

VALE

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NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Farewell to Staff

Sadly we will be losing two members of staff at the end of this term. Mrs. Louise Virgoe has been a middle school teacher at the Vale since 1997 and in that time we have celebrated her marriage to fellow teacher Luc Virgoe and the birth of their beautiful daughter Jenna. She and her family are relocating to Cornwall and we wish them all every happiness and success for their future.

Miss Naomi Hickford was appointed for this term only as a Year 5 teaching assistant. Naomi will be travelling to India in January where she will do voluntary work before returning to the UK in the summer and commencing a teacher training degree at Chichester next September. We wish her a safe journey and good luck for her future as a primary school teacher.

Christmas Fair – Thursday 8th December, 5-7pm

The Christmas Fair is now only one week away, we hope to have most of the fair outdoors (weather permitting) so please wrap up warm.

Many thanks for all your wonderful donations; the hampers for the Raffle are now on display in the school entrance and look amazing. Raffle tickets are now on sale and have been sent home with the children for you to buy if you wish; the draw will be made during the Christmas Fair, so make sure that you send your money and tickets back in plenty of time.

As well as the raffle, there will be some fabulous stalls selling festive gifts, craft stalls and games for the children to take part in, not forgetting Santa's Grotto for the children to hand him their letters (don't forget to put on their name and class).

The children will sing carols to put us in a festive mood. We will also have the Anaz Curry House selling small bowls of curry with rice and a side dish, with FOV providing us with hot dogs and bacon rolls, as well as teas, coffees and hot chocolate...not forgetting the mulled wine and other drinks at the licensed bar!

Entrance is 50p per adult, with children entering for free. Each adult will receive a ticket to enter one of three draws with the chance to win one of the following prizes; two tickets for a tour of the Amex Stadium, a meal for two at Miller & Carter steakhouse, or a voucher for the Beauty Lounge.

We **urgently** need mince pies for the fair, so if you are able to buy or bake any we would be extremely grateful. Bought mince pies, please pass to Mrs Cairns in Year 6 as soon as possible. If baking, please provide these on the day of the fair. Be sure to write your child's name and class on any containers that you would like returned. Many thanks again for your continued support.

Bags2School Collection - 13th December (before 9am) at the school gate. Fill a black bag or two with your unwanted clothing, shoes, bags, bedding, and soft toys. Leave your bags at the school gate before 9am and they will be collected by Bags2School. The items are recycled and the school is paid 50p per kilo, so the more we recycle the more we raise!

Carol Singing at Old Barn Nurseries – I would like to say a big thank you to the pupils who joined me to sing carols at Old Barn Nurseries on the morning of Saturday 26th November. Naturally my thanks extend to parents and guardians who took the trouble to transport the children to and from the event as without your assistance these community events could not take place.

Festive Events for the Last Week of Term

- **Early Years Nativity** – Our Early Years children will be performing their Nativity at the Findon Valley Free Church on Monday 12th December at 2.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at the church.
- **Year 6 Christmas Concert for Findon WI** – Year 6 pupils will be performing a Christmas concert for the Findon WI at All Saints Church Hall on Wednesday 14th December at 2.00 p.m.
- **Year 5 Carol Singing at St. Barnabas** – Approximately 20 Year 5 pupils will be singing carols at St. Barnabas on Thursday 15th December at 1.30 p.m. We are most grateful to Windlesham House who have kindly agreed to transport some of our pupils to and from this event in their minibus.
- **Year 7 Carol Service at All Saints Church** – Our Year 7 pupils will be leading a Carol Service at All Saints Church for members of the local community on Thursday 15th December at 2.00 p.m.
- **Whole School Assembly** – Fire regulations sadly mean we can no longer enjoy a whole school assembly in the hall. However, not to give in and weather permitting, all year groups will gather on the playground for a final assembly of 2011 on Friday 16th December at 2.30 p.m. Although this will be standing for all, parents and guardians are very welcome to join us.

Talent show programme design competition

The Talent show will be taking place on Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February 2012. We would like to invite pupils to use their ICT skills to design the front cover of the programme. As the show will be taking place on two evenings, two winning designs will be chosen from all those received. Children wishing to submit a design should hand it to Miss Kipping, with their name and class on the back, no later than **Friday 6th January**.

Cross Country Competition (by Mrs. Webb)

On Saturday 19th November we hosted the annual Worthing Cross Country Event. 13 school teams took part in each race, which resulted in over 800 pupils from Worthing competing throughout the morning. The weather was perfect and thanks to a great team of parent and teacher helpers the course was set out in plenty of time for the 9:15am start.

