

Vale School Bulletin



Valuing All Learners Equally

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all the children who participated in the Inter-House Cross Country Run yesterday. Thank you to those parents who came along and supported the children. We will announce the winning house in our Final Assembly of this term.

Please don't forget that *Friday 20th October* is Inset Day and the school is closed for staff training.

“In Your Shoes” Week

Next week the children will be taking part in a number of activities designed to help them develop empathy towards others who have very different lives than themselves. We will be asking the question, “What is it like to live in their shoes?” We have a number of visitors joining us during the week, particularly people who have a disability, and the children will have opportunities to explore the challenges they face in their lives. Please ask them about their experiences during the week.

School Uniform

I would like to thank everyone for their support in ensuring the children wear their uniform correctly each day. When we return to school after the half term break, every child is expected to wear a shirt and their house colour tie.

Hot Meals - Special Diets

Over the past couple of weeks Chartwells, our hot meals provider, have sent out Special Diet Menus and Consent Forms to parents whose children require them for medical reasons. These forms must be signed and returned by tomorrow, Friday 13th October. Failure to return the signed consent form will result in these children being served a plain jacket potato and green salad when we return after half term. If you have any queries regarding special dietary requirements, please contact Chartwells directly via www.mealselector.co.uk.

School Photos

Please don't forget that the deadline for all orders to be returned to the front office is **Tuesday 17th October**. Anyone wishing to place an order after this time will need to contact Yellow directly (details are on the proof card) and you may incur a late order charge.

Data Collection Sheets

If you have not already done so, could you please return your child's Data Collection Sheet to the school office as soon as possible. It is vital that we have the correct information for your child in the event that we have to contact you urgently. If the information hasn't changed, please sign and date the sheet before returning it. Thank you for your co-operation.

Public Calendar

Did you know that you can check key dates and events via the Calendar on our website? Click [here](#) to access it. Term dates can also be viewed via this page as well.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a few pairs of spectacles and watches amongst our lost property. If your child has lost anything please check at Reception. Any unclaimed items left at the end of next week will be donated to charity or disposed of. May we take this opportunity to remind you that all personal items should be clearly named, that way we can ensure they are returned to their rightful owner.

Friends of Vale News

The FOV are hosting their AGM on Tuesday 17th October at The Black Horse pub. Full details are attached to

this Bulletin.

Other News.....

Red Nose News!

Comic Relief are looking for creative ideas for their Red Nose designs for 2019. If your child is interested in designing a nose, please visit the rednoseday.com webpage and search for the Design Challenge.

Are You Interested in Becoming a Teacher?

The Angmering School are holding a 'Get into Teaching' event on Wednesday 18th October, between 6 and 7pm. If you wish to attend to represent our partnership schools then you are more than welcome. Further details can be found at the end of this Bulletin.

Findon Valley Residents Association (FVRA)

FVRA Autumn Open Meeting

This will take place on **Friday 10th November 7.30pm** at Findon Valley Free Church Hall. Our guest speaker will be **Dr David Mannings of Lime Tree Surgery**, who will be giving a presentation on changes and services within the practice and introducing the **new Lime Tree Patients' Group**. The FVRA will be presenting other topics for discussion so we look forward to seeing you. Everyone is welcome.

FVRA Residents' Surgery

On **Saturday 4 November 10am to 12 noon** we are holding the first of our Residents' Surgeries in Findon Valley Library. Anyone is welcome to come along to discuss issues and concerns, to find out who and how to contact those who should put things right and to chew the fat on things that matter to you. Come along and meet two members of your committee every first Saturday of the month. Maggie Winter & Jeff Swann will be at the November surgery and on 2 December Clive Sanders & Jim Booth will be attending.

FVRA Website

For our new website we're working on a web page to feature **the history of Findon Valley**. If you have any photographs taken in Findon Valley from 1950 – 2000 that you'd like to share for everyone to see please email them (and please write any captions/date the photo was taken in an email message) to archive@findonvalley.org. If you only have printed photos (black & white or colour) please call Alex Clouter on 07935 967617 for us to collect, scan and return the photos. We would also like to add any interesting or fond memories from local people, about any aspect of Findon Valley. If you would be happy to share any stories with us, or you know someone else who would, please call 07935 967617.

Can you help us?

