

VALE

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NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year.

In-service Date

A reminder that the school is closed for in-service training on **Thursday 30th June 2011**. We will have the dates for next Year's INSET days in July and will inform you of these dates then.

Staff News

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to the following staff:

- Mr. Paul Stezaker, who has served as Deputy Headteacher for 23 years is retiring. We wish him all the best for a long, happy and healthy retirement;
- Mr. Joe Todd will be leaving to take up a Deputy Headteacher position in a school in Lancing. We would like to thank Joe for all his enthusiasm and support of cricket and football at the Vale and we wish him every success in his new role;
- Mrs. Ruth Connor will be retiring after working as a teacher here for 20 years;
- Miss Natasha Marley has decided to leave to take the opportunity to travel next year;
- Mrs. Anne-Marie Jacobs who has served the school as Science Technician and Educational Visits Co-ordinator;
- Mrs. Liz Steele who has worked for at the school for 19 years both in the office and as a Teaching Assistant;
- Mrs. Lesley Everett who has served us as a Teaching Assistant for 18 years;
- Mrs. Pauline Sinnott who has also worked as a Teaching Assistant for 15 years.

It is always sad to be saying goodbye, but we wish them all the very best as they move on to new adventures. We will be presenting each member of staff with a gift at the end of term. If you would like to contribute towards their leaving present please send donations in to the office in a sealed envelope indicating which members of staff you are contributing towards.

Joining us in September are Miss Vicki Grimwood, who will be leading our Early Years Team and Mr. Ed Gittins who will be teaching in Year 6. We look forward to welcoming them to the Vale.

2011-2012 Class Teachers

Next year the class teachers will be:

Early Years: Miss Vicki Grimwood, Miss Nicola Leach, Mrs. Alison Smith

Yrs 1 & 2: Mrs. Sarah Granger, Miss Sarah King, Mrs. Sam Blaker, Mr. Adam Pannell, Mrs. Anne Todd and Mrs. Rekha Cotton

Yrs 3 & 4: Mrs. Dianne Neale, Mrs. Sian Head, Mrs. Joan von Detten, Mrs. Angela Finch and Mrs. Kristy Northrop

Year 5: Mrs. Laura Nichol, Mrs. Mel Scott and Miss Laura Kipping

Year 6: Miss Rhoda Wilson, Mrs. Jess Barnes and Mr. Ed Gittins

Year 7: Mr. Michael Tidd, Mrs. Karen Caughlin and Mrs. Debi Daisley

Mrs. Louise Virgo will be supporting in Years 4 and 5.

Mrs. Debbie Webb will be supporting in Years 6 and 7.

Miss Catherine McConnell will continue to serve the school as our SENCo.

Mrs. Sue Smith will continue to be our Deputy Headteacher.

Full details of the Teaching Assistants and other staff can be found on our website in our school prospectus.

We will inform you of which class your child will be in next year in July. The children will then have the opportunity to meet their new teacher on a couple of occasions and you will also be able to meet them at a session after school on Wednesday 6th July.

Team Photographs

Team photographs are on display in the school entrance with order forms. Order forms for the class and year 7 leavers' photographs will be sent home shortly.

Uniform

For the next 2 weeks we have samples of the new school uniform in the school entrance. Please feel free to come and have a look.

Children's Parade

The year 5 children have been working hard creating our entry to the Children's Parade on Saturday 18th June. We need help transporting the large sculptures to the start of the parade near the Aquarena. If you have a van or people carrier and are able to offer assistance please contact the school office.

Sporting News

Sporting Success (by Mr. Todd)

It has been a very successful time recently for the Vale Cricket teams, as the season fast approaches.

The Year 6 boys' team have only played one game so far, winning an 8-a-side softball against West Park at Goring Cricket Club. Their man tournaments start on Friday 17th June.

The girls have kept up their winning streak against the high schools in the Under 13s softball competition; so far they have beaten Brighton College, Hove Park, Bishop Luffa and Shoreham Academy. In their final group game they face Blatchington Mill. In addition to this, they got through to the finals of the 20/20 by beating Greenway School of Horsham in the semi final. Their national tournament 1st round starts on Friday 10th June. Good luck to them.

National School Sports Week (by Mrs. Webb)

This year our sports week will span 2 weeks, starting on Monday 20th June. Over the 2 weeks there will be a range of sporting opportunities for all pupils both inside and out of school and your child will be bringing home a letter today from Mrs. Webb with further details. Please can we remind you to pledge your support online at <http://www.lloydstsblondon2012.co.uk/In-your-community/National-School-Sport-Week/> we can win extra tickets to the games if we have enough pledges!

Sports Days:

EYFS Monday 20th June 1.45 p.m.

Year 1-4 Tuesday 21st June 9.15 am

Year 5-7 Tuesday 28th June 9.15 am

Area athletics years 4-7 (pupils will be selected to attend) Wednesday 29th June at Worthing Leisure Centre

House Mufti Day

On Friday 1st July we will be holding a closing ceremony where we will be celebrating the achievements of the pupils over the previous two weeks. To coincide with this we are holding a mufti day where pupils are asked to wear clothes in the colour of their house. A donation of £1 will be gratefully received which will be used to fund new sports equipment, clubs and kit. Your support is very much appreciated.

