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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th September 2018

Inspiring All

WELCOME BACK

We hope you had a lovely summer break. Welcome to the school year 2018/19! We have lots of plans for a super year ahead, building on our values:

- V ale Every Individual
- A cheivement for All
- L earner Centred
- E njoyment

We have welcomed lots of new children and some new members of staff to our school this week:

Miss Anna Johnson (Y1), Mrs Joanna Waight (Y1), Ms Joanna Joannou (Y4) and Amelie, Cameron and ~Elizabeth (Y2), Kallie and Ethan (Y3), Xavier and Mabel (Y4).

We look forward to working with them and their families on their continuing learning journeys.

We had very productive training sessions earlier in the week with our whole staff and we are looking forward to sharing some our discussions with you at our first parents 'Meet the Teacher' evening. Together we are in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy and are making some changes. We shared with the children this week our new 3 Vale Golden Rules which are:

1. Be Ready
2. Be Safe
3. Be Respectful

ATTENDANCE

As mentioned at the end of last term, the attendance of our pupils is of high priority on our school development plan this year as an area for improvement for our families. We shared this week with the pupils how if they achieve 100% attendance for a half term they will receive a badge as a reward. They can collect a different coloured badge for each half term that they have 100% attendance. We do understand that children do get illnesses that prevent them from attending, which is why we have broken this incentive up into a half termly award. If they do achieve 100% attendance for the year however, we are intending to reward these children with a trip/event of some sort at the end of the summer term.

The expectation nationally and within Surrey is for 100% attendance unless medical issues occur.

OAKS ACADEMY UPDATE

It is with frustration and disappointment that we write to advise you that The Vale's conversion to The Oaks Academy Trust did not take place on the 1st of September as scheduled. The delay was due to Surrey County Council not responding to the DfE by the necessary deadline regarding one of their questions. We have been advised that the new proposed date of conversion is 1st October and will let you know in due course how this is progressing.

WOODLAND WALK

To celebrate our new class names:

- YR: Robins
- Y1: Wagtail
- Y2: Lapwing
- Y3: Parakeets
- Y4: Sparrow
- Y4: Wren



Y5: Goldfinch

Y6: Kestrel

we have been learning about and researching and creating art work for our birds. This morning we enjoyed a lovely woodland walk in our fantastic locality and thought about the bird's in their environment.

CLASS BRIEFINGS

Our Autumn term class briefings are being held on Wednesday 19th September for all classes with the exception of Year 5 and Year 6. Parents are expected to attend at least one session at 5pm or 6pm. The classteachers will introduce themselves and the expectations in their classes, including home learning.

At 5.30pm Mrs Browne and Mrs Leyland will be presenting about the school's work on vision and behaviour that has recently been reviewed.

Miss McFeeters and Mrs Tinker will hold their meeting on Thursday 20th September. Year 5 will be at 5pm and Year 6 at 5.30pm. Mrs Browne will be available if you would like to find out about the presentation on the school's vision and behaviour review.

PARENT HANDBOOK

Attached is a copy of our updated Parent Handbook. This is also available on our website. Please read it carefully as there are several updates. It is organised in alphabetical order to make it easy to reference. For example:

PE KIT

All children must have a full PE kit in school every day. This includes a light blue round neck t-shirt, navy shorts and navy jogging bottoms. Plimsolls are used for outdoor PE; trainers are permitted from Year 2 upwards as these are more supportive to the feet. If children do not have their PE kit in school it is our policy for them to write lines, as a means of remembering their kit next time.

We also ask juniors to have a pair of trainers in school every day for field use.

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We are pleased that our pupils partake in a variety of clubs and activities outside of school. We enjoy hearing about these and especially like to celebrate their achievements. So, if your child has received a certificate, medal or rosette for example please bring

it in to show us so we can take a photograph and put it on display.

FRUIT/SNACK

All children are strongly encouraged to bring a fresh piece of fruit to school every day. Please name the fruit or put it in a named pot. Infant children are also offered a piece of fruit/veg every day in the afternoon which is funded by the Government. In addition, children are now able to bring in breadsticks or crackers, NO crisps, cereal or fruit bars please.

CLUBS

School based clubs will start week beginning 24th September. The club chart has been distributed. There is a £1 a week fee for each staff led club to support the funding of resources. Payment for clubs will be taken once your child has been allocated their club. Club forms must be returned to the office by Wednesday 19th September.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We have Open Mornings for prospective parents planned, for children who will start school in Reception from September 2019:

- Wednesday 19th September
- Saturday 29th September
- Wednesday 3rd October
- Wednesday 17th October
- Wednesday 31st October
- Wednesday 14th November
- Wednesday 28th November

Each morning starts at 9.30am with a tour of the school, followed by a presentation from the Co-Headteachers. We normally finish at 10.30am. Please book a place with the office.

The Surrey information about the application process is accessed online at: www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place.

The current Year 6 also need to apply for their Secondary school places this half term. The school lists, "Information on secondary schools in Surrey 2018/19" are available online at: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes>.



Year 6 pupils are permitted to visit potential Secondary Schools in the school day; please advise the office of the dates and times. Year 5 children and parents are encouraged to go to open evenings this year to get a feel for the Secondary schools on offer in the locality.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN –
Please ensure you start a good routine at the beginning of the year hearing your children read (or talking about their reading if they are in the upper juniors and they are doing this independently). Make time for this at least 5 days out of 7. Also let them see you read. The impact of reading to your child, throughout the primary years, on language development and the understanding of how texts work is priceless.

TRAFFIC

Due to gas works on Beaconsfield Road there has been a 3-way traffic light system put in place. Please do take care when travelling to and from school; allowing extra time for journeys if necessary and being respectful and cautious of all road users. Beaconsfield Road and Langley Vale is a busy place during the school run and we need to ensure we are driving at speeds that suit those conditions for all our community’s safety. Mrs Browne met with PSCO Paul Woodhouse this morning to discuss how we can work together to ensure the safety of all. He is working with us and local residents and Safer Neighbourhood Team. If you want to find out any more about local community issues, then please look at: <https://www.intheknow.community/>



FACEBOOK PAGE/TWITTER

Thank you for following and liking our Facebook Page and Twitter feed last academic year. 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. There maybe a little break over the summer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

There have been some new additions to the Community News section of the website – please do take a look.

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
12.09.18	Phonics workshop	5.30 – 6.30pm
13.09.18	Year 5 & 6 Trip	School day
15.09.18	Langley Vale Village Hall 50 th Birthday	
19.09.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
19.09.18	Class Briefings and Headteacher Talks	5.00 & 6.00pm
22.09.18	PTA Rock Hunt	9.30-12.00pm
24.09.18	Teacher Led Clubs start	
25.09.18	Volunteer Helper Meetings	2.30 – 3.00pm
27.09.18	Year 1 & 2 Trip	9.30 – 1.00pm
28.09.18	The Greatest Showman PTA Singalong	6.30 – 9.30pm
03.10.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
05.10.18	Junior Coffee Morning	9.00-10.00am
11.10.18	Infant Coffee Morning	9.00-10.00am
17.10.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.00-10.00am
19.10.18	Harvest Assembly New Year 3 Parents	9.00-10.00am
19.10.18	Infant Harvest Tea	2.30-3.00pm
22.10.18 – 26.10.18	Half Term	

Have a lovely weekend.

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



