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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th December 2018

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

We are so proud of all those who are still aiming for a high attendance rate this half term and battling the bugs. We do understand that there has been illness around just recently and do wish to reiterate that if your child is unwell and sick they should be able to recover at home.

Week beginning 3rd December 2018

Robin Class	96.30%
Wagtail Class	88.80%
Lapwing Class	97.39%
Parakeet Class	89.20%
Wren Class	96.11%
Sparrow Class	91.11%
Goldfinch Class	93.18%
Kestrel Class	93.18%

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



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you so much to all the team that were involved in organising a highly successful Christmas fair this year. There was a true festive spirit and many positive comments from families who came about the activities and event. Also thank you to all our families who joined us and helped raise funds for the PTA to go towards enrichment activities for our pupils.

JOINING THE OAKS MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

On December 1st we joined the Oaks Multi Academy Trust as communicated by our Chair of Governors, Debbie Matthews earlier this week. We are very much looking forward to working in collaboration with Warren Mead Juniors and Banstead Infants School in the future as part of the trust and will continue to work with colleagues in GLF who work closely with the Oaks. We have decided to begin the new year with our celebrations due to this being such a busy time in schools and it will be good to start the new year a fresh.

We would like to invite you to join us at 3pm on Wednesday 9th January 2019 to celebrate with some cake and have an opportunity to meet some representatives from the Oaks. We are aiming to do this in the playground to coincide with the end of the day but will watch the weather and let you know if this changes to the hall. The week will have the theme of 'Working as part of a Team' and we are looking forward to each of the classes being involved in some mosaic work that we are doing to commemorate the occasion.



JUNIOR CHOIR

Junior choir were lucky to be able to attend the Rosebery Christmas Music concert this year at Epsom Playhouse. It is such a wonderful opportunity for them to see what might be their next steps in music when they move on to secondary school. It is also always a privilege to see former Vale students performing with such confidence.



SECRET SANTA

Thank you also to all those PTA elves who helped and supported our festive Secret Santa. The children always enjoy being able to buy gifts for loved ones and get them wrapped in school to surprise them.

PROFESSOR BUBBLE WORKS SCIENCE

It was fantastic to see such engagement and participation by the children in this extra science assembly we had this week. They listened with such focus and enthusiasm as they learnt all about the properties of air.



CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

We are very much looking forward to our productions from both our Infants and our Junior Carol Concert. There has been much hard work and rehearsal been put into making these events great. We do ask that Juniors do come back into school at 6.10pm on the Wednesday evening for that performance. We will also do the raffle draw at the afternoon Junior carol concert. Good luck – there are some amazing prizes to be won!

Preschool children are welcome to attend the Thursday afternoon 2.00pm performance of the Junior Carol Singing and the Thursday 9.30am performance of the Infant Christmas Play; they must have a ticket. We politely request that they are taken outside to calm down, should they become unsettled during the production.

INFANT CHOIR

One more week of infant choir on 12th December at 8.15am, to prepare for the Christmas performance.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Our Open Morning for prospective parents have now taken place for children who will start school in Reception from September 2018. If you or

someone you know would still like to visit our school, please contact the office who will arrange a small group tour. 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. All applications must be sent by 15th January 2019.



TIMES TABLES

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

7x table notes

Odd number table. No helpful pattern here. Most children find this the most difficult but they have learnt many of the facts in other tables already learnt.

Reminders of commutative property of multiplication will help. E.g. you know that $7 \times 3 = 21$ therefore you know that $3 \times 7 = 21$.

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. Letters are available from the school office to take to employers about our school and fundraising efforts.

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		
10.12.18	Dress Rehearsal infants	10.00-10.30am
12.12.18	Infant Production	2.00-3.00pm
12.12.18	Junior Carols	6.30-8.00pm
13.12.18	Infant Production	9.30-10.30am



13.12.18	Junior Carols	2.00-3.30pm
14.12.18	Junior Christmas Treat	
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	
SPRING TERM DATES		
3.1.19	INSET	All day
4.1.19	INSET	All day
7.1.19	Term starts for children – OAKS Celebration Week	
9.1.19	Parent Celebration as part of joining the Oaks	3pm

We hope everyone has a fantastic weekend!

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