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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th March 2019

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 11th March 2019

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| Robin Class | 94.80% |
| Wagtail Class | 95% |
| Lapwing Class | 94.35% |
| Parakeet Class | 76.40% |
| Wren&Sparrow Class | 96.67% |
| Goldfinch Class | 93.64% |
| Kestrel Class | 97.73% |

The classes who have won our attendance horses this week are Lapwing and Kestrel.

RECOGNITION BOARDS

The week after half term's focus is: **To wait your turn to speak**

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Waight, one of our Year 1 teachers who has given us the news that she is expecting a baby and will be leaving on maternity in September. We wish her and her family all the best.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Haydn, Jed

Wagtail: Dexter, Ashton

Lapwing: Sienna, Abi

Parakeet: Harry, Ava

Sparrow & Wren: Lily, Willem

Goldfinch: Willow, Lucy

Kestrel: Rosamund, Lexie, Megan

SCIENCE FAIR

We were delighted to announce the winners of The Vale Science Fair from last Friday this week. They will join winners from other GLF schools in the GLF Science Fair on April 1st.



CHICKS

We have been very excited to have the Living Eggs company 'Chicks' to stay with us in school again this year. Thank you once again to the PTA for funding this project which is so beneficial to our science curriculum and PSHE learning about responsibility and caring for animals. We have all had those moments of awe and wonder as each egg has hatched.



PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Thank you to all those who came on parents evening. These meetings to discuss progress, challenge and support; working in partnership are so important as part of your child's learning journey. If you have not had a chance to see your class teacher, please do book another appointment at another time. It was also a great opportunity to taste some of the food on offer as part of our school dinners menus – thank you to the kitchen staff for staying to provide this.



PERSONAL ITEMS

Please do ensure you name all uniform, lunch boxes, pencil cases etc. that you bring to school so that items can be reunited with their owners should they be found.

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder to all those juniors who bring a mobile phone into school (if needed for walking to or from school) that our policy is that they must be handed in to be kept secure in the office when you get to school and can be collected at the end of the day.

COFFEE MORNINGS AND OPEN CLASSROOMS

Our infant and junior termly coffee morning and open classrooms are being held next week. These are a great opportunity to chat to other parents and staff and then see your child learning in action in their class. The infant coffee morning is on Monday 18th from 9am and the Juniors on Thursday 21st March from 9am. Please do join us.

COMIC RELIEF – RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to everyone who came to school today in red in exchange for a donation to support comic relief. Mrs Leyland led an assembly this week and the house captains led meetings today to highlight importance of our contribution to society through

supporting charitable events like this and the difference made through our donations.



Y4 PARENT FORUM

There is a meeting at 6pm on the Tuesday 19th March for Y4 parents to review the changes to that year group since the spring half term. Please do join us we value your contributions.

PTA EASTER & SPRING MUFTI DONATIONS

Please don't forget to bring in donations of, Easter Eggs, bars of chocolate, bottles, craft items or gardening items on Friday 22nd March in exchange for a Mufti Day. Items will be collected at the school gate at drop off. Items collected will be packaged into Spring Hampers and raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter and printed copies will be in the office from Monday 11th March. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 3rd April. Please ensure that clothing worn on 22nd March is suitable for outdoor play as hopefully the weather will be nice!

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Please do use Mathletics to support your maths learning at home.

We challenge you to get a bronze, silver or gold certificate this week!



PTA QUIZ

Please remember to sign up for our PTA quiz night on the 22nd March. These have been a huge success in the past and lots of fun. I know the staff will be bringing a team.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

Have you signed up to **Your School Lottery**? A ticket costs £1 per week and **all** funds raised go directly to **our** school. Each week there is a jackpot prize draw for £25,000 and a local draw with a **guaranteed** prize for one of the supporters of our school! The size of the local draw prize is dependent on the number of tickets bought that week.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-vale-primary-school>

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 | | |
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| 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 | |
| 1.5.19 | Family Council Meeting | 9am |
| 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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