



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

We are so impressed with how everyone is trying to keep their attendance high. We are very aware that this is not always easy, particularly for those with complex medical needs. Though the school has a government target this reward incentive is for all our children and medical needs are taken into consideration. We are above all an inclusive school.

Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Robin Class	96.57%
Wagtail Class	86.40%
Lapwing Class	86.52%
Parakeet Class	98.00%
Wren Class	96.67%
Sparrow Class	98.50%
Goldfinch Class	95.24%
Kestrel Class	98.64%



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

### MATHS & E-SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOPS

We are holding our maths workshops for you to find out a little more about our maths mastery approach and expectations of the maths curriculum for each year group. These are to be held on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 5-6pm** in your children's classes. We normally suggest going to the oldest pupil's session if you have siblings, and we will publish any presentations after the event.

As we are aware that coming to events on more than one occasion can be an issue for many busy families we have scheduled for our very informative e-safety workshop for parents to run **from 6-7pm**

**on the same day.** In today's ever-changing digital world, it is so important to understand how we can support our children to use technology to its best potential - safely.

### PARKING

Thank you to all those who read our Parentmail this week about safe and respectful use of the car park and behaviour to each other. The local traffic enforcement officer joined me on Thursday after school outside and it was good to hear from all those supporting us on improving the safe use of the site at drop off and pick up times. Please let's work together to keep all our children safe.



### CHILDREN IN NEED PLEA

We look forward to joining many schools and groups supporting Children in Need again this year. In school we will be selling children in need merchandise in the week of the 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November to Key Stage 2 from 8.30am by the KS2 Stationery shop and then to the Infants at morning playtime. We will also hold a 'spotty' mufti day for donations on the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. In previous years we have been very lucky that a couple of parents have helped in school on the day to create a pathway of coins and other such activities. This year, Children in Need are working with Blue Peter to relaunch Bring and Buy sales to raise money and we are putting out a plea to a couple of willing parents that could perhaps volunteer some time on the 16<sup>th</sup> to



perhaps help make this happen at the Vale! It is such an important charity and it would be amazing if we could show our support by making this a really key event in our school calendar this year. Please do speak to Mrs Browne if you feel you could help with this.

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Wagtail: Isaac, Elicia, Oliver

Lapwing: Freddie, Ethan

Parakeet: Sarah, Ava

Sparrow: Lily, Oliver C

Wren: Skye, Jaymie

Goldfinch: Alfie, Scarlett

Kestrel: Cameron, Amy

### KEY STAGE 1 COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to those who came to our Coffee Morning this week. It was a super opportunity to meet and chat with each other and then see maths in action in the classrooms afterwards.

### MATHLETICS

It was wonderful to see that so many of our children from Y1-6 have been accessing Mathletics this week and that 25 children have earned certificates. Well done!



### HEADLICE

We have several cases in school across the year groups. Please check your child/rens hair carefully and apply treatment if required.



### TIMES TABLES

In a continuation of ways you can help support your child in the learning of these multiplication and related division facts, here are some notes for the 5x and 10x table

#### 5x table notes

The first **odd** number table. The answers in this and all odd number tables are **alternately odd and even**.

All answers end in either 5 or 0. When multiplying by an even number the answer ends in zero, by an odd number it will end in 5. The tens progress in repeated sequence, e.g. 05, **10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45** etc.

#### 10x table notes

Another **even** number table. All answers **end in zero**. The tens column is related to the multiplier e.g.  $3 \times 10 = 30$ . When multiplying a number by 10, shift the number one place to the left and mark the units with a zero (please do not say add an o).

Useful to remember that 5 times any number is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of ten times that number (easier to work out in even number tables.)

### HARVEST

Classes are busy thinking about their poems or songs to contribute to this year's harvest celebration. Our 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.

## MATHLETICS

### PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Consultation meetings are set for **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. The online booking system will be available from 29<sup>th</sup> October until 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible however, that we will **be closing school that day at 3pm**, in order for staff to have time to prepare to start at 3.30pm. We found that this was effective in the spring term and it ensured that pupil learning time in class was maximised and that it helped those working parents who struggle to make appointments in the school day as had previously been the system.

Please do let the office know if you will be unable to collect your child that day at the earlier time so that we can make provision. If your child uses school transport, they will be collected as normal at 3.30pm and looked after by school staff.

### OPEN MORNINGS

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

- 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](http://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.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Please do take a look at the Community News section of the website for events happening in the local area.

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
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	3.30-7.30pm
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	PTA Tombola Collection	8.30am – 9am on the gate
23.11.18	Dance Workshop in school	All day
28.11.18	Christmas Fair Mufti Day	All Day
	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
30.11.18	Woodland Walk	All children
1.12.18	School Christmas Fair	
06.12.18	Secret Santa	Years R – 6 Juniors 9.00 – 12.30pm Infants 9.00-12.30pm
07.12.18	Secret Santa	
10.12.18	Dress Rehearsal infants	9.30-10.30am
12.12.18	Infant Production	2.00-3.00pm
12.12.18	Junior Carols	6.30-8.00pm
13.12.18	Infant Production	9.30-10.30pm
13.12.18	Junior Carols	2.00-3.30pm
14.12.18	Christmas Lunch	12.15-1.15pm
18.12.18	Infant Christmas Party	2.00-3.00pm
19.12.18	School finishes 1.30pm	
7.1.19	Term Starts	

Have a lovely weekend.

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



