

# V A L L E

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is our last Newsletter for 2011 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and help in making Vale School such a great place to learn and work. I would like to thank the Friends of the Vale committee for their enthusiasm and commitment in raising funds to support the school. This term the children have benefitted greatly from the netbooks and laptops we were able to purchase for each year group. Our Christmas Fair was also a great success. Thank you all for supporting the evening.

At this time of year, it is good to look back and remember some of the highlights. This year we have had much to celebrate, including the Year 6 girls' triumph at the National Kwik Cricket Championships and our success in the end of Key Stage 2 assessments. We were placed in the top 25% of schools nationally. I would like to congratulate the children on this amazing achievement.

I am sure you will also want to join me in saying a big thank you to all the Vale School staff members who are a dedicated team and work so hard to provide both an enriched, stimulating curriculum and a safe and happy environment for the children.

Tomorrow, weather permitting, we will be holding an end of year Christmas Assembly on the playground at 2.30pm. You are very welcome to join us for this time of celebration. However, if you are unable to join us, may I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

### **Christmas Fair Update**

Thank you to all the parents and children who braved the elements to come to the Christmas Fair last week, it was a big success and this is due to all the hard work of the Friends of the Vale parents who had worked tirelessly for months to prepare for the event. A big thank you to all the parents and staff that helped on the evening, it was exhausting but fun, and for the continued support of the Vale parents & local businesses with their generous donations towards the fair. I am delighted to announce that we made a fabulous £3,433 for the school. We will update you soon on how the money will be spent.

### **Year 6 Interschool Cooking Day (by Mrs. Cairns, Year 6 TA)**

Four pupils from Year 6 were recently chosen to represent the school in the first interschool cooking challenge day to be held at the Thomas A Becket Middle School. Gus Tosey, Ella Glazebrook, Isobel Wardley & Abisola Roberts had prepared their recipe prior to the event and came armed with ingredients ready to impress, and impress they did!

They worked brilliantly as a team and produced a delicious camembert quiche with stuffed peppers to wow the judges. The afternoon was spent decorating fairy cakes with a festive theme; the children all produced some amazing cakes and had lots of fun with icing and edible glitter! All the schools had a fabulous day and the day was topped off with the Vale winning by 1 point to be crowned the winners of the day. Many thanks to staff of TAB Middle School for hosting the day and congratulations to our victorious chefs!

## Clubs

A quick reminder that all pupils need to re-apply each term for a place on any of the extra-curricular clubs on offer. A letter and club medical form was sent home earlier this month and can also be found on the school's website [www.vale.w-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.vale.w-sussex.sch.uk).

## Christmas Basketball Camp

The Angmering School are hosting a Christmas Basketball Camp on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. for boys and girls aged 8-15 years. The cost of the camp is £20. Please contact head coach Daniel Hildreth on 07834828417 or email [dhcoaching@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dhcoaching@yahoo.co.uk) to book a place.

## Mayor's Charity Swim – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2012

The 2012 Mayor's Charity Swim will take place at Worthing Aquarena on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The charities who will benefit from this fundraising event are Acorn Pregnancy Counselling Services, MIND, Lauren Jones Foundation and Oakgrove College. As an ex Vale pupil we are delighted that Lauren Jones is included in this list. All children who take part will receive a certificate from the Mayor on the day and a medal once their sponsorship money has been paid in. We are hoping that the Mayor will attend an assembly in the new year to talk to the pupils about the Charity Swim. If you would like further details in the meantime, please contact Trudi Starling at [starlingsswim@talktalk.net](mailto:starlingsswim@talktalk.net).

## Vacancy on FVRA Committee

The Findon Valley Residents Association (FVRA) are looking for a mum or dad to come forward and take on the position of 'School/Children & Family Centre Liaison Officer' as part of their committee.

The role is to act as the liaison between the FVRA, Vale School and the Children and Family Centre. In addition the person will attend their monthly committee meetings to report back on any school/CFC issues as well as participate in any other discussions of other matters arising during the meeting.

For further information or to register your interest please contact Doug Jull, FVRA Chairman on 01903 872241 or email [doug@stanhopes.net](mailto:doug@stanhopes.net).

## Diary Dates

<b>January 2012</b>		
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> January	12.00 pm	Year 3 & 4 Talent Show auditions
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> January	12.35 pm	Year 5 & 6 Talent Show auditions
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> January	12.35 pm	Year 7 Talent Show auditions
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup> January	eve	Talent Show
<b>February 2012</b>		
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> February	eve	Talent Show
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> February		School closed for in-service day
<b>June 2012</b>		
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June		School closed for in-service day

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

### SPRING TERM 2012

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
Half term 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012

### SUMMER TERM 2012

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Half term 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### AUTUMN TERM 2012

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012  
Half term 29<sup>th</sup> October – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012

### SPRING TERM 2013

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2013  
Half term 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013

### SUMMER TERM 2013

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
Half term 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013

