loss of (or change in) their sense of taste or smell

Children must also isolate at home for 14 days if any of their household have symptoms or have had a positive Covid-19 test.

If your child has symptoms, please keep them at home and arrange for a Covid test by calling 119 or booking a test on the NHS website

here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Please be aware that if your child has any of the above symptoms they should not return to school unless they have completed the isolation period or received a negative Covid test. A GP's diagnosis without a test is not sufficient for this purpose.

Thank you to all those who are following these guidelines and we do appreciate that attaining a test at the moment is not easy but we must ask you to be patient.

If you need to contact either Mrs Leyland or myself when the school office is closed with a test result, please do not hesitate to on –

Mrs Leyland: co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Browne: head@vale.surrey.sch.uk

We have been informed of these mobile testing units in Surrey for your information –

Mobile Testing Units (MTU):
MTU deployments in Surrey for the next week are listed below. Please note tests must be booked via 119 or the online booking system – individuals should not turn up to any testing site without an appointment.

16-Sep	17-Sep	18-Sep	19-Sep	20-Sep	21-Sep	22-Sep	23-Sep
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
Reserve	Ether	Ether	Ether	Reigate	Reigate	Reigate	Guildford
Woodhatch	Woodhatch	Woodhatch	Woking	Woking	Woking	Sunbury	Woodhatch
Godalming	Dorking	Dorking	Sunbury	Sunbury	Sunbury	Godalming	Godalming
Ether	Epsom	Epsom	Epsom	Epsom	Tandridge	Tandridge	Sunbury
Sunbury	Sunbury	Sunbury	Reigate	Tandridge			
Epsom	Tandridge	Tandridge	Tandridge				
Tandridge							

Reigate in light green has been agreed locally but just needs to be booked on the system. Amber is awaiting confirmation.





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	

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

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.

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	

