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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd November 2018

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 29th October 2018

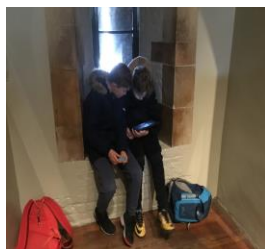
Robin Class	98.52%
Wagtail Class	98.00%
Lapwing Class	90.87%
Parakeet Class	96.40%
Wren Class	98.89%
Sparrow Class	92.22%
Goldfinch Class	94.55%
Kestrel Class	99.09%

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

You can find our current attendance policy on our school website.

YEAR 5/6 TOWER OF LONDON TRIP

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic learning experience on Tuesday this week when they visited the Tower of London as part of their Crime and Punishment topic. They could be found chatting to the Ravens and using clues as part of a workshop to help William Seymour escape the Tower. I believe the favourite activity was using the ipads to complete a trail.



PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Consultation meetings are set for this **Wednesday 7th November**. We will be **closing school that day at 3pm**, in order for staff to have time to prepare to start at 3.30pm.

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.

Books and learning journals will be outside classrooms as before, for you to look through your child's learning so far this academic year and then appointments with teachers will take place in the hall. We had positive feedback from parents and staff that this system worked well in the Spring Term. Mrs Browne, Mrs Leyland and Mrs Roberts will all be available on the evening, should you wish to speak with any of them.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK – 12th – 15th NOVEMBER



This year's anti-bullying week is 12th to the 16th of November. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. The Vale will be taking part in activities from the 9th to the 15th as Children in Need activities will take place on the 16th November.

Activities taking place:

Friday 9th November - Anti-Bullying Week Assembly to kick-start our week on 'Choose Respect'.



Monday 12th November - Don't let bullies give you the blues day! **Children are allowed to wear blue to school on this day** to show support to Anti-Bullying.

Tuesday 13th - Troubleshoot Tuesday - The Anti-bullying ambassadors will run a support shop during the lunch hour. Children will be able to go to the ambassadors with any friendship issues they have to ask for advice. The children will also be able to give the ambassadors ideas of how to improve their role around school.

Wednesday Watch a movie day (14th November) - Children in Juniors will be able to choose to watch 'The Greatest Showman at Lunchtimes for the rest of the week. Infants will be able to choose to watch 'Chicken Little' or Cinderella, both of which feature forms of bullying.

In addition to these activities, children will be completing tasks in their own classes, including a treasure hunt, random acts of kindness and creating compliments!



CHILDREN IN NEED

In school we will be selling children in need merchandise in the week of the 12th-16th 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 16th November.

In addition, this year we will be holding a BRING AND BUY SALE, linking with the Blue Peter Children in Need Relaunch. We are asking if donations towards the sale could be brought into school from next Monday. Suggestions of donations maybe books, toys and games, ornaments etc. – the things that you may clear out when children grow out of them but that still might have life left in, for others to enjoy.

On the 16th the children may bring in a small amount of money in order to make a purchase from the Bring and Buy Sale that will be held during the school day. We suggest a maximum of £5.

House Captains led their meetings today on how we can help all those in our community through events like these and contribute positively to society.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 19th – 23rd NOVEMBER

The following week in school is Walk to School Week. We encourage our families to take part as much as possible. Our events are:

Monday: Walk (park and stride), bike, scooter to school today

Tuesday: Wear your house colour top if walking (park and stride).

Thursday: wear Odd Socks Day

Friday: Happy Shoes Day – wear shoes that make you feel happy! (Please remember safety at playtime so do bring in school shoes if for example you chose to wear slippers).

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 21st 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.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Imogen, Isla

Wagtail: Mila, Lucy

Lapwing: Theo

Parakeet: Levi, Zac

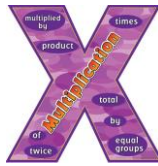
Sparrow: Maci, Jorja

Wren: Skye, Ben

Goldfinch: Lexie, Alfie

Kestrel: Whole Class – excellent behaviour on Tower of London Trip





TIMES TABLES

Children need to know their times tables with rapid recall by the end of year 4, which supports division, fractions and decimals work for example.

3 x table notes

An odd number table: The answers in this table all contain digits which add up to 3, 6, or 9, (multiples of 3) e.g. in 15 the digits are 1 & 5 which, added together make 6. In 21 digits 2 & 1 added together = 3, therefore 21 is in the table. (This may be too difficult a concept for some children in the initial stage of learning but may be useful at a later stage.)
Keep practising and make it fun!

RED BANANA NEEDS YOU!

Due to expansion, Red Banana Club, our Ofsted registered provider of wraparound care are recruiting both qualified and non-qualified practitioners, across a range of shift packages. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Donna on 07740 585978 or email redbananaclub@outlook.com. Please find more details in the attached flyer.

THANK YOUS & FAREWELLS

Gill Potter, our School Business Manager and Belinda Dribble, our School Cook are leaving this month. They have both been an integral part of our school community and we know will be fondly missed. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about how their new endeavours are going.

OPEN MORNINGS

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

- 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Incident at the Petrol Station on Langley Vale Road

Unfortunately, an incident occurred at the local petrol station on Wednesday 31st October during the evening.

Bala is a friendly and welcoming member of our community and sadly was injured during the incident and was hospitalised. He will be OK, but the Langley Vale community have been so moved by this news, that a collection has been set up for Bala and his family. The collection is being organised by villagers, if you would like to contribute then you can drop donations into the school office until Friday 9th November. Please put in a sealed envelope marked 'Bala Fund Donations'. You can include a message on a label to go in a card for him.

If you would like any more information about the collection, please contact Donna on 07740 585978. As part of the community we at The Vale wish Bala a speedy recovery and are saddened by this news.

	AUTUMN TERM DATES	
5.11.18	School Council Visit to the Memorial with the Mayor	10-12.00pm
7.11.18	Parent Consultation	3.30-7.30pm
12.11.18	Anti-Bullying Week – Wearing Blue day.	
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
16.11.18	Children in Need Day Mufti and Bring and Buy Sale	
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
30.11.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
1.12.18	Woodland Walk	All children
06.12.18	School Christmas Fair	
07.12.18	Secret Santa	Years R – 6 Juniors 9.00 –

10.12.18	Secret Santa	12.30pm
12.12.18	Dress Rehearsal infants	Infants 9.00-12.30pm
12.12.18	Infant Production	9.30-10.30am
13.12.18	Junior Carols	2.00-3.00pm
13.12.18	Infant Production	6.30-8.00pm
14.12.18	Junior Carols	9.30-10.30pm
18.12.18	Christmas Lunch	2.00-3.30pm
19.12.18	Infant Christmas Party	12.15-1.15pm
7.1.19	School finishes 1.30pm Term Starts	2.00-3.00pm

Have a lovely weekend and good luck to all those
ROCK HUNTERS on Saturday!

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