As a Residents' Association, we're passionate in everything we do to serve the Valley community. We have an enthusiastic and hardworking team of volunteers on the FVRA Committee looking after key responsibilities. However there are some vacant positions for some keen people to come forward and join our committee:

- **Vale School Liaison Officer:** maintaining a vital link on various issues in a half termly meet with the Headteacher
- **Secretary:** compiling and publishing the minutes of the monthly committee meeting
- **Community Events Officer:** organising a few social events to bring people together encouraging a friendly community spirit
- **Nature/Conservation Officer:** assisting in projects to improve the natural beauty of the Valley
- **Subscription Collectors:** look after some roads once a year to collect membership subscriptions from residents

Please call Maggie Winter on 01903 263038 or email chairman@findonvalley.org to show your interest.

Operation Crackdown (OC)

Following numerous complaints from residents about rat running, speeding and antisocial driving in Maytree/Lime Tree Avenues and Long Meadow/Shepherd's Mead, with the help of Cllr Elizabeth Sparkes the FVRA has obtained OC leaflets to be distributed to every household in these roads. It is important that residents report incidents to the police via OC in the hope that action will ensue to reduce complaints. Unless problems are reported then the police will assume that all is well. We can only do this with the support of everyone who is concerned. If you can help to deliver leaflets please contact FVRA Highways Officer Jeff Swann on 07711 679724 or email highways@findonvalley.org

Worthing Driving Test Centre will be closing on Friday 27 October 2017. The operations will be relocating to DVSA Lancing when car testing starts from 6/7 November 2017. This means that residents of Findon Valley should now hopefully notice a reduction in driving schools using our local roads.

Sussex Safer Roads Partnership has involved teams from Sussex Police, East & West Sussex County Councils, East & West Fire & Rescue Services, Brighton & Hove City Council and Highways England combining their expertise to make Sussex roads safer and reduce collisions. Please visit www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk that provides advice, news and support to all road users across Sussex.

Love West Sussex App

Click [here](#) to report to West Sussex County Council on any potholes, graffiti, fly tipping, etc through your mobile phone. Authorities can manage and respond via the Council's integrated services.

You can read more about the FVRA by visiting www.findonvalley.org

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

Are you a boy or girl aged 6-11 years? Do you want to make new friends and have fun, enjoying a different adventure each week? Then, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts could be for you!

Beavers (6-8 years) meet every Tuesday (term time) from 5.15pm - 6.45pm. Cubs (8 - 10½ years) also meet every Tuesday in term time from 7pm - 8.30pm. Scouts (10½ - 14 years) meet on a Friday evening from 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

We meet at St Michaels Church Hall, Hayling Rise, High Salvington. Come along and meet us for a FREE trial Session.

Further information, contact Chris Mantell (Group Scout Leader) 6th Worthing Air Scout Group on 01903 268734 or 07860 376803. Email: chrisman@btinternet.com.

Oliver!

Worthing Musical Theatre Company are putting on a production of Oliver! in March 2018. They are looking for boys in Years 3 - 6 to join them. Attached to this Bulletin is further information of how to audition and who to contact if you have any queries - please do not contact the school.

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. The school cannot police any issues.

Dates to Remember.....

Friday 20th October 2017	Inset Day 2
Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2017	Half Term Break
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Last Day of the Autumn Term
Thursday 4th January 2018	First Day of the Spring Term
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2018	Half Term Break
Wednesday 28th March 2018	Last Day of Spring Term
Thursday 29th March 2018	Inset Day 3
Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April 2018	Easter Break
Monday 16th April 2018	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 7th May 2018	Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June 2018	Half Term Break
Friday 20th July 2018	Last Day of the 2017/2018 Academic Year
Monday 23rd July 2018	Inset Day 4
Tuesday 24th July 2018	Inset Day 5



Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17th October

7.30pm

The Black Horse

Followed by our event planning meeting

Come along
and join us,
find out what
we do and how
you can help



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Contact us via email
friendsofvale@gmail.com



It's not for money, it's not for fame
It's not for any personal gain,
It's just for love of fellow man,
It's just to give a helping hand.

It's your reward in your heart,
It's a feeling that you've been a part,
Of helping others far and near.

That makes you want to
VOLUNTEER

Many thanks for all your help



Dear Parent/Carer

Are you interested in training to become a primary or secondary school teacher?

Our school is part of a consortium of schools leading the way for more school-led teacher training. This is really important to us because it means we can choose the very best talent to develop into teachers. Being able to choose who we train as teachers helps us in delivering the best outcomes for our students.

The South Downs SCITT has vacancies to start training from September 2018 and would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We are looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

If you would like to find out more, The South Downs SCITT are holding a Get Into Teaching event on Wednesday 18 October between 6 – 7pm at The Angmering School. There is no need to book a place.

For further information on what becoming a teacher might involve more generally, you can also visit www.education.gov.uk/get-into-teaching.

If you have any questions please email alaurie@thesouthdownsscitt.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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