

VALE

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NEWS

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Sickness and Diarrhoea

Please can we remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should remain at home for **48 hours** following the last episode. Unfortunately children are being sent back to school either too soon or clearly still unwell and the bugs are spreading to other children and staff members. Your co-operation in helping us contain the bugs would be appreciated.

Year 7 Last Day of School

I would like to remind year 7 parents and guardians that we would ask you not to book limos for their last day at the Vale. We are currently planning what the Year 7 pupils will be doing on the last day in the summer and will let you know before the Easter Break.

Vale School Publicity

We have been delighted to read several articles in the Worthing Herald recently celebrating some of the events taking place at the Vale. There are several reports in today's Herald and we hope you take the opportunity to read the articles.

Mrs. Sue Smith Receives a Good Citizen Award

We are very proud to report that Mrs. Sue Smith has been presented with a "Good Citizen Award" by the High Sheriff of West Sussex in recognition of her actions and the role she played during the incident last year when two criminals on the run from police entered the school. Mrs. Smith very modestly said she was treating the award as recognition for the role the entire school played during the events. However we think it entirely appropriate that her leadership and handling of the situation in March last year should be acknowledged and celebrated in this way. Well done Mrs. Smith!

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to the parents and guardians who have already returned the questionnaire forms. Please can all other forms be returned to the school by Monday 24th January. I will feedback the results of the survey shortly.

Friends of the Vale Fundraising Update

Uniform Sale & Coffee morning - Thank you to those of you who came along last Friday, we made £160 to go towards our laptop fundraising project for the school.

Our next fundraiser takes place on Friday 28th January when we will be hosting **Grease Night at the Vale School**. This will give all you **Pink Ladies** an opportunity to dance the night away and help to raise money for both the school and Cancer Research. Proceeds from the raffle going to Cancer Research; so please come along and have fun with friends and help raise money for a great cause. Over 18s only.

Tickets are selling well, they are £5 each and are available at the school reception desk and will be on sale on the playground on the morning of Friday 21st January.

Discos – Due to the snow in December, we have rescheduled the year 5, 6, 7 disco to Friday 11th February. As we have employed a DJ for the night, we are able to offer an additional disco to years 2, 3 &

4. We have had to restrict the evening to these year groups only, to ensure that we have adequate space in the hall for the children to safely enjoy the discos.

Years 2, 3, 4	5.30 – 6.30pm
Years 5, 6, 7	6.45 – 7.45pm

Entrance is £3.00, pay on the day and enter through Mrs Granger's classroom off the playground.

All children need to be collected by an adult from the school hall at the end of the disco.

The children will have the opportunity to buy snacks 30p-50p and drinks 50p each, as well as disco novelties for approximately £1, so please ensure they have some money to spend if they wish.

We can only allow children within their allocated year group into the disco and as space is very restricted we kindly ask that parents leave the children with us and return to collect them at the end of the disco. This allows the children to have more room and helps to keep the temperature down in the hall! We hope to be able to provide a classroom for parents to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, whilst the children enjoy the disco.

Without parent helpers, we are unable to run the discos. If you are able to spare an hour to help, please put your name on the list outside the school office or email us at FOVale@gmail.com.

Read Write Inc Parent Workshops

As previously reported, we have introduced a new programme for teaching reading and writing alongside our creative curriculum. The programme is predominantly for KS1 but some KS2 children will participate too. We are holding two workshops for parents on Wednesday 26th January at 2.15 and 6.00 p.m. This workshop will help parents support your child at home and give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. If you would like to attend one of these workshops please contact Mrs. Chris Allen in the school office.

Bikes and Scooters at School

If your child brings their bicycle or scooter to school please can you remind them not to ride their bike or scooter until well away from waiting parents outside the school gate to avoid the risk of any collisions. Thank you.

Office Cupboards

We would be most grateful to receive any unwanted office cupboards. Please contact the school office if you have any items that you would be willing to donate to the school.

Printer Ink and Toner Cartridges

Please continue to send in any used printer ink and toner cartridges for recycling (except Epson). The school receives money for each cartridge received. The collection box has been moved but any donations can be handed in at the reception desk.

Year 6 Plea for Material

Year 6 teachers would be most grateful to receive any donations of unwanted material for activities being undertaken by the children during this half term. Please hand all contributions to the reception desk. Thank you.

