



10th December 2021

COVID update

Currently we have 11 positive cases with 13 other pupils awaiting results of a PCR test. Thank you for all your support. We do hope families will be able to enjoy their Christmas break this year.

Saying Goodbye

As we approach the end of the term it is time to say goodbye to a few members of staff who are moving on. Mr Bull, our sports coach, is leaving us at the end of term to pursue his own fitness business. Mrs Revell, one of our Year 4 Teaching Assistants, is leaving as is Emma Lovelidge, one of our Receptionists. We wish them all the very best for the future.

New Staff at Vale

In January we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Collins (Deputy Headteacher) who will be joining Mrs Granger and myself as part of the Senior Leadership Team. In addition to this, Mr Horn will be taking on the Sports Coach role in a temporary capacity whilst we advertise and appoint a replacement for Mr Bull.

Christmas at Vale

It has been so wonderful to see some of our Christmas productions this week and to have parents back in school watching has been great. Next week we have Year 1 and 3 performing.

I would like to thank FOV and all who helped to make the Christmas Fair such an amazing success. I know the children really loved the whole atmosphere.

The Argus is once again publishing its annual Christmas Classroom / Nativity photographs in The Argus on Thursday 16th December 2021. Early years pupils from Vale should be included in the photos.

On Friday 17th we will be holding our final assembly for the term. Due to the current COVID situation we will not be able to invite parents into this event.

Start of Spring Term 2022

The children return to school on Wednesday 5th January 2022. Gates open at 8.30am. Children can start to enter the building from 8.35am and must be in school by 8.50am. If your child arrives after 8.50am they will need to register at the front office and will be marked as late in the register.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme – Winter 2021 (for pupils in receipt of Free School Meals)

We are pleased to let you know that West Sussex County Council will be working with a number of organisations to offer provision during the Christmas holiday for children eligible for Free School Meals.

You can search for activities on the [Family Information Service Online Directory](#).

More information can also be found via the [HAF webpage](#).

Friends of Vale

Carols By Torchlight - Thursday 16th December 2021 -Vale School- this event will take place in the open so wrap up warm! Free Entry Free Refreshments - everyone welcome

Important Dates to Remember.....

2021/2022 Academic Year	
Tuesday 14th December 2021 (9.15am & 2.15pm)	Yr1 Christmas Show
Wednesday 15th December 2021 (9.15am & 2.00pm)	Yr3 Christingle
Thursday 16th December 2021 (6pm)	FOV Evening Christmas Carols Concert
Friday 17th December 2021	Last Day of the Autumn Term 9am Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 4th January 2022	Inset Day 4
Wednesday 5th January 2022	First Day of the Spring Term
Monday 31st January 2022	Inset Day 5
Friday 11th February 2022	School Discos
Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022	Half Term Break
Friday 18th March 2022	FOV Cake Sale
Friday 8th April 2022	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 25th April 2022	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday
Monday 30 May - Friday 3rd June 2022	Half Term Break
Friday 10th June 2022	Non-uniform day for Summer Fair donations
Friday 1st July 2022	Summer Fair
Thursday 21st July 2022	Last Day of the Summer Term/Academic Year