



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Robin Class	95.19%
Wagtail Class	98.40%
Lapwing Class	95.65%
Parakeet Class	92.40%
Wren Class	95.59%
Sparrow Class	96.67%
Goldfinch Class	95.45%
Kestrel Class	96.36%

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

### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Please could you complete the questionnaires that were either handed to you at our Maths workshops or sent home this week. We really value and appreciate the feedback that is given in order to measure the success of changes that have been made and identify next steps for our development as a school community. We would be grateful if these could be returned to the school office or to class teachers by **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.



### CHILDREN IN NEED

What a fantastic day was had in school last Friday. Thank you everyone for all your support whether it be through donating items or money to the 'bring and buy' sale; donating for wearing spots; buying Children in Need merchandise or joining in in the

staff Duck Sweepstake! As a whole school we are delighted to announce that we raised £503.50.

### Y3&4 STEM SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

There was lots of practical science learning on Tuesday this week for Year 3 and 4 got the opportunity to explore rocks in more depth with a visiting geologist.



### Y5&6 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

It was a privilege to accompany our Y5&6 team on Wednesday to Rosebery School to compete amongst 8 different Epsom and Ewell primary schools in this event. We may not have won but we put up a valiant fight and were all winners in sportsmanship! All the children from all the schools who took part in the event gave it their all. Thank you to all the parents who supported us in taking part.



## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Well done all those families who have tried really hard to walk (park 'n' stride) to school this week. It has been lovely to see everyone in their house colour top, odd socks and happy shoes on the different days.

## MATHS & E-SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOPS

We held our parent information workshops this week. The parents who came were very positive about the event. We do understand that there was a clash of events for Year 5 and 6 which was unfortunate but were nevertheless disappointed with how many families from other year groups weren't able to make the sessions, after all the hard work staff had gone to in preparation. These workshops are put on as a result of feedback from parent questionnaires and we endeavour to put them on to help with communication and enable parents to understand their children's learning so that they can work in partnership with us to support them.

## INDIAN DANCE WORKSHOPS

Children from Year 2 to 6 enjoyed and developed their skills in Indian dance this week. Their confidence, listening skills, participation and engagement in the sessions was excellent. It was a great opportunity to learn about another culture whilst developing co-ordination, musicality and fitness.

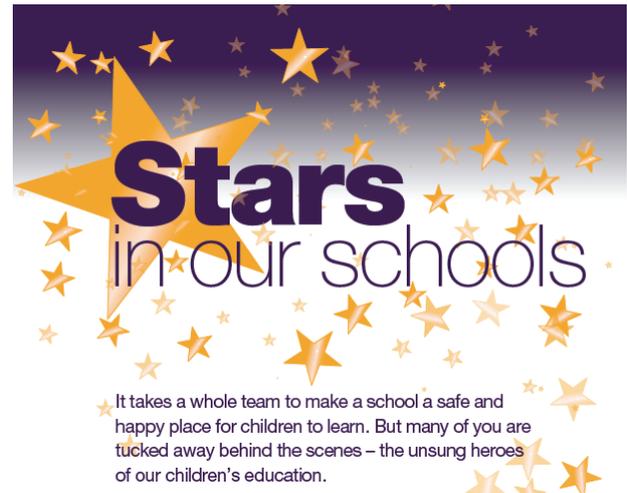


## WORKING IN COLLABORATION

We welcomed teachers from 6 other local schools who are either part of the Oaks or GLF Trust on Thursday after school to work with our teachers. It was a fantastic occasion to build professional networks and have open and probing discussions about learning across the schools. On this occasion the focus of the session was to look closely at children's writing and moderate a consistency in standards across the schools.

## STARS IN OUR SCHOOL DAY

Today we have celebrated all the support staff who work in our school helping our children and families. This is a national event that we wanted to take part in to show these unsung heroes in our team just how much we value them. We held a celebration assembly this morning where teachers and pupils awarded support staff with certificates recognising the wonderful impact they have.



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Parakeet: Carter, Tobey

Sparrow: Willem, Oscar

Wren: Cameron, Malia

Goldfinch: Queenie, George

Kestrel: Amy, Lauren D, Aidan



## TIMES TABLES

Children need to know their times tables with rapid recall by the end of year 4.

### 4x table notes

**Even** number table. Each number is **doubled** twice (probably too time consuming after 5 x 4 but worth knowing as a strategy.) The unit pattern 4, 8, 2, 6, 0 repeats but again, some children do not remember it.

## WHOLE SCHOOL WOODLAND WALK

Our next whole school Woodland Walk is on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Our PTA Raffle Tickets are now 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 have now been sent out via Parentmail for you to print your own.

## 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 • 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!

## OPEN MORNINGS

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

## 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		
28.11.18	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
07.12.18	Secret Santa	Infants 9.00- 12.30pm
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	

We hope everyone has a fantastic weekend!

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

