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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th December 2020

Inspiring All

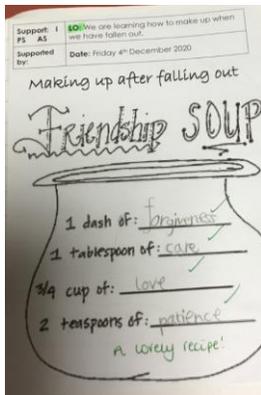
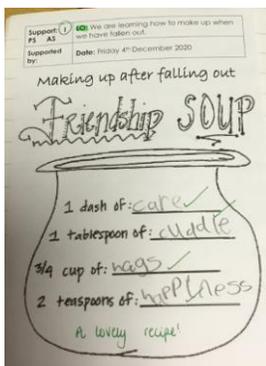
It's been a busy week in school this week with plenty of great learning continuing.



Here's Y3 enthusiastically taking part in a very active 'hunter/gatherer' game in PE today.



Year 1 have been considering recipes for 'Friendship Soup' as part of their PSHE and Relationships learning.



The children have also been recording their Christmas nativity and carols and we hope to get these infant and junior DVDs out to you as soon as possible next week. We will also be notifying you of how you will be able to view it on 'vimeo' securely if you do not have access to a DVD player. It has been different this year but the children and staff have risen to the challenge and as always done their best to make everyone proud.

Today we have also had our 'Lockdown' practise drill when we rehearse our plan for what we would do if there was an intruder on site or if there was a loose animal etc. The children were amazing and we were very proud of them and how they responded. Well done everyone.

Year 2 have been developing their food technology skills, knowledge and understanding. They have been evaluating and designing fruit and vegetable salads.



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TERMLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The role of the School Standards Board [SSB] is to provide Strategic Leadership to the school to deliver the best possible outcomes and education for all our children. We also recruit, support and challenge the Co-Headteachers, ensure financial viability and compliance with all legal duties. Our second Autumn Term Virtual Meeting took place on the 2nd December and this is a brief overview to inform parents of what was discussed to benefit the children.

Our focus topic was the Coronavirus and the continuing monitoring and review of all our year groups across the school with strict guidance and risk assessments in place for the safety of our children, Staff and Parents. The children have settled back well into their class bubbles coping with a different environment, the social distancing rules and hand washing routine. Governors received an update on the situation from the Co-Headteachers covering staff, pupil and parent wellbeing, safeguarding and the management of health and safety on site. Other areas of discussion were the number on role, attendance which has been excellent across the school this term, a review of the re-engagement curriculum activities and status of pupil's learning and performance data including comparative targets for the last academic year. Nominated Governor virtual meetings took place with the school Subject Leaders to discuss the monitoring of SEND and Pupil Premium children, a curriculum update and Safeguarding.

The constitution of the SSB continues to be a high priority as we currently have 2 parent vacancies which have been advertised since the start of the Autumn Term. To have a balanced Board of stakeholder representatives for the school it is vitally important that these positions are filled to enable to us to be effective in our collective role and responsibilities to The Vale. I would really appreciate it if you could all reflect over the Christmas Break about becoming a representative on the SSB which is a voluntary role. I have myself been a Community Governor with The Vale since 2007 which I thoroughly enjoy. It is a very rewarding and insightful role into the strategic running of the School and I feel that I make a positive contribution to our school community. You can contact myself through the school office if you

are interested and wish to discuss the role further or speak with Mrs Browne or Mrs Leyland.

On behalf of The Vale SSB I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Staff Team for their hard work and commitment to the school in supporting our children and families and to thank our parents for your support during these challenging times.

On a final note, I would like to wish all of our children, parents and staff a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy new year. Keep well and safe.

Debbie Matthews
Chair of Governors

END OF TERM

As we parentmailed yesterday, school will be closing for the Christmas break on Thursday 17th December. As the DfE announced late on Tuesday this has been a decision they have arrived at in order to ensure tracking and tracing of any positive cases is all complete for schools before Christmas. Thank you for all your support in this and we are sorry for any inconvenience it will cause. The Thursday will be a normal full school day and we will finish at our usual times rather than it being an early finish. We are looking forward to our Christmas parties that afternoon.

