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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

# Inspiring All

### ROAD SAFETY WEEK

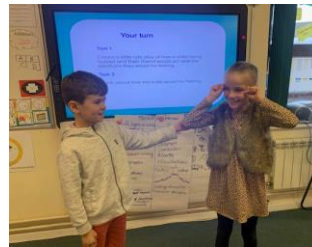
The children have thoroughly enjoyed thinking about keeping safe on the roads this week. They took part in activities in class and Y6 went for a local walk to consider safety in action.



### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week has been a very productive week in school, learning about all the differing types of bullying, ranging from purposely ignoring someone to physically hurting somebody. We also learnt how we can all be 'United Against Bullying!' We kicked off the week wearing our odd socks to highlight our differences and celebrate diversity. We then learnt about the definition of bullying and cyberbullying and how they are similar and different. Then teachers completed tasks and circle times with the children discussing how we can help to combat bullying. The Junior Vale Ambassadors have been in the playground with their hi-vis jackets to help

and support their peers, where needed. If we all unite and stand together, we can eradicate bullying!



### SAFETY MAP

One of the pupil voice exercises we undertake each year is talking to all the children about where they feel safe in school. We also gauge if there are any areas where the children feel unsafe and ascertain why so that we can act upon their responses. Please find attached with this week's newsletter the analysis of the children's responses. We are really pleased that the majority of children feel safe within school and those that have highlighted a concern it has been due to a potential fall for example on the trim trail or playground or bumping into a child from another bubble when going to the toilet. There are control measures in place for all of these and the individuals have had chance to speak to the teachers so have been able to be reassured of these measures.

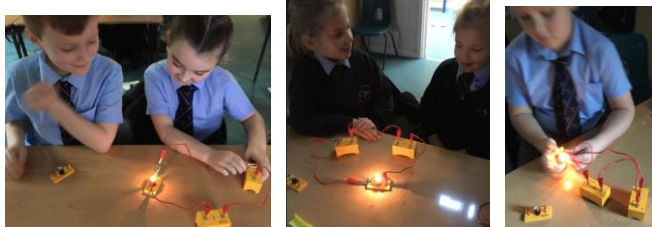
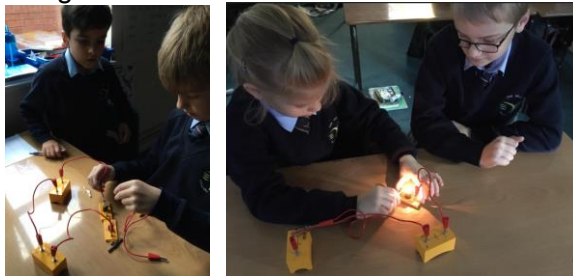
### SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

There have been some fantastic learning activities this week in school. I had the pleasure of being invited to see the learning that had been taking place in Robins class. The children had been finding out about star constellations and creating their own models of either known constellations or inventing their own with marshmallows and spaghetti. There were some lovely examples of



children using their knowledge to explore new ideas.

In Year 4 the children have been thoroughly enjoying their practical investigative work when exploring how electrical circuits work.



## PTA EVENTS

Thank you for buying your gingerbread houses this week to decorate ready for the Gingerbread house competition. Also a huge thank you for all the Secret Santa and Hamper gift donations. The children enjoyed being in Mufti today.

*Next week:*  
**SCHOOL TEA TOWEL SALE** after school on  
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November** at pick up.

**MUFTI on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** in exchange for  
tombola gifts.

## THANK YOU

Mrs Leyland and I are often overwhelmed by the generosity and support of our families. Again this week we have been fortunate to have had a donation from a kind grandparent to the school of 2 brand new laptops to help support any of our children who may not have digital access at home, should they need it. Another parent has kindly donated the funds towards 30 dodgeballs for the children to use as part of PE and at playtimes. We really are immensely grateful for all your kindness towards the children in our community.



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**CHRISTMAS  
MENU**

**MAIN COURSE**

Roast British Chicken  
with Mini Cumberland Sausage  
or  
Quorn Sausage Christmas Cracker (V)  
served with  
Sage & Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes,  
Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy

**DESSERT**

Apple Festive Muffin

**ORDER YOUR FESTIVE MENU!**

Infants Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Juniors Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Free for Reception & KS1, £2.40 for KS2

Christmas lunch will be going ahead albeit slightly differently. We will have infants in their bubbles on Wednesday and Juniors on the Thursday. If any child would like a Christmas dinner please can you follow usual ordering and paying procedure.

