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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2019

Inspiring All

It has been wonderful to see some of the different learning happening in school this week from looking at artefacts from the Mesolithic period of the Stone Age in Year 3 to creating a model of the circulatory system with a group of Year 6s on the field and lots of coloured bean bags.



In assembly this morning we talked about School Council, such a fantastic and valuable tool for pupil voice in the school and way of working in partnership with pupils. Mrs Nicola Davies is going to lead the school council this year and we are asking all those interested in being a representative for their class (Year 1 -6 as Robin class will do this in the Spring Term when they have settled in a little more) to prepare speeches for next week. They will have time to make them and a class election will follow. We hope to announce who are new school council are this time next week. Good luck everyone – this is a great opportunity show those Vale Learner qualities and responsibility.

CELEBRATIONS

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

- Robin: Selina and Gabriel
- Wagtail: Gracie and Olivia
- Lapwing: Devon and Emma
- Parakeet: Jude and Mila
- Sparrow: Cole and Taliah
- Goldfinch: Charlie D and Jools
- Kestrel: Isabella and Alf

We were really pleased to award our first certificates for Oracy this week. Well done to these children:

- Robin: Ethan
- Wagtail: Max
- Lapwing: Haydn
- Parakeet: Evelyn
- Sparrow: Daisy
- Goldfinch: Alex S
- Kestrel: Mabel

GLF RISK ASSESSMENT QUALITY ASSURANCE VISIT

We welcomed our GLF Regional Estates Partner, Mark Leach to school this week on Wednesday. He inspected our compliance with ours and GLF risk assessments and we were really pleased that he validated that we are following all recommendations regarding managing reopening with Covid-19 restrictions extremely well.

GLF UPDATE

We have had news this week that as part of our risk assessment we must ask that if your children attend an open event at another setting (e.g. a Year 6 visiting a secondary school) then they must stay at home for the rest of that day and access home-



learning. Please do make us aware of this so that we can inform teachers and they can set work.

DROP OFF & PICK UPS

May we ask that we have no dogs in the car park or on the pavement next to the school. We are trying to keep space for all our children and parents presently. Please stay on the opposite pathway to the school and we can support your children crossing the car park to the school gates as needed.

May we also request that your children do not go on the bank or in the laurel bush that adjoins with our next door neighbours at these times and stay on the pavements.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

May we present our new House Captains to you. They have already completed their first task of counting up all the class dojo points and we have planned in their first meeting with me next Wednesday.



CLASS DOJO RESULTS

The House Captains were delighted to announce the results of the Class Dojo count up this week.

Shergar	743
Nijinsky	756
Diomed	830
Hyperion	712

Well done Diomed on winning this week – you were obviously showing those Vale qualities of being: caring, safe, ready, respectful, embracing challenge and reflecting on learning.

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 : **echo** (noun/verb)

Definition : a sound that reflects off a surface back to the listener.

*Howling **echoed** through the woods.*

Synonym : reverberate.

Antonym :

Challenge : Use WOD in a simple sentence.



KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

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

Definition : widespread destruction / to lay waste.

*The hurricane had caused **havoc** in Cuba.*

Synonym : devastation.

Antonym : peace.

Challenge : Use WOD in a compound sentence.



@VocabularNinja



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

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP

We will be holding a zoom online e-safety workshop for parents on **Wednesday 7th October at 5.30pm**. We do ask that all families are represented if they can be as this is such an important talk about how we can all contribute to keeping our children safe. **As it is so important it will now be a requirement for parents to attend this, if their junior children are wanting to bring a mobile phone into school.** All mobile phones that are brought in must be handed into the teacher at the beginning of the day and will be given back at the end. We will parentmail the zoom link next week.

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 21st September 2020

Robin Class	100%
Wagtail Class	95.88%
Lapwing Class	99.22%
Parakeet Class	96.19%



Sparrow Class	92.57%
Goldfinch Class	95.61%
Kestrel Class	96.69%
Whole School Attendance for Week	96.59%
Whole School Attendance for Term to date	96.71%

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

SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not able to hold our open morning events for prospective families as we would ordinarily do. We are holding some small tours for groups of no more than 6 which are advertised on our school webpage and need booking in to through the school office. These will all be held outside of the school day. In addition to this we have created a virtual school tour that can also be found on our school webpage (<https://www.vale.surrey.sch.uk/>). Please do let others know.

School Tours for prospective families

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we will be completing these differently this year. We have a limit on 6 adults for each group visit and face masks will be required. If you would like to book a place on one of our visits please phone the school office on 01372 273639 or email: info@vale.surrey.sch.uk

Dates

Saturday 26th September	10am - 11am FULLY BOOKED
Wednesday 7th October	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st October	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 18th November	6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 2nd December	6.30pm - 7.30pm

These dates are provisional and will happen should there be no change to current guidance.

- 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

COVID19

We continue to 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:





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		
26.09.20	School Tours – new pupils	10 – 11.00am
07.10.20	School Tours – new pupils E-Safety Workshop Meeting	6.30 – 7.30pm 5.30pm
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	

