



27th January 2022

Message from Kevin Jenkins (Chair of Governors)

Dear Parents and Carers

I write to inform you that this week I have been advised by our headteacher, Mr Garratt, that he intends to leave Vale School at the end of the summer term 2022. Mr Garratt has been headteacher at our school for the last 12 years and during that time has worked tirelessly to support the pupils, staff and the wider community.

Mr Garratt has been offered an exciting opportunity to start the next chapter in his career. He is not only a leader in education but is also a senior and well respected leader within his own faith community. He has been offered the opportunity to lead that community in a full-time capacity and help that church, its congregation and the community it sits within to grow.

It is with great sadness that I have accepted his resignation and the school governing body will now start the formal process with West Sussex County Council, of recruiting a new headteacher. It is hoped that we will be in a position to appoint a new headteacher prior to Easter, which will allow them to start with us in September at the beginning of the new academic year.

As with any recruitment process it allows us an opportunity to reflect on the way forward and the qualities we seek in candidates. Should anyone have any comments that they wish to make as to the skills we should seek in our new headteacher, outside of a headteacher's statutory roles and responsibilities, then I would invite you to share them with the governing body by the 4th February. You can do this by email to clerk@valeschool.org

I will ensure that you are kept informed of progress at key points along the way.

Best wishes

Kevin Jenkins
Chair of Governors

INSET Day Monday 31st January

On Monday 31st January the school is closed to pupils for staff training.

Early Years Instagram

Our Early Years team are trialling the use of Instagram to celebrate all the exciting things that take place in our Early Years classes. Why not follow [vale_early_years](#).



Parents' Evenings

To book an appointment to see your child's teacher at our next Parents' Evenings please follow [this link](#).

<https://valeschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You can check which days staff are available below.

EY and Key stage 1 Teacher	Tuesday 15th Feb	Wednesday 16th Feb	Thursday 17th Feb
EYER	X		X
EYFH	X		X
EYPW	X		X
1SB	X	X	
1AK	X		X
1SA	X	X	
2JR		X	X
2LB		X	X
2SK	Tuesday 1st March	Wednesday 2nd March	
Key stage 2 Teacher	Tuesday 15th Feb	Wednesday 16th Feb	Thursday 17th Feb
3JB	X	X	
3HD	X	X	
3RG	X	X	
4LH/LG		X(LH)	X (LG)
4CD	X	X	
4CG	X	X	
5LN	X	X	
5CH		X	X
5WC		X	X
6MS	X		X
6AP	X		X
6JK	X	X	

Term Dates and INSET Days for 2022/23

Autumn Term 2022	INSET days - Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September	Pupils start on Monday 5th September
	Half Term holiday	Monday 24th - Fridays 28th October
	INSET Day	Monday 31st October
	Last day of term	Friday 16th December

Spring Term 2023	INSET day - Tuesday 3rd January 2023	Pupils start on Wednesday 4th January
	Half Term holiday	Monday 13th - Fridays 17th February
	Last day of term	Friday 31st March

Summer Term 2023	Start of Term	Monday 17th April
	Half Term holiday	Monday 29th May - Fridays 2nd June
	INSET Day	Monday 3rd July
	Last day of term	Friday 21st July

Important Dates to Remember.....

2021/2022 Academic Year	
Monday 31st January 2022	Inset Day 5
Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th February 2022	Parents evenings
Monday 21st - Friday 25th February 2022	Half Term Break
Friday 18th March 2022	FOV Cake Sale
Wednesday 30th March 2022	Class Photographs
Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th April 2022	Year 4 Production
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
Tuesday 7th June 2022	Meeting for parents of children starting school in September (6pm)
Friday 10th June 2022	Non-uniform day for Summer Fair donations
Friday 1st July 2022	Summer Fair
Wednesday 6th July 2022	Transition Day - Children meet their new teacher for next year
Monday 11th July 9.15am	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 12th July 9.15am	Early Years Sports Day
Wednesday 13th July 9.15am	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July 9.15am	Year 6 Production
Friday 15th July 9.15am	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 20th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Thursday 21st July 2022	Last Day of the Summer Term/Academic Year