

# VALE

Value All Learners Equally

# NEWS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is our last Newsletter for the year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped in any way to make it such a successful year. We have had success on the sporting field, success in our exam results, along with excellent shows like Joseph, the talent show and Canterbury Tales. I hope you have an enjoyable summer and look forward to meeting you all again in September.

At this time of year it is always sad to be saying goodbye to a number of people. Firstly, I would like to thank our Year 7 pupils and wish them the very best as they move on to High School. They have been a fantastic group of students who have been excellent role models to the rest of the school. We also have a few pupils leaving us from Year 6 as they move on to their secondary school. We wish them well.

We have a number of staff leaving this year and I am sure you join with me in wishing them well as they move on to new things.

Mr. Stezaker, who has served the school as Deputy Headteacher for 22 years, is retiring. I would like to thank him for his support during my first year as Headteacher. We wish him a long, healthy and happy retirement.

Mr. Todd is moving on to a new school taking on the role of Deputy Headteacher. Joe has not only led our girls' cricket team to amazing success in the National Kwik Cricket Finals, he has also led many other teams successfully.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs. Connor, Miss Marley, Mrs. Jacobs, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Everett and Mrs. Sinnott. We wish them well and thank them for all they have done for the school.

### **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

### **Friends of the Vale News**

#### Summer Fayre Update

With the weather very much against us earlier in the day, the rain eventually gave in and the fayre went ahead. Thank you to all the people who helped with setting up the fayre, running a stall, the fabulous BBQ & Beer Tent teams and for all the parents, grandparents and children for coming along on the night

to support us. I am delighted to say that we raised approximately £3,600 for the school. It was such a whole school effort and we really appreciate the time given up by the staff to run their class stalls.

Many thanks to the various local businesses that supported us with this event including Michael Jones, Bonetti's Dry Cleaners, Café Moorish, Findon Valley Post Office, Colour Nails, Sally Kenward Massage Therapist, Attle's Locksmith and Shannon's Butchers.

This year has been a fantastic one for Friends of the Vale; with your help we have raised an amazing £11,364! So a huge thank you to all the staff and parents for everything that you have done this year. We have been able to hand over a cheque towards additional laptops for the school and these will be in place ready for the children to use in September.

We have said goodbye to a couple of our committee members Jackie Usher and Rachel Baines this year and I wanted to take this opportunity to say how much we appreciate everything that they have done for FOV. They were key members of the team and will be greatly missed. We are only a small group of parents and work tirelessly to provide fun & fundraising for the school so I want to take this opportunity to thank this amazing group of parents and staff; Lesley Shanahan, Sarah Bevan, Mel Nicholson, Mandy Saunders, April Modern, Lorna Tang, Beccie Heryet and Mrs Smith.

We hope you enjoy the summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back with our first event, the "Welcome-back" Discos on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011.

Emma Cairns  
(Secretary to FOV)

### **National Cricket Champions! (by Mr. Joe Todd)**

On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011, the Vale Girls Cricket Team went to Derbyshire County Cricket Ground to play in the NATIONAL FINALS of the 8-a-side Kwik Cricket tournament. After winning their regional finals at Sunbury on Thames, the girls were representing the whole South East of England.

In our group we had Ormskirk School (North West of England), Shawlands School (North East) and The Dale Primary (East Midlands). In our first game, we won the toss and chose to field first. After a good bowling display, though a little nervy at times, we restricted them to 235. We took the game by achieving 257 runs in reply.

Next up were Shawlands School, they had been at the national finals for the last 3 years and demonstrated great fielding skills to limit The Vale to 240 runs. We knew we had to bowl well, and we were so tight – allowing Shawlands to only score 221 runs.

Basically, it came down to the last game of the group playing 'The Dale' School (the local hopefuls) – it was a winner takes all match and we saved our best performance of the day for them – batting first and setting a total of 277 – they couldn't get within 50 runs of us and we were through to the semi final.

We knew that we had been in a tough group – and this showed as we played the winner of Group D in the semi final. We won this game by nearly 100 runs as they were the weakest team we had played so far. However, on the pitch parallel to us, Oakley Junior School (South), last years winners were looking equally as hot – hitting sixes and taking wickets for fun!

So it was the final. A key moment. The toss. Ella won it and elected to field first. The girls were fabulous, Ellie Botting taking a wicket with the very first ball, after Lauren Rippon's diving catch. Wickets for Lauryn Foord, Grace Piper and Ella Bourne followed, but Oakley could play – and they set a very competitive target of 239 for 4.

In our reply, Amy Little and Ellie Botting got us off to a steady start, then it was down to Phoebe who hit 3 sixes and a 4 to get the total up to 231. Hannah Truss (who had taken a wonderful catch in the Oakley innings) and Grace Piper batted very strategically against some superb Oakley bowling – setting

up the final pair Ella Bourne and Lauren Rippon for a chase for 8 runs off the last 12 balls. Nudging singles they passed Oakley's total with a Lauren Rippon drive for four on the off side – taking Vale's total to 242 – but with -5 for any wickets lost – there was still a job to do. Lauren blocked the penultimate ball and it was down to the last delivery. The bowler bowled it and Lauren hit down on the off side to ensure the Vale had won the final by 3 runs!

