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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 1st April 2021

Inspiring All

What a lovely last week of term we have getting ready for our Spring and Easter break. The children have been able to continue to watch the chicks grow and grow.....



....and we've been blessed with some lovely spring weather.



Our theme in school has been **'Being Thankful'** and as some of our Government restrictions have been lifted, going back to the rule of 6 or two households, we find ourselves being appreciative. As we come to the end of our 4 weeks of transition, we feel prepared for the Summer term and ready (once we have rested) for the new learning the new term will bring. As ever, we aim to work in partnership with our families so please do contact

class teachers in the first instance if you have any worries or questions about your child's learning.

WELCOME

We are really pleased this week to welcome Tila in Y6, Kaida in Y3 and Ray in Y5 to The Vale. We're looking forward to learning with you and your families and watch you grow, learn and flourish!

HEALTHY PACK LUNCHES

Please may we remind all those who bring pack lunches into school that these should be healthy and reflect a balance of different nutrients. We do not allow chocolate bars or sweets. We are a 'Healthy School' and working towards that standard in everything we do. We will approach families where meals are not representative of a balanced diet to talk about alternatives and return any inappropriate foods at the end of the school day.



FAMILY FORUM

We have scheduled in a date for our next family forum on **Wednesday 5th May at 2.00pm**. This will be held by zoom and a parentmail with the link on will be sent out nearer to the date. It was great to see a range of parents at our last meeting this term and we would love to see even more at the next to gauge the views of our parent community. We do ask that we have at least one representative of each class there to ensure the voice is from across



the whole school. **The focus of our next meeting will be Behaviour and Well-Being.**

SCARECROWS

It has been an amazing whole school project to create scarecrows in each class so we can bring them together for a mini festival today. The ideas, discussion, skills developed through the making of these have been wonderful to see. Each scarecrow will be displayed in the school grounds so they can be seen by the children as a reminder of their coming together collectively whilst reminding in class bubbles, for this project.



FREE FAMILY LAWYER SERVICES

We have been contacted by a family solicitor offering free family law advice by telephone and zoom should any of our families find this service useful please find their contacts here.



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ONLINE SAFETY

The iNEQE Safeguarding group have produced one page e-safety cards which look particularly useful:

<https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/safetycards>.

Each one relates to a specific popular App such as Snapchat, Roblox and Twitch. These help with privacy settings, blocking users and reporting issues. They also act as a reminder of what ages these apps are appropriate for.

GETTING OUT AND ABOUT

Year 1 and 2 took the opportunity this week to take a woodland walk and enjoy our local surroundings. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and found it a really good way to end the Spring Term.





CELEBRATIONS

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

Robin: Savannah
 Wagtail: Ronnie
 Lapwing: Archie
 Parakeet: Kaida
 Sparrow: Rocco
 Goldfinch: Grayson
 Kestrel: Tila

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

Robin:olan
 Wagtail: Alexander
 Lapwing: Megan
 Parakeet: Maisie
 Sparrow: Sebastian
 Goldfinch: Alex S
 Kestrel: Albert



TEST AND TRACE

Again a very big thank you to all those families who are being cautious and isolating their children and getting tests should anyone begin to show symptoms of Covid-19. We do ask that you continue to do this over the Easter break and let myself or Mrs Leyland know if you have a positive case so that we can take appropriate action. We do have a duty of care to keep all our school community safe and will need to contact families should this be in the early part of the Easter break. I can be reached on head@vale.surrey.sch.uk and Mrs Leyland on co-head@vale.surrey.sch.uk

As I highlighted last week - 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.

END OF TERM OPEN CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It was lovely to welcome parents to our open celebration assembly on Thursday this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning and it was great to see some of their scarecrows. It is always a privilege to celebrate children for consistently demonstrating Vale Learner qualities and achievements in their learning.

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

Robin: Grace
 Wagtail: Mya
 Lapwing: Molly
 Parakeet: Arthur
 Sparrow: Albie
 Goldfinch: Summer M
 Kestrel: Annie

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.

This week it was lovely that a group of Year 2 children came to me in the hall to nominate one of our members of staff for Co-Headteacher's Hot Chocolate. The 4 children were extremely keen that **Mrs Maidment** was celebrated this week for always helping them with their learning and explaining clearly how they could improve. They felt that she always showed them how much she cared about them.



CLASS DOJO RESULTS

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

Diomed	Nijinsky	Hyperion	Shergar
317	311	248	294

Well done Diomed!

This means that our house winners for this half term are Diomed with 1256 and they have earned a **house mufti day on Friday 23rd April.**

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN – HOME LEARNING

Please remember the importance of reading with and to your children. Try to foster an enjoyment of books through modelling.

Next term we will be formally starting the Words of the Week again.

Our words for the first week back will be:

KS1 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **borrow** (noun / verb)

Definition: to take and use before returning.
*He **borrowed** some pencils from his friend.*

*Could I **borrow** those please?*

Synonym: take.
Antonym: lend.

Challenge: Use WOD in a complex sentence.

@VocabularyNinja

'Words unlock the doors to a world of understanding...'

KS2 Word of the Day

Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **penultimate** (adj)

Definition: last but one, second last.
*Lewis Hamilton began the **penultimate** lap in first place!*

Synonym:
Antonym:

Challenge: Use WOD in an relative clause.

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RECOGNITION TARGET

After the Easter break, we are looking across the school to learn about and recognise the behaviour for learning target: **To show others that I am listening through my body language**
Please do talk about what this means and what this behaviour might look like with your children.

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 29.3.2021

Robin Class	91.8%
Wagtail Class	96.9%
Lapwing Class	96.4%
Parakeet Class	97%
Sparrow Class	91.5%
Goldfinch Class	94.2%
Kestrel Class	95.7
Whole School Attendance for Week	94.8%
Whole School Attendance for Term to date	96.1%

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

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.

Spring Term Dates		
	Easter Holidays	
19.04.21	Term starts	
23.04.21	Winning House Dojo Mufti Day - Diomed	
5.05.21	Family Forum Zoom Meeting	2.00pm
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