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We are working very hard to try and keep as many Christmas rituals as we can in school this year, even if they are done slightly differently. We have sent out parentmails recently regarding Christmas Dinner and our Infant and Junior Christmas Nativity and carols. Our plan is to record these and send them home (with no charge) on DVD. They will not



be published online. We are assuming if we have not heard from you that you are giving permission for your children to be involved in the recordings. During the last week of term on the 17<sup>th</sup> December we will also be holding class Christmas Parties. These are in addition to the many PTA Christmas events that will be happening as part of the 'Deconstructed Christmas Fayre'.

### DROP OFF/PICK UP

Thank you for your response on Thursday to our parentmail on Wednesday about dropping your children off at their allotted time. We had too many children being dropped at 8.30am when they weren't Y6, YR or a sibling. It was better on Thursday and we now have zones by the junior gate, where it was worse, so that siblings can go to their bubble group area. We have also noticed in the afternoon parents arriving early to get car park spaces which has impact then on those parents coming at their allotted times – please do respect all our families by keeping to times. We try so hard in school to ensure the DfE guidance is followed, we insist this happens at the beginning and end of day in the car park too.

### 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.

### CELEBRATIONS

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

- Robin: Jenny and Lolli-Raine
- Wagtail: Etienne and Leo
- Lapwing: Harrison and Isla
- Parakeet: Lyla and Elicia
- Sparrow: Ethan and Daisy
- Goldfinch: Zac and Oliver
- Kestrel: Jaymie and Maci

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

- Robin: Selina
- Wagtail: Bethany
- Lapwing: Ava
- Parakeet: Frankie

- Sparrow: Sebastian
- Goldfinch: Summer M
- Kestrel: Annie

### CLASS DOJO RESULTS

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

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335	398	372	427

Well done Shergar!

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 :** **forgive** (verb)

**Definition :** stop feeling angry towards someone

*Mr Straw **forgave** himself for forgetting to buy the pupils ice lollies.*

**Synonym :** enrage.

**Antonym :** allay.

**Challenge :** Use WOD in a varied tense.

**KS2 Word of the Day**

Word of the Day

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

**Definition :** too long, slow, or dull; tiresome.

*The school holiday quickly became **tedious** and boring.*

**Synonym :** monotonous.

**Antonym :** exciting.

**Challenge :** Use WOD in a multi-clause sentence.

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 a good role model**



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

## OPERATION BLETCHLEY

This looks like a really fun family activity that's been recommended by Miss McFeeters - a virtual codebreaking challenge! This could be a great way to work together as a family and support learning and the tedium of lockdown. Have a look.....

[https://events.soldierscharity.org/event/operation-bletchley?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=sprint&utm\\_campaign=2011&utm\\_content=chase](https://events.soldierscharity.org/event/operation-bletchley?utm_medium=email&utm_source=sprint&utm_campaign=2011&utm_content=chase)

## ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 16.11.2020

Robin Class	91.50%
Wagtail Class	94.79%
Lapwing Class	100%
Parakeet Class	100%
Sparrow Class	94.05%
Goldfinch Class	100%
Kestrel Class	91.96%
<b>Whole School Attendance for Week</b>	96.04%
<b>Whole School Attendance for Term to date</b>	96.77%

The classes who have won our virtual attendance horses this week are Lapwing, Parakeet and Goldfinch.

## SCHOOL VIRTUAL TOUR

Due to the new National Lockdown restrictions we have had to cancel our small tours of school to prospective families. On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we will hold a virtual meeting and do the 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)





### 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		
26.11.20	Tea Towel sale at school pick up (Ideal for Christmas Presents)	
27.11.20	MUFTI in exchange for tombola donations at school drop off	
30.11.20	Raffle Tickets 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	Cake Sale at school pick up – stations near each school entrance	
8.12.20	Infant Secret Santa – children invited to bring money to school to buy Secret Santa presents for their loved ones	
9.12.20	Teacher's Matchbox Game – children invited to bring money into school to play matchbox game at bubble allotted time.	
10.12.20	Junior Secret Santa – children invited to bring money to school to buy	

	Secret Santa presents for their loved ones	
11.12.20	Sweet cones/Hot Chocolate Cones/Reindeer Food etc sale at school pick up	
15.12.20 and 16.12.20	Guess the weight of the cake! At school pick up	
17.12.20	Hamper Raffle Draw	
17.12.20	Infant Tombola Draw at school pick	
17.12.20	Class Bubble Christmas Parties with Tea provided by the PTA	
18.12.20	Junior Tombola Draw 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 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**