The Rowland Gibson Charity Swim – Worthing Aquarena

The Mayor's Charity Swim has been renamed the Rowland Gibson Charity Swim in memory of Mr. Gibson who sadly passed away last year. This year's event takes place at Worthing Aquarena on Saturday 5th February and Saturday 12th March and proceeds will be split between The Mayor's charities: Sussex Air Ambulance, RNLI, Queen Alexandra Hospital Home and Worthing & District Alzheimer's Society. Sponsorship forms are available from Worthing Aquarena, Worthing Leisure Centre and Davison Leisure Centre. Forms can also be downloaded from the website www.worthing.gov.uk. For further information please contact Trudi Starling on 07939 011737 or email her at starlingswim@talktalk.net.

Access 4 All Event – Saturday 5th February 2011

Access 4 All is a fun, free information roadshow for disabled children, young people and their families. This event takes place at Fontwell Racecourse on Saturday 5th February 2011 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information go to www.westsussex.gov.uk or call Family Information Service on 01243 777807.

Clubs

Attached to this newsletter is a list of all clubs available this half term.

Diary Dates

January 2011		
Wed 26 th Jan	2.00 p.m. 5.30 p.m.	Read Write Inc. parents workshops in hall
Fri 28 th Jan	7.00 p.m.	FOV Grease Night
February 2011		
Mon 28 th Feb		INSET DAY (School closed for staff training)
March 2011		
1 st -4 th Mar		Arts Week
Tues 22 nd Mar		INSET DAY (School closed for staff training)
April 2011		
Fri 29 th April		Royal Wedding (school closed)
May 2011		
9 th -13 th May		Key Stage 2 SATs Tests for Year 6 pupils
June 2011		
13 th – 17 th June		Year 6 Residential Trip to Herstmonceux
20 th – 24 th June		Year 7 Residential Trip to France
Thurs 30 th June		INSET DAY (School closed for staff training)

SCHOOL TERM DATES

SPRING TERM 2011

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 8th April 2011
Half term 21st – 25th February 2011

SUMMER TERM 2011

Tuesday 26th April – Friday 22nd July 2011
Half term 30th May – 3rd June 2011

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Friday 2nd September – Friday 16th December 2011 (please note Friday 2nd September will be an in-service day)
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

Clubs – Spring Term 1st Half

Day	Club	Year groups	Location	Changing	Time	Run By	Cost
Monday	Karate	All	Hall	Hall	3:15- 4:15pm	Sama Karate Club	£3.50 p/session
	Football	6	Field	6JT	3:15-4:15pm	Mr Todd	None
	Art Studio	Invited pupils	3SH	N/A	3:15-4:45pm	Mrs Steele	None
Tuesday	Indoor Athletics	6 and 7	Hall	Boys -6JT Girls – 6NM	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Webb	None
	Brazilian Football	4-7	Field	6JT	3:15-4:15pm	Matt Wiltshire	TBC
	Cricket	6 girls	Hall/field	6JT	12:35-1:05pm	Mr Todd	None
Wednesday	Football	3 and 4	Field	3JV	3:15-4:15pm	Julie Shannon	None
	Radiant Child® Yoga	R-3	Hall	Hall	3:15-3:45pm	Bridgette Blackman	Free (this term only)
	Radiant Child® Yoga	4-7	Hall	Hall	4-4:45pm	Bridgette Blackman	Free (this term only)
Thursday	Athletics	4 and 5	Playground	6NM	3:15-4:15pm	Miss Marley	None
	Rugby	4-7	Field	4DN	3:15-4:15pm	Shoreham Rugby Club	None
	Gymnastics	3-7 (invited pupils only)	Hall	5MS	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Scott	None
Friday	Street Dance	6/7	Hall	Hall	12:35-1:05pm	Miss Kipping	None
	Dance	R-yr 3	Hall	Hall	3:15-4pm	Dani	£20 per half term
	Dance	3-7	Hall	Hall	4-4:45pm	Dani	£20 per half term
	Spanish	3-4	4/3AF	N/A	3:15-4:15pm	Tim Nicholls	TBC

NB: Clubs in bold also require a separate club letter to be completed and/or payment. Please see Mrs Allen in the office
Please fill in all letters/forms for each club regardless of whether your child has already attended last term.