Friends of the Vale News

Summer Fayre – Friday 8th July

This is a fantastic school community event that involves all staff, pupils, parents, grandparents, carers and local residents and we hope that this year's fayre will be no exception.

This year's fayre has a Children's Book theme, with each class producing their stall in the theme of their favourite book. We hope to have a fancy dress competition too, for children to come dressed as their favourite book character.

The fayre will run from 4.30 to 7.00 p.m. on Friday 8th July and with your help and support we hope to make this a very special event for the children to enjoy. We are getting ever closer to our target to raise funds to buy more laptops for the school and as always your help and support in these events is very much appreciated.

How can you help? There are many ways in which you can help leading up to the day of the fayre.....

Friday 24th June – D-Day (Donation Day) – we ask that children bring in a donation towards the fayre. Suggestions for these have been listed below (***Friday 17th June for Year 7 pupils taking part in their French trip during the week of 24th June***). Volunteers will be needed on 24th June to help receive the donations and sort them into groups for various stalls/raffle prizes.

Friday 8th July – All the fun of the Fayre! – during the morning we need to set up the fayre and would be most grateful for adults to help set up gazebos / marquees first thing on the day of the fayre. During the afternoon we need help setting up the class stalls.

At the fayre itself we need help on the BBQ (a great one for the Dads, last year's BBQ crew were amazing!), refreshments and beer tent as well as help on your child's class stall. Be a part of this fantastic event and offer your help to your child's teacher or direct to the Friends of the Vale team. We will send out a letter/slip next week for you to be able to offer your time in helping for the fayre. Alternatively please contact us on FOVale@gmail.com if you can offer your help in any way.

Suggested donations for **D-Day** on 24th Jun are as follows:-

Year Group	Suggested Donations
Early Years	New party bag style novelties (multi packs would be greatly appreciated that can be used as small prizes for stalls)
Years 1 & 2	Non-perishable summer picnic / hamper items such as: Olives, nuts, crackers / breadsticks, luxury crisps / sweets, biscuits, preserves, marinades, relishes, salad dressings

	Picnic ware, napkins, summer outdoor games
Year 3 & 4	Wrapped sweets, soft drinks, tins, sauces such as ketchup, relishes, BBQ sauces, salad dressings
Year 5	New items that can be used for prizes e.g. marbles, top trumps, nail varnish sets, hair clips, children's stationary sets
Year 6 & 7	Bottles (wine, beer, soft drinks)

If anyone has connections with a local business and can offer a prize for the raffle, or prizes for a stall, please contact us at FOVale@gmail.com.

Finally, we are also interested in any donations of books, good as new soft toys, good quality toys and games, small party bag novelties. These can be put in the donation bins at the end of the main corridor.

Thank you.

Diary Dates

June 2011		
13 th – 17 th June		Year 6 Residential Trip to Herstmonceux
Friday 17 th June		Summer Fayre donation day for year 7 pupils going to France
20 th June – 1 st July		Vale School's 2 Week Sport Event
Monday 20 th June	1.45 pm	Early Years Sports Day
20 th – 24 th June		Year 7 Residential Trip to France
Tuesday 21 st June	9.00 am	Years 1-4 Sports Day
Friday 24 th June		Summer Fayre donation day
Tuesday 28 th June	9.00 am	Years 5-7 Sports Day
Thurs 30 th June		INSET DAY (School closed for staff training)
Friday 1 st July		House mufti day
Friday 8 th July	4.30-7.00pm	FOV Summer Fayre

SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

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 – Summer Term 2nd Half

Day	Club	Year groups	Location	Changing	Time	Run By	Cost
Mon	Karate	All	Hall	Hall	3:15- 4:15pm	Sama Karate Club	£3.50 p/session
	Netball	5	Playground	7DD	3:15-4:45pm	Mrs Daisley A. Killip & H. Potiphar	None
Tues	Athletics	5,6 and 7	Field	Boys -6JT Girls – 6NM	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Webb	None
	Brazilian Football	4-7	Gallops	Hall	3:15-4:15pm	Matt Wiltshire	TBC
Wed	Netball	3/4	Playground	3/4AF	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Finch	None
	Cricket	5/6	Playground	6JT	3:15-4:30pm	Mickey Demetriou	£3.50 p/session
Thurs	Moon Valley Yoga	R-3	Hall	Hall	3:15-3:45pm	Bridgette Blackman	£12
	Moon Valley Yoga	4-7	Hall	Hall	4-4:45pm	Bridgette Blackman	£16
Friday	Gymnastics	3-7 (invited pupils)	Hall	5MS	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Scott	None
	Dance	R-yr 3	Hall	Hall	3:15-4pm	Dani	£20 per half term
Friday	Dance	3-7	Hall	Hall	4-4:45pm	Dani	£20 per half term
	Football	3	Field	3JV	3:15-4:15pm	Jody Cuthbert Graham Pinn	None
	Spanish	3-4	4/3AF	N/A	3:15-4:15pm	Tim Nicholls	TBC

NB: You need to complete a school club form for all clubs you wish your child to attend

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.