



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

# Inspiring All

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

School Council have had a great start to this half term. They met last week and made many good suggestions to things they feel would benefit the school e.g. Y6 suggested that each class had a day to clear leaves and litter around school - we think this is a fantastic idea and have asked Year 6 to come up with a rota! Year 5 have suggested that teachers are rewarded with Dojos or Hot Chocolates – again we think this is a lovely idea and would welcome the children to nominate any school adults with supporting reasons. School council is one of a number of fantastic tools we use to ensure our pupil voice is listened to.



### CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Thank you to all those who went to great efforts to support our Children in Need Day in school. Everyone looked wonderful on our virtual assembly in their mufti!

Well done to Oscar and Jenson who were our Pudsey Bear winners.

A huge thank you to our PTA for organising this.

### PTA EVENTS

The PTA are busy planning events for the coming half term to help raise funds and support the children in school. The committee had a really successful meeting on Wednesday this week and there are some exciting Christmas new dates with this newsletter.

As a school we are so appreciative of all the activities and monies raised from the PTA's efforts. This ranges from donations of party food and gifts for the children at Christmas to the 15 Chrome books and trolley we have on order currently that will support them in learning.

We are looking forward to the 'Deconstructed Christmas Fayre' that is being planned. Next week



families will be able to buy Gingerbread houses for a decorating competition on Monday and Tuesday after school. We're also asking for Secret Santa present and Hamper donations from Monday so that they have plenty of time to quarantine. There will be boxes to put these in by the Infant and Junior gates from Monday morning. **Plus a MUFTI day on Friday for donations to the Christmas Treat themed Hampers.**



one off, as during the year children receive lessons dealing with bullying (including online), friendships and social skills as part of their PSHE curriculum.

“We’re all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we’re united against bullying.” We all play a part in tackling bullying and you can find a toolkit for parents here: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/sites/default/files/field/attachment/Anti-Bullying%20Week%202020%20-%20pack%20for%20parents.pdf>

The definition of bullying:

- The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.
  - Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological.
  - It can happen face-to-face or through cyberspace.
- Please discuss the definition of bullying with your child, it is important that they understand the difference between one off incidents and bullying.

**On Monday 16th November, we are going to kick off the week with ODD SOCK DAY!** This is to highlight and encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their child’s individuality and what makes us unique. Teachers will share the anti-bullying assemblies with their classes and will plan anti-bullying themed lessons during this week. The Vale Ambassadors will also run a stop-in-clinic on the Tuesday so children can have the opportunity to share their worries or concerns with other children, which is sometimes easier than talking to adults.

**WORLD KINDNESS DAY!**

In Celebration assembly this morning we reflected on all the kind deeds people do and listened to the story – The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas. The children really enjoyed it and I do really recommend it as a read in these uncertain times: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ih0iu80u04Y>



**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK and ODD SOCK DAY**  
Bullying has a long-lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. Therefore, it is extremely important that as a school, we stand together and remain united to stand against bullying. Every year, we take part in Anti-Bullying Week to highlight the effects that bullying can have. This week is not a

**WOW**

Living Streets’ WOW – the year-round walk to school challenge is back to help encourage as many children as possible to experience the



benefits of walking to school. As you know, WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) **once a week for a month**, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy! What are the benefits of walking to school? Walking to school helps children feel happier and healthier and they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn. More families walking means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion and pollution at the school gates. What if you can't walk to school? Remember, if you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. Park or hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the rest of the way. Is walking to school safe at this time? Walking to school remains an effective way to reduce congestion and improve road safety at the school gates, while increasing physical activity and benefitting pupil wellbeing. The government is actively working with schools and local authorities to encourage families to walk to school whenever they can during this time. However, it is important that measures in place to protect everyone's health are always observed. Living Streets understands that schools face unique challenges at present, which create uncertainty for staff, pupils, and families. We are committed to helping schools adapt to changing circumstances, ensuring that everyone involved in our walk to school initiative stays safe. Did you know? The WOW badges are made using excess yoghurt-pot material previously destined for landfill and are produced in the UK, minimising our carbon footprint. The packaging we use is 100% biodegradable. Living Streets is proud to have found a brilliant use for landfill material. Thousands of schools and around one million pupils are enjoying the benefits of walking to school across the UK. Will you join us?

In addition to WOW and the work we are doing as a school, next week is ROAD SAFETY WEEK! Classes will have learning and an assembly stressing the importance of safety.

**We're taking part in**

**ROAD SAFETY WEEK** 

**NO NEED TO SPEED** 

**16-22 November 2020**

**roadsafetyweek.org.uk**

Coordinated by  Brake the road safety charity

Sponsored by  Specsavers

 DHL

Supporting  Flood Safety

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

We would like the children to be able to write and bring in Christmas Cards as usual this year for their class mates and teachers. From December if the children would like to bring in the cards from Tuesday to Friday, they will then be quarantined in class and go home on the following Monday. Many thanks for your support with this.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

A poignant silence was held to mark Armistice in school this Wednesday and the children learnt more about Remembrance through Rev'd David Candin's Assembly. A huge thank you to Cathy Martin for making the Poppy Cakes to help support funds for the British Legion. They were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.



## SCHOOL WORKS

We are pleased to say that although there has been a slight delay in completion, the majority of these works have been done now. Y4 moved back to their classroom this week which means we have been able to use the hall more for other bubbles and Y4 are back in their usual learning environment. We are so grateful to staff and pupils for how well they have responded to some of the changes we had to make.