Almost 80 pupils from Vale took part in the event and demonstrated great running skills. We came away with 2 medals: Eli Middleton (Year 5) came 1st in her race and Noah Maynard (Year 6) achieved 3rd. For 7 of the 8 races we were placed in the top 5 schools, which is a great achievement and shows the hard work the pupils have put in during curriculum and after school clubs in preparing for this event. A huge thank you to Peter Barber and April Modern who have helped enormously with the training of our teams.

We would also like to thank our sponsor Air Partner for providing a great set of running tops. It was lovely to see the pupils all wearing the black tops. It made them instantly recognisable and they felt part of the team.

European Day of Languages (by Mrs. Finch)

Wednesday 28th September was our European Day of Languages and 4AF held a video-conference with a school near Madrid in Spain.

We sang Juan Pequerio Baila, a typical Spanish song, to the children in Spain and we also sang 'Don't be Grumpy' to them with Mr. Garratt accompanying us on the guitar. In return the Spanish children asked the children in 4AF some questions in English and then some in Spanish to test our Spanish knowledge. We responded very well and showed that we could talk about our pets confidently. They finished by singing an English song to us. It was really exciting to actually speak to Spanish children live and to notice that they don't wear school uniform.

Carlos, the Spanish teacher, wanted a return video conference so on Tuesday 15th November the children in 3SH held a video conference with the Spanish school. They had fun noticing the similarities and differences in the Spanish classroom compared to their English classroom. The Spanish children read some 'wintry' English poems and 3SH sang the famous 'Hola, Hola Buenos Dias' in return. Another successful link had been made, and another one was booked for 4/3KN just before Christmas.

I would like to say a huge Gracias to Mr. Dan Measor for setting up the camera and the link both times.

CRB Applications – The on-line CRB application process is now up and running. Any parents who would like to help in the classrooms on a regular basis are asked to contact Donna Churchill in the office to begin their CRB application.

New Uniform Supplier

You may have seen that McGregors uniform shop in the town centre has now closed. Their business has been taken over by First4uniform who have a retail shop at 32 North Road, Lancing, West Sussex, BN15 9AB, telephone 01903 75181. Alternatively you may choose to visit their website www.first4uniform.com which has secure payments (HSBC) and a range of delivery options, including free delivery.

Extra-Curricular Clubs & Events

Please note there is no more athletics club or girls' football club now until the New Year due to festive events taking place between now and the end of term.

Please find attached the list of clubs that will be on offer to pupils in the first half of the Spring term. The children are bringing home a club booking letter and medical form today. Please complete the form, listing all clubs your child would like to attend, and return it as soon as possible as places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Places on many clubs are limited and you will be informed whether your child has a place or is on the waiting list for each individual club.

WWT Arundel Wetland Centre are running a Winter Wonderland Weekend on 3rd and 4th December. For information contact them on 01903 881530 or visit their website www.wwt.org.uk/arundel.

A classical concert playing music from family film and sport and aimed at children and families is being held at the Assembly Hall on Sunday 8th January at 2.45 p.m. Celebrated cellist Julian Lloyd Webber will be performing and among the items on the programme will be a selection of Hollywood film scores including 'Harry Potter' and 'The Pirates of the Caribbean'. Tickets are available from the box office on 01903 206206 or via the website www.worthingtheatres.co.uk.

Diary Dates

December 2011		
Thurs 1 st December	4-7 pm	Parent Consultation Appointments years 3 - 7
Tues 6 th December	2.00 pm	Yr 1 & 2 Performance "Are we nearly there yet?"
Wed 7 th December	9.15 am & 2pm	Yr 1 & 2 Performance "Are we nearly there yet?"
Thurs 8 th December	2.00 pm	Yr 1 & 2 Performance "Are we nearly there yet?"

Thurs 8 th December	5-7.00 pm	Christmas Fair – Families and friends welcome
Mon 12 th December	2.00 pm	EYFS Nativity at Free Church
Tues 13 th December	9.00 am	Bags2School Collection
Wed 14 th December	2.00 pm	Year 6 Christmas concert for Findon WI at All Saints
Thurs 15 th Dec	1.30 pm	Some Yr 5 pupils singing at St. Barnabas
Thurs 15 th Dec	2.00 pm	Year 7 Carol Service at All Saints Church
Fri 16 th December	2.30 pm	Whole school assembly on playground
January 2012		
Wed 4 th January	12.00 pm	Year 3 & 4 Talent Show auditions
Thurs 5 th January	12.35 pm	Year 5 & 6 Talent Show auditions
Fri 6 th January	12.35 pm	Year 7 Talent Show auditions
Tues 31 st January	eve	Talent Show
February 2012		
Wed 1 st February	eve	Talent Show
Mon 20 th February		School closed for in-service day
June 2012		
Fri 1 st June		School closed for in-service day

