

# VALE

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# NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **In-service Dates for 2011-12**

The school will be closed for in-service training on the following dates during the next academic year:-

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2011  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2012

### **17" Flat Screen Monitors Available**

We have a number of 17" flat screen monitors that are available on a first come first served basis in exchange for a donation to the school fund. Please contact IT Manager Dan Measor or Donna Churchill in the school office.

### **Friends of the Vale News Summer Fayre**

We are all looking forward to the Summer Fayre tomorrow afternoon from 4.30 – 7.00 p.m. and are keeping our fingers crossed that the rain stays away. **The fayre will go ahead whatever the weather and will be moved indoors if necessary.** The staff and children have all worked very hard preparing their stall for the fayre so please do come along and bring family and friends too ..... the more the merrier.

Thank you to everyone for the many and varied gifts you kindly gave on donation day. Please take a look at the super hampers in the school entrance and along the main corridor. Raffle tickets will still be available to buy at the fayre.

Finally, we would be extremely grateful to receive books, plants, second-hand toys and bric-a-brac and home-made cakes for the fayre. Please bring your donations in tomorrow.

### **Discos**

We look forward to the children returning to school in September when we will be arranging welcome back discos in the first half of the Autumn term. Please look out for further information soon.

### **Transition to New Classes**

Yesterday and today the children have had the opportunity to meet their new class teacher, and parents also had the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher after school yesterday. I would like to thank parents who have fed back to me their views about our transition arrangements. We will take note of the comments made as we plan next year's transition events. Over the next two weeks the children will start to bring their work home. We have made the decision that this year that all the children's school work will be sent home for you to enjoy and read together with your child. The only books we will be keeping in school are the children's Modern Foreign Language books (which includes vocabulary they

will need in future years) and some Art Sketch books. As this is a new venture for the school, I would appreciate your views about sending the children's books home. If you have any concerns about your child's class next year, please do not hesitate to talk to either your child's current class teacher, year group leader or myself.

### **End of Year Picnic**

In the past we have held a picnic on the last day of term for families with children in Early Years, Year 1 and 2. This has always been a lovely end to the year. Unfortunately, we are unable to hold the event this year, however, will be looking to re-launch an end of year event next year for families.

### **Year 4 Swimming**

We are pleased that we are now able to offer the children moving in to Year 4 in September swimming lessons next year. Each class will have a term of lessons at the Aquarena. We will run this for the year and would appreciate feedback from Year 4 parents as the year progresses. If it proves successful, we will make it a permanent part of the Year 4 curriculum.

### **Year 5 Music Lessons**

We have successfully applied for funding to be able to provide every child in Year 5 with instrumental music lessons next year. Research has shown that learning to play a musical instrument helps both academic and social development so we are very excited about this new development. The children will be learning either a cornet (small trumpet) or a baritone (small tuba). West Sussex is providing us with an instrument for every child and 2 specialist teachers each week to work with the classes. By the end of the year, we might even have our own Vale School Brass Band!

### **Quiet Garden Thanks**

Annie Charbonneau and Lorna Tang would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped on the garden clearing day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. We exceeded the expectations and even finished early! We would also like to thank Mr. Kim Churchill and his staff from Southern Rail who held a team building day at the Vale constructing many of the seating and decking areas of the garden as well as painting and gardening. This was a hugely successful day and we are most grateful for their support. We are delighted that parent Mr. Ammolla, manager at Old Barn Nurseries, has very kindly agreed to sponsor this project and provide all the plants for the garden. The area is well on the way to being transformed into a multi sensory garden and outside classroom. A grand opening is set for early September.

### **Sporting Successes**

#### **Vale 2 Week Sports Event (by Mrs. Webb)**

Despite the weathers attempts to hamper our outside events, we managed to go ahead with our Mini Olympics. It started with a whole school opening ceremony where the gym and dance club treated us to a display of their skills. We had 2 sports stars; Amy Jacobs (Lloyds TSB sporting hero and past pupil) and Lily Partridge (Cross country GB team member); officially open our mini Olympic Games. Hopefully many of you saw the article in the local Argus.

Over the 2 weeks pupils took part in a sports day, inter-house tug of war and explored the Olympic Games through our access to the Get Set Network. The sports days were a huge success and a big thank you to all the parents and families who came to support their child and take part in their own race!

We were also able to provide a range of taster sessions for the pupils including cheerleading, kickboxing, volleyball, gymnastics and zumba. We have links to all the coaches who visited our school and many are setting up clubs for the pupils next year. Please look out for our club link page which will be appearing on our website very soon.