## CELEBRATIONS

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

Robin: Mir and Annabella  
 Wagtail: Alfie and Lily-May  
 Lapwing: Imogen and Jenson B  
 Parakeet: Maisie and Jaiden  
 Sparrow: Sam and Mattias  
 Goldfinch: Charlie S and Milo  
 Kestrel: Skye and Lewis

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

Robin: Isabelle  
 Wagtail: Florence  
 Lapwing: Emma  
 Parakeet: Marena  
 Sparrow: Abigail  
 Goldfinch: Kallie  
 Kestrel: Ben and Lottie

## CLASS DOJO RESULTS

Well done everyone this week – we could see you trying really hard to achieve Dojos.

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253	228	187	231

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 :** **provoke** (verb)

**Definition :** stimulate or deliberately make angry.

*Rachael refused to be **provoked** by the boys on the playground.*

**Synonym :** enrage.

**Antonym :** allay.

**Challenge :** Use WOD in a compound sentence.



@VocabularyNinja



## KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

**Word of the Day :** **codswallop** (noun)

**Definition :** another word for nonsense

*The teacher's lesson was pure **codswallop**!*

**Synonym :** nonsense.

**Antonym :**

**Challenge :** Use WOD in a complex sentence.



@VocabularyNinja



We ask you to talk about the words and what they mean and practise using them in different sentences in conversations. Apologies that there was a typo on last week's KS1 word.

## RECOGNITION TARGET

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

### To reflect on actions

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

## ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 9.11.2020

Robin Class	95.93%
Wagtail Class	94.35%
Lapwing Class	98.87%
Parakeet Class	98.40%
Sparrow Class	99%
Goldfinch Class	97.27%
Kestrel Class	96.43%



<b>Whole School Attendance for Week</b>	97.18%
<b>Whole School Attendance for Term to date</b>	96.16%

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

### SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

Due to the new National Lockdown restrictions we have had to cancel our small tours of school to prospective families. We now have two dates: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December when we will hold a virtual meeting and do the tour and presentation remotely via zoom. This will be from 6.30pm -7.30pm. If you would like to attend please ask email [info@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@vale.surrey.sch.uk) with the date you would like to attend and we will confirm with you the relevant meeting links. Please pass on to any other families who may be interested.

### 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](mailto:co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk)

Mrs Browne: [head@vale.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@vale.surrey.sch.uk)



MOBILE TESTING UNITS 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. There is also a local testing site at Royal Holloway University and the University of Surrey and a Regional Testing Site in Guildford.



Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13.11.20	14.11.20	15.11.20	16.11.20	17.11.20	18.11.20	19.11.20	20.11.20
			Camberley Yorktown	Camberley Yorktown			
Woking Leisure Centre	Woking Leisure Centre			Laleham park	Laleham park		
					Guildford Sutherland	Guildford Sutherland	
						Elmbridge (Xcel sports hub)	Elmbridge (Xcel sports hub)
				Reigate Town Hall	Reigate Town Hall		
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Reigate Road Car Park, Dorking Sports Centre,	Upper High St, Epsom	Upper High St, Epsom	Upper High St, Epsom				

	Hamper Donations (Theme=Christmas Treats) at school drop off	
26.11.20	Tea Towel sale at school pick up (Ideal for Christmas Presents)	
27.11.20	<b>MUFTI</b> in exchange for tombola donations at school drop off	
30.11.20	<b>Raffle Tickets</b> go on sale – will go home in book bags	
02.12.20	Virtual Zoom School Tour – prospective families	6.30 – 7.30pm
4.12.20	<b>Cake Sale</b> at school pick up – stations near each school entrance	
8.12.20	<b>Infant Secret Santa</b> – children invited to bring money to school to buy Secret Santa presents for their loved ones	
9.12.20	Teacher's <b>Matchbox Game</b> – children invited to bring money into school to play matchbox game at bubble allotted time.	
10.12.20	<b>Junior Secret Santa</b> – children invited to bring money to school to buy Secret Santa presents for their loved ones	
11.12.20	<b>Sweet cones/Hot Chocolate Cones/Reindeer Food etc</b> sale at school pick up	
15.12.20 and 16.12.20	<b>Guess the weight of the cake!</b> At school pick up	
17.12.20	<b>Hamper Raffle Draw</b>	
17.12.20	<b>Infant Tombola Draw</b> at school pick	
17.12.20	<b>Class Bubble Christmas Parties</b> with Tea provided by the PTA	
18.12.20	<b>Junior Tombola Draw</b> at school pick up	
18.12.20	Terms ends Staggered Finish YR and Y6 – 1.40pm Y1 and Y5 – 1.50pm Y2 and Y4 – 2pm	

## FACEBOOK PAGE/TWITTER

Thank you for following and liking our Facebook Page and Twitter feed. 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) PTA dates in green

Autumn Term Dates	
16.11.20	<b>ODD SOCK DAY</b>
16.11.20-20.11.20	Secret Santa Gift/Hamper Donations (Theme=Christmas Treats) Collection in baskets at school drop off
16.11.20 and 17.11.20	Sale of Gingerbread house packs for decorating competition at school pick up
16.11.20 – 20.11.20	Anti-Bullying Week and Road-Safety Week
18.11.20	Virtual Zoom School Tour – prospective families
20.11.20	<b>MUFTI</b> in exchange for



	Y3 – 2.10pm	
	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 good weekend.

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

