



Dear Parents/Carers

## Year 2 Praise

Below is a message we received following Year 2's recent visit to The Mary Rose, which we wanted to share with you:

*"As you know your year two classes visited us at the Mary Rose today. I thought you would be glad to know how very impressed we were with the behaviour, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn from all of your children. They were a great credit to The Vale. All of our staff and volunteers were delighted with them. We hope that the teachers and the children enjoyed their day as much as we did."*

Well done to all the children who represented Vale School so well, we're very proud of you. We would also like to thank all the parents/carers who went along to help on the day.

## A Plea

Unfortunately, on separate occasions, two of our neighbours have emailed the school complaining that litter is being thrown into their gardens when families are walking to and from school. We have reminded the children that they must show consideration to everyone, including our neighbours, and to take any litter home with them. Please can we ask that you support us in reinforcing this message to your children.

In addition one neighbour also complained that a car had been parked across their driveway, preventing them from being able to get to work

We have been advised that if parents/carers are concerned about the lack of visible enforcement outside the school, of the double yellow lines or the school zig-zag markings, they should contact the County Councillor for the area Mrs Elizabeth Sparkes: [elizabeth.sparkes@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:elizabeth.sparkes@westsussex.gov.uk).

## Parent/Carer Workshops

Following the communication that has been sent out this week, we do hope you will be able to join your child's year group for their forthcoming workshops, designed to help you be able to help your child.

## School Photographs

Your child should have brought home their class photograph proofs this week. Please note that the deadline for orders is Tuesday 15th May. Any orders submitted after this date will incur an additional fee.

## Reminder: Sports Days

We can now confirm the dates for this year's Sports Days; start time will be 9.00am for all year groups:

- Wednesday 11th July 2018 - Years 5 & 6
- Monday 16th July 2018 - Years 3 & 4
- Tuesday 17th July 2018 - Years 1 & 2
- Wednesday 18th July 2018 - Early Years

Family members are welcome to join us to cheer on their children as they participate in a range of sporting activities. Each event will finish with races on the field. If you want to join us for the final events, we ask that you wear suitable footwear (trainers) rather than shoes or flat soled sandals.

## Friends of Vale News

We are looking forward to a busy summer term, with the first event being a 'Preloved Uniform Sale' which will be held on the playground on **Friday 11th May** from **3pm**. If you are available to help in any way, please email [friendsofvale@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofvale@gmail.com).

The main event for this term is the 'Summer Fair' on **Friday 6th July!** We will need as many volunteers as possible for the fair to go ahead so if you feel that you could spare any time to attend planning meetings or on the day of the fair, please contact us. Dates for meetings and the timings for the fair will follow.

As in previous years, we are looking for local businesses to sponsor a raffle hamper and a sponsor for the raffle tickets. If this is of interest, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you again for your continued support and we look forward to a fun filled summer term!

### **Cherrytree Childcare**

By clicking [here](#) you will be able to find out about all the exciting activities Cherrytree have planned for a very Royal Half Term week.

### **Singing Lessons**

The West Sussex Music Service singing teacher who undertakes lessons here at Vale School still has spaces available to take on new singers from Year 3 upwards. To apply for your child to join, please visit:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=application-for-music-lessons>. For further information you can contact Charley Bolton via [Charley.bolton@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:Charley.bolton@westsussexmusic.co.uk).

### **Other News.....**

#### **Findon Valley Residents' Association**

Attached to this Bulletin is some news and information from the Findon Valley Residents' Association.

#### **Littlehampton Beach Run**

Arunners Running Club, Littlehampton, will be holding their annual Beach Run on Wednesday 16th May 2018. As well as the senior event (5 miles along the sand to East Preston and back) there is also a junior event for under 15s. This is a course of three quarters of a mile on the grass and the promenade at Littlehampton seafront. It starts at 7:00pm next to the Windmill Harvester Restaurant. Entry is £1 in advance or on the day, all finishers will receive a medal and parents are welcome to run alongside their children if they wish. Water, toilets and First Aid will be available and refreshments will be served in the race headquarters.

Refreshments will be free but we ask for a donation (minimum £1) to the charity we are supporting this year: Littlehampton Food Bank.

Last year we had 132 children taking part, and we hope to come close to that number again this year. If you think that the children and parents of your school would be interested please could you display the attached entry form on a suitable notice board. If an enthusiastic staff member wanted to organise a group entry or bring a group of pupils we would be very willing to help by supplying more entry forms.

We are happy to take entries on the day but as you can imagine the registration area gets very busy between 6:30pm and 7:00pm so the more entries we can have in advance the better. Full details of how to do this are on the entry form (attached).

If you need any further information please contact Phil McErlain, Race Director: 01903 734335 / 07739 530 129.

#### **Dean Beadle – Autism and Anxiety**

If you have not heard Dean speak before then here is a great opportunity. Each time he visits Worthing he fills the room with experience, knowledge and laughter. Dean has delivered his sessions to schools, charities and national conferences in the UK and overseas. Tickets cost £6.88 each and feel free to invite family, friends and colleagues. Please can you book your tickets via the Eventbrite link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dean-beadle-autism-and-anxiety-tickets-45533729611>

*Monday 2nd July 2018 - Chatsmore School, Goring Street, Worthing, BN12 5AF - 7.30pm – 9.30pm*

### **Frequently Asked Questions.....**

**Q: If my child has sickness or diarrhoea, how long must they stay off school?**

**A:** All children must remain absent from school for a total of 48 hours following the last bout. This is to help reduce the risk of bugs spreading further within the school.

**Q: What do I do if my child is prescribed medication?**

**A:** Any medication that is prescribed 4 times a day can be administered in school - there is paperwork that must be completed at the front office. If it is prescribed 3 times a day, this must be given around the school day (ie before and after school and at bedtime). If your child requires inhalers, two must be provided (with spacers) in the correct packaging - paperwork must also be completed for this.

**Q: What do I do if my child isn't attending a club on a particular day?**

**A:** Please call the school office to record their absence, this prevents any unnecessary calls home.

**Q: Do clubs take place in the last week of term?**

**A:** Clubs don't run during the first and last weeks of a full term (two weeks at the start of a new academic year). They do, however, run right up to and straight after each half term break.

**Q: How do I report bad parking or driving in the surrounding roads?**

**A:** Any issues should be logged via [www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org). The school cannot police any issues.

## Dates to Remember.....

Monday 7th May 2018	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Friday 20th July 2018	<b>Last Day of the 2017/2018 Academic Year</b>
Monday 23rd July 2018	<b>Inset Day 4</b>
Tuesday 24th July 2018	<b>Inset Day 5</b>
<b>2018/2019 Academic Year</b>	
Monday 3rd September 2018	<b>Inset Day 1</b>
Tuesday 4th September 2018	<b>First Day of the 2018/19 Academic Year</b>
Friday 19th October 2018	<b>Inset Day 2</b>
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th October 2018	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Wednesday 19th December 2018	<b>Last Day of Autumn Term</b>
Thursday 3rd January 2019	<b>First Day of the Spring Term</b>
Friday 15th February 2019	<b>Inset Day 3</b>
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February 2019	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Friday 5th April 2019	<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>
Tuesday 23rd April 2019	<b>First Day of the Summer Term</b>
Monday 6th May 2019	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2019	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Friday 19th July 2019	<b>Last Day of Summer Term</b>
Monday 22nd July 2019	<b>Inset Day 4</b>
Tuesday 23rd July 2019	<b>Inset Day 5</b>

Access our Public Calendar by clicking [here](#).