

V A L E

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Works around the school

Thank you for bearing with us while different areas of the school grounds have been dug up. There has been a water leak at school, the source of which has now been identified and work is being undertaken to fix the cause.

Parent Governor

Congratulations to Mrs. Mandy Ainsworth who has been re-elected as a parent governor for a second 4-year term of office.

No Nuts Please!

Please can we remind parents that no child should have anything in their lunch boxes containing nuts; this includes things like nutella and peanut butter. There are children in the school with **severe** allergies to nuts who can suffer an allergic reaction to even being close to nuts. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Sporting Success (by Mr. Todd)

The girls' cricket team played in a year 8 tournament at Brighton College. As Angmering dropped out at the last minute, it was 'best of three' against the hosts. In the first game, after an excellent bowling performance, the girls chased down 62 to win off 8 overs. However, as you'd expect from a team of two years their senior (and coached by Chris Adams' daughter!) Brighton hit back to take the second game by 20 runs. It was then down to the last game. The Vale won the toss and bowled and fielded very well; limiting Brighton to 81 runs. 10 an over was required and despite losing wickets the girls kept up with the run rate - leaving two required for victory on the final ball. The Vale held their nerve to triumph! The team was: Ella Bourne (c), Lauren Rippon (wk & player of the tournament), Phoebe Osborne, Hannah Truss, Ellie Botting, Skye Duplock, Grace Piper and Lauren Foord. The girls go on to represent the county at St Bede's Prep School on 14th February. Well done girls and good luck.

Thank you from Mrs. Angela Finch

I would like to say a massive 'thank you' to Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Haywood, Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Robins who regularly help out at my year 3 and 4 netball practice on Tuesday after school. Without their help fetching and returning the posts (half way round the school) and collecting and pumping up the netballs, my job would be ten times harder. Wrapped up in coats, hats and scarves they arrive with smiles and we all enjoy a good run around the netball court. Thank you Mums once again – I really appreciate your help and enjoy your company.

Friends of the Vale Report

Grease Night!

Thank you to the Friends of the Vale team for putting on such a fun event! It was great to see so many Pink Ladies enjoy the evening; many thanks to all of those who came along and to Lisa for her brilliant dance tuition. We made £158 on the raffle which goes to Cancer Research, as well as approximately £350 towards this year's goal to provide more laptops for the school. Thanks to Richard John Beauty Salon and Bennett Griffin Solicitors for their generous donations to the raffle.

Following the success of the Grease Night we are hoping to hold another event later in the year, so watch out...it could be a "Thriller" of a night!

Discos

Friday 11th February - Years 2,3,4 5.30 – 6.30pm

Friday 11th February - 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.

Bags2School Collection

Monday 7th March – Bags2School Collection.

You may donate the following:

clothing	shoes (please tie together)	handbags
soft toys	curtains	bedding

Please donate in either Bags2School bags (these will be sent home in the next few weeks) or in a black bin bags at the school gate by 9.00am on Monday 7th March. We receive money based on the weight of the bags. So if you are having a clear out over half term, please remember us! The last collection raised nearly £300 for the school.

Shiver me timbers we're being taken over by pirates!

It was a scary start to the day yesterday when about 80 pirates stormed the school! Thankfully it was only our Early Years children and staff entering into the spirit of their "Pirate Day" by looking menacingly fantastic in their pirate outfits. Great fun was had by all during the day as the mini pirates built class pirate ships, made treasure maps and pirate hats, painted treasure island pictures, hunted for missing Polly parrot, made "where's Polly" posters, enjoyed role playing as pirates and walked the plank. The finale of the day was a re-visit to each class by Pirate Pete who burst through the doors uttering many "ooh aahs," thanking the children for finding his parrot and offering them jobs on his pirate ship! Thank you to the Early Years staff for a great day.

Places to visit and things to do!

I hope the following information is of interest to you:-

Rugby Camp

Rugby Camp at Worthing Rugby Club from Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd February, 9.30am – 3.00pm. For boys and girls in years 4 – 9. £85 per child (multiple booking discounts available). Professional coaching from RFU qualified coaches/PE teachers. Learn new skills in a challenging, inclusive and fun environment – all abilities welcome. The price includes 2 tickets (1 adult & 1 child) to Quins vs Gloucester on Saturday 26th March 2011. Booking online at www.superstar-sports-camps.co.uk or collect a booking form from Mrs. Allen in the school office.

Arty Kids Workshop – Mocha Shop, Chapel Road (opposite the Town Hall). Art workshops aimed to inspire and teach children to create their own masterpieces, experiment and explore with various materials. All materials are provided. Forthcoming workshops include:

19th February 10.30am-4pm – Amazing Owls

5th March 10.30am-1pm – Comic art characters; 1.30-4pm – Make a mini comic strip

19th March 10.30am-1pm – Customise a mirror; 1.30-4pm – Decorate glass jar

2nd April 10.30am-1pm and 1.30-4pm – Make a selection of surprise gifts for Mothering Sunday

9th April 10.30am-4pm – Punchy piñatas

For further details or to secure a place please contact Nadia on 207708 or by email at nadiachalk@fsmail.net.

Fishbourne Roman Palace & Gardens Family Fun Days

Between Monday 21st and Thursday 24th February between 10am and 4pm Fishbourne Roman Palace and Gardens at Chichester would like to invite you to come along and discover life in Roman times. There will be lots of exciting hands-on activities to try and fun for all ages!

The Theatre Workshop

The Theatre Workshop has 6 stage schools throughout Sussex and gives performing arts training to children between 5 and 18 years old offering group classes in singing, dancing and acting. For further information please phone 01273 733736, email them at info@thetheatreworkshop.com or see their website www.thetheatreworkshop.com.

Would you like to run the 2011 Brighton Marathon in aid of Whizz-Kidz?

Whizz-Kidz is a UK based charity which provides customised mobility equipment, training and advice to disabled children throughout the UK. They have been allocated places in the 2011 Brighton Marathon and are reliant on funds raised via events such as this in order to survive. If you know of anyone who would be interested in running for Whizz-Kidz please contact them on 020 7233 6600 or see their website www.whizz-kidz.org.uk.

Diary Dates

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		
Mon 2 nd May		Bank Holiday (school closed)
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.