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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th March 2021

Inspiring All

Our theme this week in school was 'Good to be me!' and there have been lots of activities in school where the children have been thinking about their unique characters and what makes them special. Next week our final themed week is: **Being Thankful.**

Tuesday marked the National Day of Reflection when we remembered and considered the last year and all those coronavirus had impacted. Some of the children created hearts with colour keys to represent some of their feelings and emotions about Lockdown.



It also felt very spring like this week with the planting going on and the hatching of our chicks! We are very lucky that the PTA have funded the 'Living Eggs' project again this year. It creates such awe and wonder for the children as they see the eggs hatch and the chicks grow.



GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

It has been wonderful to see four of our year groups getting out into our local woodland this week and using the opportunity for collaboration, team work and connecting with the environment. Other walks have been planned in for next week.



INFANT SNACKS

We would just like to remind everyone that one healthy snack (fruit/bread sticks/rice cake) is plenty for the children to bring in, especially as they also receive fruit daily from the school too. We have noticed that the amount of snacks being brought in by some individuals has been on the increase.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Last week we mentioned about how it is so important that we follow the Government's restrictions for the safety of all. We do have some vulnerable members of our school community and I know many people are waiting on either their first or second vaccinations. We are aware that groups have been gathering outside of school hours to play and we did talk about this at today's assembly. Currently the guidance is that people should only



meet one person from another household outside. From Monday we are looking forward cautiously to this extending to 2 households or 6 individuals outside. Please for everyone's well-being and safety ensure you and your children are keeping to these restrictions.

TEST AND TRACE

We wanted to thank all of our parents and carers who are being vigilant about keeping children away from school if they develop symptoms that could be Covid 19 and getting tests. We wanted to let you know that earlier this week the government announced changes to the Test and Trace support payments for parents. Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate due to a positive Covid 19 case, by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which will be administered in Surrey by district and borough councils, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

LAPTOP DONATIONS

Mr Watkinson, a past parent and local resident has been refurbishing laptops as a social enterprise to benefit us and other local schools during 'Lockdown'. Many parents and residents in Langley Vale have given parts that can be recycled and made monetary donations to support the project and we are deeply grateful. These seven refurbished laptops will provide more children fair access and opportunity to learning and be beneficial to enhance the support we can give in school.



END OF TERM OPEN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Next Thursday we will be holding an open virtual celebration assembly at 9.15am. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to join us. We will celebrate children who have achieved certificates during the week and have an opportunity for each class to share some of their learning with us. The assembly will be held via zoom and we will send a parentmail with the link to the assembly separately.

PTA EASTER TOMBOLA AND EGG HUNT

Due to the inclement weather on Friday we are going to hold the Tombola on Tuesday after school. The PTA will also be selling tickets for the Easter Egg Hunt on Monday and Tuesday of next week at the end of the school day at the front of the school. Please do support these fun events that help raise money for all of our pupils.

END OF TERM FINISH TIMES

On Thursday 1st April we have an early closure for the end of term these are the staggered times for pick up.

Classes	Time
Year R/ Year 6	1.10pm
Year 1/Year 5	1.20pm
Year 2/Year 4	1.30pm
Year 3	1.40pm

The PTA will also be holding a sweet cone sale at the pick up on this day.

CELEBRATIONS

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

- Robin: Ethan
- Wagtail: Alexander
- Lapwing: Isla
- Parakeet: Dylan
- Sparrow: Bobby
- Goldfinch: Nicole
- Kestrel: Morgan

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

- Robin: Finn
- Wagtail: Casper
- Lapwing: Jenson H
- Parakeet: Arthur
- Sparrow: Albie



Goldfinch: Jools
Kestrel: Essey

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

Robin: Amara
Wagtail: Isla
Lapwing: Megan
Parakeet: Harry
Sparrow: Daisy
Goldfinch: Ava
Kestrel: Isabella

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.

We celebrated Mrs Roberts this week for being such great positive and caring role-model in school.

CLASS DOJO RESULTS

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

Diomed	Nijinsky	Hyperion	Shergar
336	305	272	227

Well done Diomed!

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN – HOME LEARNING

Please remember the importance of daily reading with and to your children. There are also the optional activities on Google Classroom for anyone who would like some other home challenges.

RECOGNITION TARGET

Next week we are looking across the school to learn about and recognise the behaviour for learning target: **To say thank you to those that help you.**

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

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 22.3.2021

Robin Class	88.5%
Wagtail Class	95%
Lapwing Class	97.5%

Parakeet Class	92%
Sparrow Class	96.8%
Goldfinch Class	96.5%
Kestrel Class	99.3%
Whole School Attendance for Week	95.08%
Whole School Attendance for Term to date	96.34%

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

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. **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 for the Summer Term provisionally and would like to share these with you. We do know however that currently GLF have asked for all our current restrictions to stay in place for the beginning of next term until further guidance is released from the DfE. All of these dates in purple therefore are for guidance only and are still to be confirmed. They are provisional at the moment based on restrictions being relaxed.

29.03.21 and 30.03.21	PTA Easter Egg Hunt Entry Forms to be sold	School Pick Up
01.04.21	Term ends Staggered Pick Up Times YR and Y6 1.10pm Y1 and Y5 1.20pm Y2 and Y4 1.30pm Y3 1.40pm	
01.04.21	PTA SWEET CONE SALE	School Pick Up
	Easter Holidays	
19.04.21	Term starts	
19.05.21	WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK	
26.05.21	New to Reception Parents Meeting (Face to Face or Virtual TBA)	2-3pm
31.05.21 – 04.06.21	HALF TERM	
10.06.21	New Reception Children Visit	9.30-11.30
17.06.21	New Reception Children Visit	9.30-11.30
21.06.21 – 25.06.21	Y6 Fun Week	
24.06.21	New Reception Children Visit	9.30-11.30
24.06.21	PTA School Disco	
25.06.21	INSET	
30.06.21	SPORTS DAY (Arrangements TBA as to whether we can do together with parents)	
1.07.21	New Reception Children Visit	9.30-11.30
3.07.21	PTA Summer Fair	
6.07.21	Transition Day to new classes	
7.07.21	Open Afternoon	3.30 -4.30
14.7.21	Year 5/6 Production	
15.7.21	Year 6 Party	4.30-6.30
16.7.21	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9-10am
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

Spring Term Dates