### ***VALE WERE CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS OF 2011***

I would like to take this time to congratulate the team of Ella Bourne (c), Lauren Rippon (wk), Hannah Truss, Grace Piper, Phoebe Osborne, Lauryn Foord, Tammy Davidson, Amy Little and Ellie Botting for an amazing final year at the Vale. All the time and effort that we have all put in has really paid off, as to win this title is quite an amazing feat. It has been a pleasure to be your coach and teacher and to be national champions – beating the top of 30,000 schools, is a fitting end to the greatest girls team I have ever seen, and to my sporting time at the Vale. I will miss you all so much and am feel privileged to have met and worked with you all. Vale's record this year is 29 games and 29 wins- now that is quite some record!

You can see a report in the videos section of the [www.ecb.co.uk](http://www.ecb.co.uk)

### **Year 7 Residential Trip to France (by Year 7 pupil Georgia Sims)**

We started our week by saying 'Goodbye' to everyone staying behind. Also saying 'Goodbye' to our mums and dads. After 4 hours on a ferry we arrived in France and went to the hostel. It was amazing: the flowers and the scenery really put the picture together!

On Tuesday we travelled to the D-day museum. We also went to order ice-creams from the shops near the museum! When we got back and had tea the best part of the day was when we got down to the beach it was so fun! We were down there until the sun went down (and at this time of the year that was quite late!)

We woke up after a good night sleep and had our breakfast, as always, then we walked along the promenade into the town. We had a look in a couple of shops and found a lovely bakery! At about lunch time we left for Paris. We were all so excited to go up the Eiffel tower and see all the wonderful landmarks along the way. It was amazing!

On Thursday we went to the Bayeux tapestry and also the chocolate factory it was pretty cool! Then we went to the beach again it was really cool!

Sadly, it was our last day on Friday. This was good because we all wanted to see our mums and dads, but it was a sad moment because we had had a great time so it was quite a mix of emotions.

On Friday we packed our bags, making sure we had everything, and went down for our last breakfast. We got on the coach to Deauville market where we found some lovely strawberries. After looking at the market we went to Le Havre to visit the hyper market it was HUGE; it had EVERYTHING! Everyone was stunned!

Let's just say that everyone had an amazing time and still want to be there!

### **Stranger Danger Alert**

We have received reports of an attempted abduction of a child in Sompting. As we start the long school holiday please remind your children of stranger danger warnings and what to do if they are approached by someone they don't know.

### **Early Years Plea**

Miss Leach in Early Years would be most grateful to receive any donations of unwanted children's dressing up clothes. Thank you.

### Thank you to Rabbit Skips

We would like to record our thanks to Rabbit Skips for giving the school a free skip and contributing to the development of our quiet garden. Their support is greatly appreciated.

### Cheeky Shoe Company

The Cheeky Shoe Company on Findon Road would like to remind parents that they will donate 5% of any purchase to the Friends of the Vale.

### Summer Activities

#### Summer Singing Lessons with Caroline Lowe

Caroline teaches LAMDA locally and in Surrey and is also an experienced musical theatre professional, having trained at Laine Theatre Arts. She is delighted to offer singing lessons throughout August on a one to one or group basis. The lessons are focussed on musical theatre in terms of not just singing the song but learning how to communicate and perform the message of the song. One to one lessons can be arranged for half an hour (£10) or for an hour (£20) or in groups of 3 for an hour (£10 each). For further details or to book a lesson please email [carolinelowe@ntlworld.com](mailto:carolinelowe@ntlworld.com). Caroline is away from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August but will respond to emails in order of receipt.

#### Brazilian Soccer Summer Sessions

Pro Star Soccer is running two weeks of Brazilian Soccer at St. Andrews C.E. High School in Sackville Road. The sessions are open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5 – 12 years.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. daily. Warm up to 'Samba' music, skill skool, penalty prize, Brazilian football tournament. Medals and certificates for all. £45 for full 3 days or £20 for any single day. Please email [matwiltshire@aol.com](mailto:matwiltshire@aol.com).

#### Findon Valley Fun and Fitness Day

All Saints Church Hall is the venue for a Findon Valley Fun and Fitness Day on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** from 1.00 – 6.00 p.m. in aid of St. Barnabas House. The afternoon includes guess the weight of the cake, disco tap dance for kids and grownups, Fiesta-Fit, Moon Valley Yoga, Bowen Clinic demonstrations, hula-hoop competition, Circuits for adults and children. Entry is £7 for adults and £3 for children and includes a strip of raffle tickets for adults and a lucky dip surprise for everyone.

**Worthing Museum and Art Gallery** are organising a number of workshops during the summer holiday which cost £5 per child. Please phone 221448 to book any of the following:

Ahoy All Pirates – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Animal Sculpture- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Classic Cartoon Film Characters – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Magical Toys – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Creepy Crawlies – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Every Wednesday afternoon (2-4pm) and Friday morning (10-12) in August the Museum Education room will be open for families to drop in and explore a range of activities.

#### Diary Dates

<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
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October		School closed for in-service day
<b>February 2012</b>		

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**

### **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

