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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2019

Inspiring All

We welcome October this week and some chillier weather. October is a great month of Autumn which celebrates many events from Black History Month to the end of British Summer time on the last Sunday of the month, Harvest, Halloween and not to forget Strictly Come Dancing! May we take this opportunity to remind families to get out those winter coats, hats and scarves as the warmer weather disappears. It is important that we look after our health and our well-being as the dark nights draw in which is why I have attached with this newsletter an 'Optimistic October' calendar. I hope you and your families find useful.

ANTI-BULLYING ASSEMBLY

The whole school tuned into The Big 'AntiBullying' Assembly this week. The Diana Award and Nationwide Building Society came together with a host of celebrities to remind everyone of the need for mutual respect in our schools and communities. Our children made their pledges to support this.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

It was wonderful today to find out who has been elected for this year's school council that Mrs Davies will be leading. The children received their badges and were celebrated in our whole school virtual assembly.

Our new school council are:

Wagtail: Isla and Charlie

Lapwing: Megan and Grayson

Parakeet: Ashton and Mila

Sparrow: Abigail and Rocco

Goldfinch: Charlie D and Charlie S

Kestrel: Oscar and Maddie



PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

We will be holding Autumn Term parent meetings online on Wednesday 4th November and Thursday 5th November. We feel it is really important to have these conversations as our children have been through so much this year and it is important for teachers to be able to discuss with you how they are re-engaging with learning at school. There will be more information sent via parentmail soon about how you will be able to book a time slot and then you will receive an email with a link to a Google Meeting. If you do not have access to a device to be able to carry out this meeting, please do the office know so that we can arrange an alternative e.g. phone call. As ever we enjoy these opportunities to work in partnership for the benefit of our children.



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DANCE WORKSHOPS

Y1-6 will be having South American Dance Workshops in their bubbles on **Monday 19th October**. Could all of those children come to school in their **PE kits** on that day please.

HARVEST

We will be collecting Food for Epsom and Ewell Foodbank this year for Harvest. There is more need than ever for services like this. Due to Covid-19 they have had to implement some guidelines this year and have asked that we only donate items that are on this list:

Sweetcorn	Custard
Tinned Spagetti	Coffee
Hot Chocolate	Tinned Fruit
Tinned Veg	Ketchup
Pasta/beans with meat	Fruit squash
Longlife sponge pudding	Tea bags
Breakfast cereal (no porridge)	Biscuits
Tinned meat	Microwave rice
Tinned rice pudding	Powdered milk
Tinned fish	Rice
Sugar (500g bags)	Packet soup
Tinned meat pies	Noodles
Tinned potatoes	Milk (UHT)
Instant Mash	Pet food
Cooking Sauces	Shampoo
Dried Pasta n Sauce	Shower gel
Male/Female deodorant	Shaving foam
Washing up liquid	Washing Powder
Hair conditioner	Pump soap
Baby shampoo	Baby Wash

We will have a table outside by bike racks for the collection of goods in the week of the **19th October -23rd before and after school**.

We will hold a school assembly online for Harvest to remember the importance of the festival on Friday 23rd October. It is our hope to record parts of this for parents to see.

CELEBRATIONS

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

Robin: Elliot and Maddie

Wagtail: Isla and Orlagh

Lapwing: Lucas and Jenson H

Parakeet: Bella and Amiyah

Sparrow: Sienna and Olivia

Goldfinch: Summer B and Ethan

Kestrel: Elise and Ollie

We were really pleased to award Oracy certificates this week to:

Robin: Jenny

Wagtail: Oscar

Lapwing: Zac

Parakeet: Donovan

Sparrow: Cameron

Goldfinch: Grayson

Kestrel: Maddie

REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

We have attached with this week's newsletter our plan for remote learning if a child, bubble or the school needed to isolate or close. We ask that you read it as it will outline the expectations for online learning, should you or we be faced with this situation. I know that Year 1 and Year R now have google accounts and I'm sure they will be sent to those parents very soon, a long with instructions so that you can access the Google Classroom where teachers will upload learning and videos and link to Google Meets. Thank you for all those families that responded to our previous parent form survey asking you about access to remote learning and we now have that information ready should we need to organise paper copies of work. Please do ask should you have any questions regarding our plan and it will also be available on our school website homepage.

