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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the start of the new school year. Thank you for bearing with us as we endeavoured to get the school open this week. The main delay was linked to the installation of our new fire alarm system. Until it was working correctly in all parts of the school, it would not have been safe for the children to return.

I am very pleased to be able to welcome a number of new staff to Vale School this term:

- Miss Vicky Grimwood is leading our Early Years Team
- Mr Ed Gittins has joined the Year 6 Team of teachers
- Miss Naomi Hickford, Mrs Tammy Casey and Miss Alexandra Clarke will be helping in Year 5.

It is also a pleasure to welcome all the new pupils to our school.

Inset Days

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

Thursday 20th October 2011

Friday 21st October 2011

Monday 20th February 2012

Friday 1st June 2012

Welcome / Information Meetings

Each year group has arranged an opportunity for you to meet the year group leader and find out about your child's learning this year.

Early Years Teachers are making home visits to every member of their class and parents are invited to a meeting on Wednesday 19th October at 6.00 p.m.

Year 1 & 2 are meeting on Wednesday 14th September at 2.30 p.m.

Year 3 & 4 are meeting on Friday 16th September at 2.30 p.m.

Year 5 are meeting on Thursday 22nd September at 5.30 p.m. (this meeting will cover general year 5 information together with details about the forthcoming residential trip)

Year 6 are meeting on Wednesday 14th September at 6.30 p.m.

Year 7 held their meeting last night.

Attendance

At the start of the year, may I remind you how important it is for your child to attend school every day.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, requests for absence will be unauthorised. Please see the policy on our website. It is also important that children arrive on time each morning. The gates open at 8.25 am. Children in Years 3 – 7 can enter school from 8.35 am. Children in Early Years, Year 1 & 2 start school at 8.50am

Uniform

It is lovely to see many of the children wearing the new uniform this term. Can I encourage you to make sure every item is clearly labelled with your child's name. At the end of last term we had to

dispose of a lot of items that had not been reclaimed and we were unable to return to children as it was unnamed.

Can I also ask you to ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them every day. We do encourage the children to get some fresh air at break times even if it is raining a little.

School Photographer

On **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd September** school photographer Paul Millen will be coming into school to take individual and sibling photographs. All the children will have an individual photograph taken, a copy of which will be put on our school records. If you have more than one child at the school your children will also be photographed together. Individual photographs will be taken on Thursday 22nd September and sibling photographs on Friday 23rd September. We regret that we are unable to accommodate requests to photograph any other siblings not currently on roll at the Vale.

Personal Accident Insurance

Sent home with this newsletter is a leaflet outlining a personal accident insurance policy which the Local Education Authority has negotiated for pupils in West Sussex schools. The leaflet explains the current legal position regarding accident cover in schools. Although we are very pleased to report that serious accidents are extremely rare, this insurance would cover your child for any accident occurring in or out of school and is therefore well worth your consideration.

Wayne O'leary Memorial & Tony Lovatt Cup

Wayne was a former pupil of the Vale School who was tragically killed on the A24 in 1997 aged 11 years old. The Wayne O'Leary Memorial was set up in his memory and is awarded each July to one boy and one girl in Year 7. The criteria for selection is outstanding interpersonal skills, working with others, empathy, reliability, honesty and understanding. I am delighted to announce that the two recipients of the award for 2010/2011 were William Setten and Emily Coles.

We were also very happy to present The Tony Lovatt cup for sportsmanship to Phoebe Osborne who is an outstanding sports person and deserved this recognition.

Congratulations to these worthy winners.

Adult Zumba Classes run by Dani

Adult Zumba (strictly no under 13s), the Latin-inspired, easy to follow calorie-burning, dance fitness-party. Feel the Music and let loose.

Every Thursday 7pm-7.45pm here at The Vale, £4 per session. Pay as you go!!

Extra-curricular Clubs

Please see the list of clubs available this half term at the end of this newsletter.

Diary Dates

September 2011		
Wed 14 th Sept	2.30 pm	Yr 1 & 2 Parents meeting in hall
Wed 14 th Sept	6.30 pm	Year 6 Parents meeting in hall
Fri 16 th Sept	2.30 pm	Yr 3 & 4 Parents meeting in hall
Thurs 22 nd Sept		School photographer – individual photographs
Thurs 22 nd Sept	5.30 pm	Year 5 information & residential trip meeting in hall
Fri 23 rd Sept		School photographer – sibling photographs
October 2011		
Thurs 20 th October		School closed for in-service day
Fri 21 st October		School closed for in-service day
February 2012		
Mon 20 th February		School closed for in-service day
June 2012		
Fri 1 st June		School closed for in-service day

SCHOOL TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Friday 2nd September – Friday 16th December 2011
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 – Autumn Term 1st Half

Day	Club	Year groups	Location	Changing	Time	Run By	Cost
Mon	Karate	All	Hall	Hall	3:15-4:15pm	Sama Karate Club	£4 per session
	Zumba	R-3	Hall	Hall	8-8:30am	Dani	£2 per session
	Football	6-7	Field	TBC	3:15-4:45pm	Pro Star Soccer	£4 per session
	Netball	5	Playground	7DD	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Mckernan	None
Tues	Core Body Movement	5,6 and 7	Field/Hall	TBC	8-8:35am	Pro Star Soccer	£2.50 per session
	Brazilian Football	2-7	Field	Hall	3:15-4:15pm	Matt Wiltshire	£18 per half term
	Zumba	4-7	Hall	Hall	4:45-5:30pm	Dani	£2.50 per session
Wed	Kickboxing	5-7	Hall	Hall	8-8:35am	Sama Karate Club	£4 per session
	Gymnastics	3-7	Hall	5MS	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Scott & Mrs Potkins	None
	Girls football	5-7	Field	7KC	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Webb	None
	Multi skills	R-4	Field/Hall	Hall	8-8:35am	Pro Star Soccer	£2.50 per session
	Netball	3-4	Playground	4AF	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Finch	None
Thurs	Indoor athletics/running	4-7	Hall/Gallops	6EG	3:15-4:15pm	Mrs Webb & Mr Barber	None
	Football	5	Field	TBC	3:15-4:15pm	Julie Shannon	None
	Dance	R-yr 3	Hall	Hall	3:15-4pm	Dani	£17.50 per half term
Friday	Dance	3-7	Hall	Hall	4-4:45pm	Dani	£17.50 per half term
	Football	4	Field	TBC	3:15-4:15pm	Jody Cuthbert Graham Pinn	None
	Rugby	3	Field	TBC	3:15-4:15pm	Alan Ford	None

NB: You need to complete a school club form for all clubs you wish your child to attend in order to secure a place. Clubs in bold also require a separate club letter to be completed and/or payment. This will be returned to you with your club confirmation. Please fill in all letters/forms for each club regardless of whether your child has already attended last term.