



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

# Inspiring All

It has been wonderful to welcome children back to school this week. There has been a lovely buzz around the school and a sea of smiling faces. We are very grateful to the PTA for organising the children the welcome gift back of a book. They have really been enjoying them.



Next week our theme is: **New Beginnings** and I look forward to seeing all the learning produced.

### WELCOME

We welcome Savannah in Robins; Sierra in Lapwing; and Skylar in Sparrow Class this week to The Vale. We hope you will all have a fantastic journey of learning here with us and it's great to have you with us as part of the team.

### RED BANANA

There are still spaces at Red Banana 'wrap around care' club for both before school and after school sessions. Please do contact the school office and they will give you the contact details.

We settled to our theme of 'Coming together' across the curriculum and it has been lovely to see some of the great activities going on. Here were Year 3 supporting each other around obstacles in PE.



### PARKING

We are very appreciative to all those parents who have parked away from the school site during this past week, it has made it much safer for our children at drop off and pick up time. There are a couple of parents trying to park in the centre of the car park at pick up however, which is stopping the flow through and we do insist that you refrain from doing this. Please move through in order to prevent traffic building up in the road.

We hope very much that the building works will be completed in two weeks and we will be able to open up the car park a little more.





## COMIC RELIEF

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day and is always a fun day in school! We will endeavour to ensure it is this year too. We are asking that children wear **RED** on the day to mark the event. As we did in the Autumn Term for mufti donations to support these charity events, we will have buckets to collect the donations in at drop off.



## VIOLIN LESSONS

The new take up for piano lessons in school has been fabulous and I'm now excited to say that our violin peripatetic teacher also has spaces now for new students who wish to learn to play the violin. She has been teaching at The Vale for a while now to students of all ages and abilities and is excited to meet more of our students.

Individual lessons will take place on a Wednesday, for half an hour. For more information email Mrs Sawyer-Jones at [stringsoftalent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stringsoftalent@yahoo.co.uk) She has said she can offer taster sessions too if this would help.

## GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

Year 4 went for a lovely bug and insect hunt today in our beautiful surroundings.



## PARENT/CARER & TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you to all those who attended transition meetings with class teachers this week. The

technology seemed to work a lot better this term. We have had really positive feedback from parents through the meetings and from teachers about working in partnership. If you have not had a meeting with your class teacher please do phone the school office and we can arrange a phone or video call.

## CELEBRATIONS

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

- Robin: Maddie
- Wagtail: Ettiene
- Lapwing: Sierra
- Parakeet: Elicia
- Sparrow: Skylar
- Goldfinch: Alex P
- Kestrel: Kestrel Class

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

- Robin: Finn
- Wagtail: Max
- Lapwing: Lucas
- Parakeet: Amiyah
- Sparrow: Hope
- Goldfinch: Summer B
- Kestrel: Oscar



Mrs Browne and Mrs Leyland celebrated these people this week with a Co-Headteachers Hot Chocolate for following Vale Values consistently.

- Robin: Isabelle
- Wagtail: Olivia
- Lapwing: Elena
- Parakeet: Evelyn
- Sparrow: Olivia
- Goldfinch: Danica
- Kestrel: Albert

These people are great role models and display our Vale Learner qualities of being caring, ready, safe, respectful, resilient, embracing challenge and reflecting on learning. I'm looking forward to hearing the nominations for staff Hot Chocolates next week.



We also celebrated all our parents with a Co-Headteacher Hot Chocolate this week for their fantastic resilience and caring approach to 'remote learning' during our school partial closure. Well done and thank you!

### TRAIN TO TEACH

I have attached a flyer with this week's Newsletter from GLF Teaching School about Teacher Training and Career opportunities within GLF Schools.

### CLASS DOJO RESULTS

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

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Well done Nijinsky!

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN – HOME LEARNING

To support children and families in the transition back to school we are not setting compulsory homework during the next 4 weeks to Easter, apart from carrying on with daily reading.

However, teachers have put on Google Classroom some optional challenges and activities that can support learning for all year groups. I know some teachers are also putting their topic knowledge organisers on there too which will support the children with key vocabulary and facts about their new topics. Parents at our family forum commented on how good Google Classroom was as a learning platform whilst at home and we would like to continue to use it in this way.

### RECOGNITION TARGET

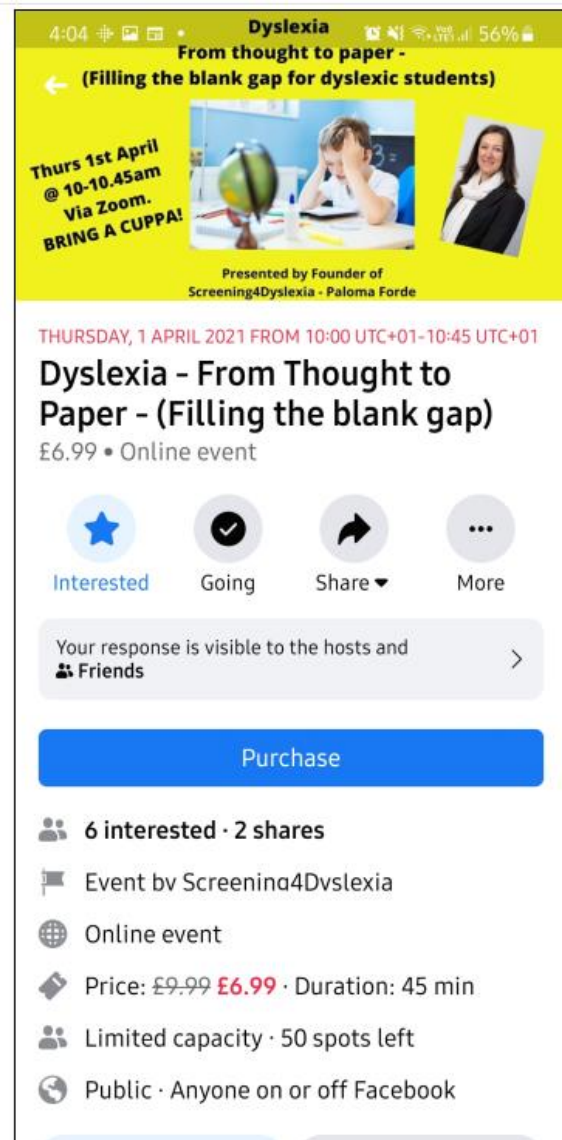
Next week we are looking across the school to learn about and recognise the behaviour for learning target:

**To keep on trying to improve something, knowing it won't be perfect straight away.**

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

### DYSLEXIA ONLINE WORKSHOP

Some of you may find this workshop of interest.



### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 8.3.2021

Robin Class	91.35%
Wagtail Class	98.96%
Lapwing Class	97.77%
Parakeet Class	98.13%
Sparrow Class	96.59%
Goldfinch Class	98.37%
Kestrel Class	100%
<b>Whole School Attendance for Week</b>	97.26%
<b>Whole School Attendance for Term to date</b>	97.87%



The classes who have won our virtual attendance horses this week are Wagtail and Kestrel.

## 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 10 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. **If you are able to share any of our posts so they reach a wider audience we would be very grateful.**

## DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue) **PTA dates in green**  
*Mrs Leyland and I have been looking at dates that we can pencil in for events for the Summer Term. We will share these with you as soon as we are allowed to review our restrictions.*

Spring Term Dates		
22.03.21	Living Eggs Chicks in 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 and stay safe.

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

