



# The Vale Primary School

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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

# Inspiring All

### ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Robin Class	96.4%
Wagtail Class	93.33%
Lapwing Class	89.57%
Parakeet Class	96.40%
Wren&Sparrow Class	93.89%
Goldfinch Class	97.73%
Kestrel Class	90.91%

The classes who have won our attendance horses this week are Robin and Goldfinch.

### 5p WATER BOTTLE CHALLENGE

Each class are busily collecting their 5ps to try and fill their water bottle to raise money for the PTA and our ongoing school projects, such as the sensory garden. The water bottles are in each class now and there is a prize for the class with the most by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Good luck collecting those 5ps.

### RECOGNITION BOARDS

The week after half term's focus is: **To present your work neatly.**

### RECYCLING PENS

The Eco Team and our new cluster premises manager Mr Blackman have begun a new initiative in school as part of the 'Writing Instruments Recycling Programme'. We will be recycling any old pens, felt tips, highlighter, markers etc with this new scheme and ask our families to take part too. When getting rid of unwanted pens, biros etc. then please bring them in to school and we will recycle them. Through doing this we can also help families local to us as a charitable donation is made to B@titude, based in Leatherhead.



### CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

May we take an opportunity to remind all our parents about conduct towards all in our school community on the school premises, both children and adults. Aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated. We remind you of 2 of our 3 Golden Rules: Be Respectful and Be Safe.

### DRAINAGE INVESTIGATION WORKS

Works are due to start on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March by Surrey meaning that Langley Vale Road will be closed between 9am - 4pm from Monday to Friday for approximately 10 days. Access to school will be possible via the Ashley Road end of Langley Vale Road. I have attached a leaflet from Surrey County Council with more details. Please do be aware and leave extra time for journeys to and from school.

### EPSOM & EWELL GYMNASTICS

A huge well done to our super junior gymnasts who took part in the Gymnastics event this week. They were fantastic representatives of the school and should be incredibly proud of themselves.



### PTA MEETING

Please come and join us at the next PTA meeting, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7pm at school. We will be discussing upcoming fundraising events including the Summer Fair.

Everybody is very welcome, the more the merrier (and we will provide wine!!).

### CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Megan, Zac

Wagtail: Dexter, Arthur

Lapwing: Sam, Albie

Parakeet: Jamie, Sarah

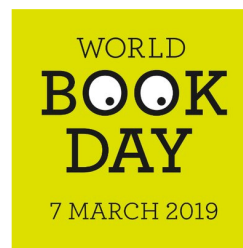
Sparrow & Wren: Aidan, Malia

Goldfinch: Scarlett, Mariko

Kestrel: Archie, Woody

### WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

For this year's world book day we are asking children if they would like to come to school dressed as a book character. In class there will be a focus on engaging children in the enjoyment of books through out the day. We will hold buddy reading sessions as well as lots of other activities in class related to reading.



### FAMILY COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Family Council meeting is being held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. We invite any parents who would like to come and find out about school developments. There will be a creche available for those who would like to come but are prevented by childcare. This meeting's focus will be an update on this year's school development plan. We value your contributions.

### COMIC RELIEF – RED NOSE DAY

This year Red Nose Day is on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** and we will be supporting this event. We are inviting all to wear as much red to school as they wish and other comic relief related items in exchange for a donation.

### PTA EASTER & SPRING MUFTI DONATIONS

the weather will be nice! We will be using the Easter Eggs, bottles, craft items, gardening items On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March we will be holding a chocolate Easter egg (or other Spring and Easter items e.g. Easter crafts and bottles) mufti day. Please bring in a donation and in exchange children can wear their own clothes. Please ensure these are suitable for outdoor play as hopefully to put together Easter/Spring hampers and raffle tickets will be available to purchase after half term.

### INFANT CHOIR

If any more Robins would like to try out choir, please speak to your class teacher or just come along next Wednesday at 8.15.



## BIRTHDAY BOOKS

It has been presented as an idea by the PTA that on a child's birthday they may like to donate a book to the school which can either be put in our library or in classrooms. We would create a book plate to go inside the book so that it could always be remembered as having been donated by that child on their birthday to the school. If you would like to take part in this initiative then we would be very appreciative.

## HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

### Maths at home

Use easy, everyday activities

Involve your child in:

making lunch – make sandwiches in different shapes. Can they cut their sandwich in half? Can they cut the other sandwich in half a different way?

### Reading at home

Read and talk together

Get your child to tell you about what they are reading. Who is their favourite character and why? Is there anyone like that in your family? What do they think is going to happen? What have they learnt from their reading? Does it remind them of any of their own experiences?

### Writing at home

Write for a reason

Get your child to help write the shopping list, invitation lists for family events, menus for special dinners, thank-you cards when someone does something nice

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

## DATES

(New dates highlighted in blue)

SPRING TERM DATES		
6.3.19	Y6 Junior Citizen Day	
6.3.19	Y2 Pedals Sessions	9.30-10.30am
6.3.19	Family Council Meeting	6pm
6.3.19	PTA Meeting	7pm
7.3.19	World Book Day – dress as a book character	All day
13.3.19	Early 3pm closure to prepare for Parent Consultations	School Finish at 3pm and consultations 3.30pm – 7.30pm
15.3.19	Comic Relief Red Nose Day	
18.3.19	Infant Parents Coffee Morning and Open Classrooms	9-10am
19.3.19	Y4 Parents Forum	6pm
21.3.19	Junior Parents Coffee Morning and Open Classrooms	9-10am
22.3.19	PTA Easter Hamper Mufti Day	
22.3.19	PTA Quiz night	
27.3.19	Y3/4 Spring Term Production	9am and 6pm
3.4.19	Whole School Woodland Walk	9am
5.4.19	Term Ends 1.30pm	1.30pm
8.4.19 – 22.4.19	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
23.4.19	Summer Term Starts	
18.5.19	School Community Day	9.30am
22.6.19	School Summer Fair	
13.7.19	PTA Barn Dance	TBC

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