We asked each child to pledge a 'personal best' as part of our involvement in National School Sports Week. Your child will have pledged to improve in a particular sport or skill. Please can you help and encourage them to continue with this.

One of our aims was to encourage pupils to be active and to recognise the benefits of taking part in regular activity. To help pupils achieve this, your child should have received an Asda voucher offering your child a free coaching session. Please let us know any sports you were able to access using this voucher.

With the 2012 Olympics fast approaching we will be using the Olympic Values in school throughout the year and have already started planning our own 2012 mini Olympics!

### **Cricket (by Mr. Todd)**

On Monday 27th June, Vale Girls Cricket Team won the Kwik Cricket County Finals for the 3rd year in a row. Taking place at Blackstone, the girls, who won the Worthing Event two weeks ago, were in a group of 4. They won all three games by upwards of 100 runs, against Jessie Younghusband, St Mary Star of the Sea and The Haven.

Progressing into the 1/4 finals, they won by 140 runs and then in a relatively tight semi-final beat Silverdale School. In the final, the girls defeated Mile Oak School by 263 runs to 224. Both of these schools go up to represent Sussex in the South Eastern Regional Finals next week, where they are one step away from the National Competitions.

The Vale girls, all in year 6, have also progressed to the County Finals in the 20/20 competition and beat the High Schools to a final in the Under 13s Softball League.

Well done to the team of Hannah Truss, Amy Little, Ellie Botting, Phoebe Osborne, Lauryn Foord, Lauren Rippon (wk), Grace Piper, Ella Bourne (c) & Tammy Davidson

### **Area Athletics (by Mrs. Webb)**

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 40 pupils from across years 4,5,6 and 7 went to Worthing Leisure Centre for the annual area athletics competition. There were 9 schools competing and each school represented a country. Our adopted country was India, so our year 7 team carried our Indian flag along the track as part of the opening ceremony.

Our teams did really well. We achieved 10 individual medals across the year groups, which was a fantastic collection. Our year 4 and 6 team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their year group and overall our school came 4<sup>th</sup>, although there were only a few points between us and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

A huge well done to all the competitors, they showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship and were a pleasure to have representing the school. Thank you also to all the parents who transported the team and came to support, without your help we would not be able to attend.

### **Team Kits (by Mrs. Webb)**

Please can you hunt at home for any team kits, we have many kits or parts of kit missing and without these returned we can't use them for fixtures next year. Please hand all kits into the front reception. Thank you.

### **Sponsorship (by Mrs. Webb)**

As we take part in a range of athletic events over the year we are looking to purchase an athletics kit. We are currently seeking a sponsor for this purchase. If you run a business or work for a company who may be interested in this please contact Mrs Webb at the school.

### **Extra-Curricula Activities on Offer**

#### **Cricket Academy at Windlesham House School**

Spin 6 Cricket Academy is running a summer coaching course at Windlesham House School from Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August for pupils aged 4-13 years. The course is from 1.00-4.00 p.m. daily and costs £20 per individual day or £75 for all four days. Please visit [www.windlesham.com](http://www.windlesham.com) for more information or call Spin 6 on 07961 827889 or email [Spin6@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Spin6@hotmail.co.uk).

### **Worthing Tabernacle Children's Holiday Club**

Worthing Tabernacle Church are hosting a children's holiday club from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30-12 noon for children aged 5 to 11 years. The cost is £1.50 per day or £6 for the week. For more information or a registration form call 236542 or email [info@worthingtab.org.uk](mailto:info@worthingtab.org.uk)

### **Lancing Leisure Holiday Fun 2011**

Holiday Fun based at Lancing College offers a wide and wonderful range of activities, set amidst its own grounds covering 30 acres. The facilities encompass an indoor swimming pool, playing fields and many sporting and artistic opportunities. The club runs for four weeks from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August and is for children aged 6 to 13 years. For further information or a booking form please telephone 01798 831428, email [grahamstevenson@onetel.com](mailto:grahamstevenson@onetel.com) or write to Lancing Leisure, Panel Cottage, Church Street, Amberley, West Sussex, BN18 9ND. Alternatively you can visit the Holiday Fun website [www.lancingholidayfun.co.uk](http://www.lancingholidayfun.co.uk).

### **Diary Dates**

<b>July 2011</b>		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	4.30-7.00pm	FOV Summer Fayre
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Last day of term
<b>September 2011</b>		
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> September		School closed for in-service day
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> September		Start of new school year
<b>October 2011</b>		
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> October		School closed for in-service day
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<b>June 2012</b>		
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### **SCHOOL TERM DATES**

#### **AUTUMN TERM 2011**

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

Half term 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011

#### **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