CHRISTMAS TREES

We are loving our two donated Christmas Trees from the secret elves. It has been lovely to see children adding decorations. Please do feel free to add any more in this coming week.



SECRET SANTA

Thank you so much to all the school staff and PTA who supported this year in enabling the children to still take part in Secret Santa either on Tuesday or Thursday. I know the children were very excited about being able to take their presents for their loved ones home.



They have been comparing Langley Vale with Brockham and considering similarities and differences.



PTA EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Next week:

Raffle Tickets are still on sale!

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



Tuesday 15th December – One of our parents, Cathy Martin, has very kindly donated a cake for our PTA 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' stall. You will be able to take part in this outside of school at school pick up between 3-3.30pm.

Wednesday 16th December – 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' stall

Thursday 17th December –

PTA are providing **party tea** for the children's class Christmas Parties.

We will also **draw the Hampers Raffle**.

The **Infant and Junior Tombola Stalls** will be held outside of school at two stations at school pick up between 3-3.30pm.

Y1 and 2 will be going for their Autumn Term Woodland Walk next Monday 14th December so please ensure they have warm coats and appropriate footwear in school that day.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

We would like to say thank you to Mrs White who has donated to the children this year an online Pantomime that they have or will be watching in class. It is a very generous gift and a lovely way for the children to end the term.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

On **Thursday 17th December** all the children in school will be having Christmas parties in their bubbles in the afternoon. The PTA are gerously providing some party food and the teachers will organise the fun! The children can come to school this day in their Christmas outfits/jumpers/party clothes/hats. There are however no changes to our normal policy on earrings, sensible shoes you can run and play in or hair being tied back for hygiene and safety reasons.

CELEBRATIONS

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

Robin: Ella and Ethan

Wagtail: Alexander and Amelia

Lapwing: Theo and Jed

Parakeet: Levy-Rose and Harry

Sparrow: Hope and Cameron

Goldfinch: Carter and Summer B

Kestrel: 'Whole Class'

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

Robin: Zac

Wagtail: Archie

GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

Year 1 enjoyed a fabulous walk around the village this week as part of their Geography learning.



Lapwing: Imogen
 Parakeet: Maisie
 Sparrow: Ethan
 Goldfinch: Jools
 Kestrel: Isabella



We are still looking out for those adults who consistently show those Vale Values. **The children this week have chosen Miss Buckley.** She always makes learning fun; she is caring; she makes things easier for me - are just some of the things the children have said about her. Thank you Miss Buckley for making the children feel this way.

CLASS DOJO RESULTS

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

Diomed	Nijinsky	Hyperion	Shergar
364	438	418	358

Well done Nijinsky!

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 : **epic** (noun/adj)

Definition : heroic or grand in character / long and arduous task.

*The savings she made on her car insurance were **epic!***

Synonym : monumental.

Antonym :

Challenge : Use WOD in a compound sentence.

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day : **disclose** (verb)

Definition : make secret information known.

*She **disclosed** her secret to dividing fractions!*

Synonym : reveal.

Antonym : conceal.

Challenge : Use WOD in a simple 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 present yourself confidently

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

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 7.12.2020

Robin Class	98.4%
Wagtail Class	99.57%
Lapwing Class	100%
Parakeet Class	94.95%
Sparrow Class	96.19%
Goldfinch Class	94.3%
Kestrel Class	93.57%
Whole School Attendance for Week	96.71%
Whole School Attendance for Term to date	96.69%

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

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		
14.12.20	Y1 and Y2 Woodland Walk	
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 and Junior Tombola Draw at school pick	
17.12.20	Class Bubble Christmas Parties with Tea provided by the PTA – wear Christmas outfit	
17.12.20	Break Up for 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 –	INSET	



21.07.21		
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Have a good weekend.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