SCHOOL TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Friday 2nd September – Friday 16th December 2011

Half term 24th – 28th October 2011

SPRING TERM 2012

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 30th March 2012

Half term 13th – 17th February 2012

SUMMER TERM 2012

Monday 16th April – Friday 20th July 2012

Half term 4th – 8th June 2012

AUTUMN TERM 2012

Tuesday 4th September – Friday 21st December 2012

Half term 29th October – 2nd November 2012

SPRING TERM 2013

Monday 7th January – Thursday 28th March 2013

Half term 18th – 22nd February 2013

SUMMER TERM 2013

Monday 15th April – Wednesday 24th July 2013

Half term 27th – 31st May 2013

Clubs – Spring Term 1st Half

Day	Club	Year groups	Location	Changing	Time	Run By	Cost
Mon	Karate	All	Hall	Hall	3:15- 4:15pm	Sama Karate Club	£4 per session
	Zumba	R-3	Hall	Hall	8-8:30am	Dani	£2 per session
Tues	Football	6-7	Field		3:15-4:45pm	Cally Beaumont	None
	Netball	5	Playground	7DD	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Mckernan	None
	Brazilian Football	2-7	Field	Hall	3:15-4:15pm	Matt Wiltshire	£18 per half term
	Zumba	4-7	Hall	Hall	4:45-5:30pm <small>Please note time change from letter</small>	Dani	£2.50 per session
Wed	Kickboxing	5-7	Hall	Hall	8-8:35am	Sama Karate Club	£4 per session
	Gymnastics	3-7	Hall	5MS	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Scott & Mrs Potkins	None
Thurs	Girls football	5-7	Field	7KC	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Webb	None
	Basketball	5	Hall	Hall	8-8:35am	Worthing Thunder	£12 for 6 weeks
	Netball	3-4	Playground	4AF	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Finch	None
	Indoor athletics/running	4-7	Hall/Gallops	6EG	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Webb & Mr Barber	None
Friday	Football	5	Field	TBC	3:15-4:15pm	Julie Shannon	None
	Dance	R-yr 3	Hall	Hall	3:15-4pm	Dani	£17.50 per half term
	Dance	3-7	Hall	Hall	4-4:45pm	Dani	£17.50 per half term
	Football	4	Field	TBC	3:15-4:15pm	Jody Cutthbert Graham Pinn	None

Non-Sport Clubs – Spring Term 1st Half

Day	Club	Year groups	Location	Time	Run By	Cost
Mon	Woodwind	All	Music room	2.15-3.15pm	Mrs Govar-Nayer	Run by West Sussex
	Art	5-6	5NV	3:15-4:15pm Every other week	Mrs Nichol	None
	Piano	All	Music room	9.00am-1.00pm	Jo Keating	Run by West Sussex
Tues	Violin	All	Music room	11.00am-12.30pm	Miss Bridgeland	Run by West Sussex
	Sewing	6	Yr 7 group	12.30-1.00pm	Mrs A. Smith	None
	Acoustic Guitar	All	Music room	10.30-12.00pm	Miss Osborn	Run by West Sussex
Wed	Card Games	3-4	TBA	12.30-1.00pm	Mr. Garratt	None
	Construction	3	3SH	12:00-12:30pm	Mrs Head	None
	Quiet Games	3-4	3JV	12:00-12:30pm	Mrs Von Detten	None
Thurs	Choir	2	Hall	12:30-1pm	Mrs Granger & Miss King	None
	Countryside conservation	1-4	2/1 ATRC	12:20-1pm Every 3 weeks	Mrs Cotton & Mrs Blaker	None
	Keyboard	All	Music room	AM	Mrs Tate	Run by West Sussex
Friday	Drums	All years	Music room	Throughout the day	Jon Pugh	TBC
	French	3-4	Lab	12:00-12:30	Fernande Finch	£4.82 per lesson + CD
	French	1-2	Lab	12:30-1:00	Fernande Finch	£4.82 per lesson + CD
	Spanish	3-4	4/3AF	3:15-4:15 pm	Tim Nicholls	

Music Clubs: Please indicate on the club confirmation form if you require the application form for a specific music lesson.