



The Vale Primary School

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th November 2018

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 12th November 2018

Robin Class	95.56%
Wagtail Class	99.60%
Lapwing Class	98.70%
Parakeet Class	100%
Wren Class	93.33%
Sparrow Class	100%
Goldfinch Class	96.36%
Kestrel Class	97.27%

The classes who have won our attendance horses in the infants this week is Wagtail and in the juniors is Parakeet and Sparrow.

TREE PLANTING

Year 5 and 6 joined the Woodland trust on Monday this week to plant more trees in Langley Vale Woods. They worked extremely hard and finished the morning with a hunting the butterflies' game.



WELCOME

We say welcome to Merrie Buckley and Louisa Hedley who will be working with the children in classes and groups across the school.

We also say welcome to Jenny Coughlan who is joining us from Warren Mead Juniors to oversee

parts of the school business manager role in the interim until our new School Business Manager starts in the new year.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK – 12th – 15th NOVEMBER



We have had a very successful anti-bullying week with lots of activities happening in school to raise awareness and mark that very important theme of #chooserespect! Being respectful is one of our three golden rules and the week has clearly highlighted that Bullying behaviour is not tolerated at The Vale Primary School and given strategies to the children if they feel they or others need help. Thank you to Ms Amos, Mrs Roberts and all the Behaviour and Well-being Ambassadors who have worked hard to coordinate and communicate this message.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Well done and thank you to everyone for their efforts with supporting Children in Need today – everyone looked Spotacular! Even the school corridors, hall and shared areas were covered in spots! We had a fantastic 'Bring and Buy' sale and look forward to announcing next week how much



was raised in total. Thank you for all your donations and support. It has been a fantastic opportunity for children to make a positive contribution to the community and this worthwhile charity.

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: Beau, Emma

Wagtail: Oliver, Lucy

Parakeet: Isla, Nicolas, Oliver

Sparrow: Harley, Luke

Wren: Elise, Jaymie

Goldfinch: Lawrence, Casius

Kestrel: Lauren



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.

9x table notes

Lots of patterns here, best not to overload with all at once but see which helps.

1. Pattern of units decreases by 1, whilst tens increase by 1.
2. Digits of answers always add up to 9, e.g. $2 \times 9 = 18$ ($1+8=9$) $7 \times 9 = 63$ ($6+3=9$)
3. Digits of earlier answers are reversed later in the table. (Add zero to $1 \times 9 = 9$ in homework diary.) e.g. $1 \times 9 = 09$ & $10 \times 9 = 90$, $3 \times 9 = 27$ & $8 \times 9 = 72$.
4. Finger patterns. The child places their hands palms down on the edge of the table as if to play piano. Number the fingers (including thumbs from left to right 1 to 10. To find 7×9 curl up the 7th finger. There remain 6 straight fingers on the left and three on the right, so the answer is 63. Having run out of fingers they should know 11×9 from $11 \times$ tables and for 12 times 9 again the digits add up to 9 and must be more than 99.)

WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

Our next whole school Woodland Walk is on Friday 30th November; we need lots of volunteers to help us walk to, around and back from the sites where we have previously planted trees. You do not have to have a DBS for this event. Please notify the office if you can support us from 9-11am. All children and adults will need to wear a pair of boots and a coat! Please click here for the Woodland Trust's update about Langley Vale Wood:



<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/wood-information/langley-vale-wood/>

PENCIL CASES

Pencil cases should be of a suitable size that can fit :2 Handwriting pens, 2 pencils, set of colouring pens or pencils, ruler, rubber and a pencil sharpener.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Our PTA Raffle Tickets will shortly be on sale to raise funds for our school. This year to add excitement and increase sales we are adding an additional competitive edge! Working with the school we will continue to award a mufti day to the class who compile the best class hamper contribution for the raffle. This time we are adding a new twist.... The class with the highest average raffle ticket sales per student will also earn a mufti day! The more raffle tickets each class sells the better your chance of winning both a mufti day and some fabulous prizes. The raffle prizes will be drawn after our Christmas productions, and the PTA will send updates about the prizes you can win. Raffle tickets will be sent out via Parentmail for you to print your own, paper copies in book bags and as printed books of tickets to sell door to door.

FUNDRAISING HELP

As a small school PTA fundraising is essential for the provision of essentials and valuable experiences for our children, if your company offers fundraising matching please consider us. Especially if you can help at our Christmas Fair on one of our stalls, we would love the takings of as many stalls as possible to be fund matched! Please see your class rep for ways in which you can help with our Christmas Fair. If you, your company or friends would consider donating a raffle prize to support our fundraising efforts we would be delighted and very grateful for this invaluable help in our efforts to raise funds. Letters are available from the school office to take to employers about our school and fundraising efforts.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The elves are getting excited as our Christmas Fair is almost here! Could you help us with our preparations? We are going to have lots of exciting stalls this year and would really appreciate some donations. If you have any of the following please could you drop them off into the office:

- Books suitable for grown ups
- Clean/washed soft toys
- Christmas jumpers, any size – age 1-100!
- Puzzles, games or toys (all parts and in working order)

A special Christmas Fair information pack will be sent home with all the details about the stalls and activities we will have on the day, including a Grotto! Please save the day in your calendar, Saturday 1st December 12-3 to come and join in the fun. We can't wait to see you there!

TOMBOLA

Thursday 22nd November our PTA will be outside the school gate collecting chocolate or bottle donations for our tombola. In return for a contribution children will be able to wear mufti clothes on Friday 23rd November.

OPEN MORNINGS

We have 1 more Open Morning for prospective parents planned, for children who will start school in Reception from September 2019:

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



AUTUMN TERM DATES		
19.11.18-23.11.18	Walk to School Week – see events above	
22.11.18	PTA Tombola Collection	8.30am – 9am on the gate
23.11.18	Christmas Fair Mufti Day	All Day
23.11.18	YR Play and Learn Session and Coffee morning	9-10.30am
28.11.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
30.11.18	Woodland Walk	All children
01.12.18	School Christmas Fair	
06.12.18	Secret Santa	Years R – 6 Juniors 9.00 – 12.30pm
07.12.18	Secret Santa	Infants 9.00-12.30pm
07.12.18	PTA Quiz Night	7pm - late
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
12.12.18	Infant Production	9.30-10.30pm
13.12.18	Junior Carols	2.00-3.30pm
13.12.18	Christmas Lunch	12.15-1.15pm
14.12.18	Infant Christmas Party	2.00-3.00pm
18.12.18	School finishes 1.30pm	
19.12.18	Term Starts	
7.1.19		

We hope everyone has a fantastic weekend!

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