DROP OFF & PICK UPS

It has been brought to our attention that before 8.30am when the gates haven't been opened we have some siblings mixing with bubbles that aren't theirs. Please may we ask that they keep separate until the gates are opened and they can go into their own bubbles in school.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Ollie and Evie, our Shergar house captains were our first to lead a part of our remote assembly to the whole school today. They introduced themselves and encouraged all in their house to work hard at their Vale Learner qualities and learning behaviours to earn Co-Headteacher's Hot Chocolates and Dojo points for their houses.

CLASS DOJO RESULTS

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



Shergar	240
Nijinsky	189
Diomed	203
Hyperion	174

Well done Shergar on winning this week – you were obviously showing those Vale qualities of being: caring, safe, ready, respectful, embracing challenge and reflecting on learning. We will add the points from this week to last weeks and keep a running total in school for the half term winners.

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

KS1 Word of the Day

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

Definition : walk with heavy steps.

*The pupils **trudged** back to the campsite in the rain!*

Synonym : plod.

Antonym : skip.

Challenge : Use WOD in a silly sentence.



@VocabularyNinja

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

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

Definition : the most successful point / peak of a high point.

*Winning the cup was the **pinnacle** of his career.*

Synonym : peak.

Antonym : trough.

Challenge : Use WOD in a complex sentence.



@VocabularyNinja

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'

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

RECOGNITION TARGET

Next week we are looking across the school to learn about and recognise the behaviour for learning target:

To be persistent

Please do talk about what this means and what this behaviour might look like with your children.

E-SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP

We will be holding a zoom online e-safety workshop for parents on **Wednesday 7th October at 5.30pm**. This will be designed for parents and will compliment the e-safety learning done in school for pupils as part of the curriculum. 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. The link to this meeting will be found in a separate parentmail.

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 21st September 2020

Robin Class	99.2%
Wagtail Class	95%
Lapwing Class	97.33%
Parakeet Class	98.92%
Sparrow Class	98.18%
Goldfinch Class	95.54%
Kestrel Class	93.19%
Whole School Attendance for Week	96.74%
Whole School Attendance for Term to date	96.83%

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

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.

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:

- 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



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.

COMMUNITY EVENT



The Film Festival is back in Epsom!

Chris & Lorna Hastings, parents of kids at St Martin's, are putting on the third **Satisfied Eye International Film Festival (SEIFF)** at Epsom



Odeon from 9th - 11th October, and would LOVE your support.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/satisfiedeyeinternationalfilmfestival>

Tickets are £7.50 per screening, or **£35 for a Festival Pass** (allowing access to all screenings at a saving of £100).**

Bigger (90 films of all kinds from over 30 countries - including the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand for those who prefer English language); **Better** (more Oscar and BAFTA winners than our previous two years combined, and 30 premieres); **One of the best in the world** (rated in the top 100 of over 5000 festivals).

Extremely conscious of health and safety first, all COVID-19 government guidelines will be adhered to. Should the festival subsequently have to be cancelled due changes in these, full refunds will be given, so please book with confidence.

There is a 50 minute, U-rated screening of **Kids Animations** on Sunday 11th October at 11am, where every primary child accompanied by a paying adult watches **FREE***:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/satisfiedeyeinternationalfilmfestival/415464/#>

If the programme's a bit overwhelming, you have any questions, or you want recommendations, just ask hello@satisfiedeye.com, as they have watched them all!

Thank you!

*1 adult + 1 child = £7.50

**excl. of VAT

DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

Autumn Term Dates		
07.10.20	School Tours – new pupils E-Safety Workshop Meeting	6.30 – 7.30pm 5.30pm
19.10.20	Dance Workshops – please wear PE Kits to school Y1-6	
19.10.20 –	Harvest Donations are	

23.10.20	welcome outside front of school	
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	

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

