



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

Well done all those children who are trying so hard to ensure they are in school.

Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Robin Class	99.23%
Wagtail Class	99.20%
Lapwing Class	97.75%
Parakeet Class	95.00%
Wren Class	91.76%
Sparrow Class	98.00%
Goldfinch Class	100%
Kestrel Class	98.18%

The classes who have won our attendance horses in the infants this week is Robin and in the juniors is Goldfinch.

### YEAR 5 WOODLAND VISIT WITH CRESSIDA COWELL

It was wonderful for Year 5 to have the opportunity on Thursday this week to visit our local woods and meet Cressida Cowell. Cressida Cowell is a renowned children's author, famous for writing the How to Train Your Dragon books. She was inspiring the children and talking about her passion for woodlands and how this has in turn inspired her to write her most recent books – The Wizards of Once. We were very lucky to be invited to this event and the children were fantastic representatives of the school.



### YEAR 1 & 2 BROCKHAM TRIP

The sun was shining on our geography expert learners as they made their way on their field trip to study the locality of Brockham. Lots of active learning was done and memories were made.

### EPSOM & EWELL ARTS FESTIVAL

We were really proud of all our children whose work was displayed in Bourne Hall this week for the annual festival alongside other Epsom and Ewell borough schools. What a fantastic celebration of our pupils and their creativity. It was lovely to go and see all the amazing work from children of all ages on Tuesday. We're looking forward to taking part again next year.



### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

This morning we took part in the world's biggest coffee morning, supporting Macmillan Cancer Trust. It was a wonderful shared community event. Thank you to all those who came and made cakes.



## TERMLY REPORT FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The role of the Governing Body is to provide Strategic Leadership to the school to deliver the best possible outcomes and education for all of our children. We also recruit, support, challenge and performance manage the Co- Head Teachers, ensure financial viability and compliance with all legal duties. Our Autumn Term Full Governing Body meeting took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> September and this is a brief overview to inform parents of what was discussed to benefit the children.

Governors received a report from the Co Headteachers outlining the School Development Plan for 2018/19 with governors assigned to priorities for monitoring purposes also impact reports were discussed looking at Pupil and Sports Premium. Numbers on role and the impact of Headley Court closing in the near future, unvalidated attainment data for pupils SATS results at Key Stage 2, Key Stage 1 and Early Years were discussed along with an update on behaviour across the school. An update on joining The Oaks Trust associated with the GLF Multi Academy Trust took place. Unfortunately, a delay has occurred with the conversion process for The Vale to convert to The Oaks Academy from Surrey County Council, so our conversion date is currently under review. I will advise you further when confirmed. This does not impact on the daily running of the school for our staff and pupils. As the first business meeting of the new academic year, statutory appointments were made with myself continuing as Chair of Governors for The Vale and Katherine Walsh as Vice Chair. Governors were nominated and approved to key roles. The membership and constitution of the Board were discussed to ensure that we have the skills required to ensure effective governance at the school

On behalf of The Vale Governors I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families and children who have joined us this term and also welcome back our existing children after the Summer break. Also welcome to the staff who have joined The Vale staff team this September.

Debbie Matthews  
Chair of Governors

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Just a reminder that it is individual and sibling school photos day on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October next week.

## HARVEST

On Monday this week, David Candin the new Vicar at St Stephens came into school to talk to the children about Harvest. Our harvest assembly this year is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We invite Year 3 parents and parents of those new children to the school from Y1-6 to join us for this celebration. This year we are asking for donations to Epsom and Ewell Foodbank to be brought in to school for our collection.

This year the Foodbank have asked for donations of:

Noodles,  
Long life fruit juice,  
Tinned potatoes,  
Squash,  
Instant Mash,  
Ladies deodorant,  
Milk powder,  
Tinned Vegetables,  
Ketchup,  
Sponge puddings,  
Sugar 500g bags  
Shaving foam

We do hope we will be able to help by giving generously as we say Thank you, this harvest time.

## YEAR 1 MATHLETICS WORKSHOP

Mathletics is an excellent maths software programme that our pupils use in school from Year 1 and can be used at home to support learning. Often teachers will set Mathletics activities and competitions for homework. To support families with their knowledge and understanding we are holding a Mathletics workshop for parents of Year 1 pupils on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct at 2.45pm.



## STARS

Wagtail: Amelia-Rose, Arthur  
Lapwing: Joshua, Sam  
Parakeet: Milo, Nicole  
Sparrow: Annie, Aidan  
Wren: Charlie, Madeline  
Kestrel: Robbie, Megan

## JUNIOR COFFEE MORNING

We have our KS2 parent's coffee morning next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9am – 10am. This is an opportunity to come in to school and chat with other parents and teaching staff and then go to see learning in action in your children's classes. Please do come and see all the great learning happening.

## KS2 STATIONERY SHOP

Year 6s are still selling rulers, pens, pritt sticks etc. for pupils to buy for their junior pencil cases at competitive rates from 8.30am in the Yellow Room.

## JUNIOR CHOIR

With lots of Christmas events starting to be thought about it would be lovely if we could encourage a few more children to join choir on a Thursday after school. Please see Mrs Browne if you would like to join.

## OPEN MORNINGS

Please do share any upcoming dates with any families that may be known to you:

- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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.

## PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Please do support this event on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The last one was lots of fun and the teachers' team didn't do too badly!

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN –

It was lovely this week in Junior assembly to be able to hand out so many Athletics certificates. I know this week we have our Athletics workshop for Y1 parents.

Please do keep encouraging your children to sign onto Athletics and continue to rehearse and develop those skills they are learning in school.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Please do take a look at the Community News section of the website for events happening in the local area. We have made some exciting updates this week.

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
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	9.30-10.30am
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	.
31.10.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
7.11.18	Parent Consultation	3.00-7.30pm
12.11.18	Juniors to plant trees _ Woodland Trust	9.30-12.00pm
13.11.18	Nasal Flu Vaccinations Years R,1,2,3,4,5	Times TBC
14.11.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
22.11.18	Dance Workshop in school	All day
28.11.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am



30.11.18	Woodland Walk	All children
06.12.18	Secret Santa	Years R – 6
07.12.18	Secret Santa	Juniors 9.00 – 12.30pm
10.12.18	Dress Rehearsal infants	Infants 9.00-12.30pm
12.12.18	Infant Production	9.30-10.30am
12.12.18	Junior Carols	2.00-3.00pm
13.12.18	Infant Production	6.30-8.00pm
13.12.18	Junior Carols	9.30-10.30pm
14.12.18	Christmas Lunch	2.00-3.30pm
18.12.18	Infant Christmas Party	12.15-1.15pm
19.12.18	School finishes 1.30pm	2.00-3.00pm
7.1.19	Term Starts	

Have a lovely weekend.

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

