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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2020

Inspiring All

As we found out yesterday, our school and community enter Tier 2 following the end of national lockdown on Wednesday 2nd December. We are grateful as ever for all you are doing to keep to our school restrictions and keep our school families and staff safe. We know how difficult this time is for everyone and are so grateful to be able to continue to remain open to support all the children's learning. Please know that you can always contact us throughout this time: head@vale.surrey.sch.uk (Mrs Browne) or co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk (Mrs Leyland).



SPOTLIGHT ON DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Our upper juniors are developing some fantastic skills in evaluation, creativity, reviewing, cooking, collaboration and communicating in their current DT project. We can see them here evaluating biscuit products and beginning to consider packaging prototypes. These active curriculum units foster great independent thinking and enterprise.

We are very much looking forward to some of the activities we have planned over the final few weeks of term. We will be having assemblies to learn about the forthcoming Jewish festival of Hannukah; the Sikh celebration of the founder Guru Nanek's birthday as well as assemblies and events exploring advent and the Christian festival of Christmas.



SCHOOL SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT

Over the last few weeks, some of our children have been writing and delivering letters to our neighbours and local residents. The children were hoping to bring a smile to someone's face during this tough time of restrictions and make connections. They have thoroughly enjoyed the project and have been overwhelmed when they've received a response and heard how much it meant to the receiver. We will be continuing with this project so please do let the office know if you know of someone who would benefit from one of these letters.





PTA EVENTS

Thank you for all your donations towards our tombola on 17th and 18th December, the children thoroughly enjoyed wearing mufti today!

Next week:

Raffle Tickets go on sale!

There are a selection of fantastic Christmas Treat Hampers here waiting to be won.



Remember to keep an eye out on the dates list for future events – there will be more information about Secret Santa and the Matchbox Game event in next week's newsletter.

SSB PARENT MEMBERS

Today we sent you a letter from one of our current parent SSB members about what it is like to be a part of this board that supports the school. If you would either like to talk to Mrs Stella Hart further or want to find out any more then please do ask Mrs Leyland or I. We are still looking for a parent to join us.

RSE CONSULTATION (Relationships and Sex Education)

A parentmail today will be coming to inform you about the statutory RSE Curriculum and how the Vale are planning this. This will also come with our policy and other consultation information. As ever we are always appreciative of the views and opinions of all in our school community. Ms Amos will be holding a consultation meeting on **Monday 30th November at 5pm** for anyone who would like to find out more about this via zoom. The link for this can be found within the information sent separately regarding RSE.

PIANO LESSONS

Our new piano teacher, Miss Colchester, has joined The Vale this term. From January, she will have spaces for new students who wish to learn to play the piano. She has been teaching the piano for a decade to students of all ages and abilities and is excited to meet more of our students.

Individual lessons will take place on a Tuesday, for half an hour. For more information email sophie_colchester@hotmail.co.uk

THANK YOU

A huge thank you again to parent's generosity. We have received books, swimming noodles (for safe tag rugby) and a Green Screen this week from our amazon wishlist. Many thanks.

GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

This coming week Y5 and 6 are going on a woodland walk on Monday morning and Y2 are going on a local walk around the village on Tuesday as part of their Geography learning. It is a shame that due to our restrictions we cannot do our whole school walk, however we are still making the most of the outside and local community. Please do ensure your children are equipped appropriately on these days for these walks.



opportunity for the children to send their best wishes (and practise handwriting!).

CELEBRATIONS

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

- Robin: Kitty andolan
- Wagtail: Florence and Benji
- Lapwing: Zac and Ava
- Parakeet: Evelyn and Rowan
- Sparrow: Sebastian and Taliah
- Goldfinch: Grayson and Tobey
- Kestrel: Madeline and Mabel

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

- Robin: Gabriel
- Wagtail: Charlie
- Lapwing: Lucas
- Parakeet: Jude
- Sparrow: Cole
- Goldfinch: Nicole
- Kestrel: Oscar



Mrs Browne, Mrs Leyland and all the children in school had a secret mission this week to look out for adults following Vale Values consistently. We were looking for amazing staff role-models. Having received many nominations, with lots of fantastic reasons, we have decided to celebrate **Mrs Davies this week for Co-Headteacher's Hot Chocolate.**

The children gave a variety of reasons like:

- she is very caring;
- she is always ready and prepared for lessons;
- she respects all our feelings;
- she listens to us and helps us;
- she helps us face challenges;
- and she makes lessons enjoyable.

Well done Mrs Davies!

(Watch this space there were so many nominees that I expect there will be lots more of these).

CLASS DOJO RESULTS

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

Diomed	Nijinsky	Hyperion	Shergar
307	358	379	464

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 16th December
Juniors Thursday 17th 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 CARDS

From next week the children can bring in Christmas cards from Tuesday to Friday, they will then be quarantined in class and go home on the following Monday. These will be kept in bubbles this year rather than using the whole school postal system. Many thanks for your support with this – it is a great



Well done Shergar!

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 : **mystery** (noun)

Definition : something that is difficult to understand or explain.

*The staff room was a **mystery** to all of the pupils. What happened in there?*

Synonym : puzzle.

Antonym :

Challenge : Use WOD in a complex sentence.

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

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

Definition : perfectly clean, neat or tidy.

*The blue dress was **immaculate**, without flaws, perfection.*

Synonym : spotless.

Antonym : grubby.

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 tidy and organised learner

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

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 23.11.2020

Robin Class	91.10%
Wagtail Class	92.92%
Lapwing Class	98.89%
Parakeet Class	100%
Sparrow Class	96.67%

Goldfinch Class	96.76%
Kestrel Class	95.32%
Whole School Attendance for Week	95.95%
Whole School Attendance for Term to date	96.66%

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

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 2nd 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 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

Mrs Browne: 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		
30.11.20	Raffle Tickets go on sale – will go home in book bags	
30.11.20	Y5 & 6 Woodland walk	
30.11.20	RSE Virtual zoom meeting with Ms Amos	5pm

1.12.20	Y2 Village Walk	
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 –	HALF TERM	



04.06.21		
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

