

Vale School Bulletin



Valuing All Learners Equally

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to come along and support the children in one or more of their Christmas events. Huge thanks too, to our Friends of Vale team who worked tirelessly to put on such an amazing Christmas Fair - the children and staff alike thoroughly enjoyed spending their money and visiting Father Christmas. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas. Please remember our end of term, Whole School Assembly, which is taking place on Wednesday 20th December at 9.00am in the school hall - everyone is welcome!

Read Theory

A few weeks ago we asked parents to stop using ReadTheory.org due to unsuitable adverts appearing on some children's devices. We have undertaken a review within school and are confident that the reading tool is safe to use within the school. Therefore, we will be using ReadTheory in class to support children's reading from January 2018.

Extra Curricular Clubs

If you have not already done so, there is still time to sign up your children to some of our after-school clubs. The online booking system is live until 3.00pm on Sunday 7th January 2018. Spaces are still available for the following clubs:

- Drama (Years 4 & 5): 16 places
- Hockey (Years 3 - 5): 14 places
- Karate (Early Years - 6): 12 places
- Running (Years 5 - 6): 11 places
- Netball (Year 3): 9 places
- Sing for Fun (Years 1 - 3): 16 places
- Film Club (Years 5 - 6): 24 places
- Netball (Year 5): 12 places
- Ukelele (Years 2 - 6): 14 places
- Sing! (Years 4 - 6): 17 places
- Netball (Year 4): 7 places

Full details of all the clubs can be found in the letter sent out via ParentMail, alternatively, there is a copy on our website which can be found by clicking [here](#). Please remember that clubs won't start again until w/c 15th January 2018.

Fancy Dress Request - Ms Charbonneau

We would like to ask for donations of any Fancy Dress/Role Play props and accessories for the children to use at break times. We have a stage area in the Quiet Garden and want to encourage the children to utilise this more by providing things they can use to entertain each other. We are not looking for complete outfits as the children don't have a huge amount of time to get dressed up, however, any tabard type items would be lovely. If you have anything you would like to donate, please bring it to Reception. Thank you in advance for your support.

Friends of Vale - Gemma Grover

Can I just say a huge thank you to everyone for their help and support towards the Christmas Fair. The children had a fantastic day and there were smiles all round. I hope you all enjoy your presents. We will let you know how much we have raised in the New Year.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year. Looking forward to our 2018 events!!

Lost Property

Please note that all items of Lost Property will be available for collection during the last 2 days of term. Any items left will either be disposed of, sent to FOV for their pre-loved uniform sales or taken to a charity shop. We cannot stress enough the importance of clearly naming all personal items so they can be returned to their rightful owners.

Flu Vaccinations

If your child is in Early Years, Year 1, 2, 3 or 4 and they missed the opportunity to have their free Flu Vaccination in school, a 'catch-up clinic' is being run by Sussex Community NHS Trust. The clinic is being held at The Children & Families Clinic, D Block, Brighton General Hospital, Elm Grove, Brighton, BN2 3EW on Thursday 21st December, 9.00am until 2.00pm. Alternatively, you can request the vaccination at your GP surgery.

Other News.....

Findon Valley Residents Association (FVRA)

Wishing all readers of the School Bulletin an enjoyable Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

2018 Findon Valley Calendar

Help us raise funds for Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice and buy our special limited edition 2018 Findon Valley Calendar for only £5. Every pound paid will go to the children's hospice. Two local businesses kindly sponsored the production of the calendar: Curtis & Son Estate Agents and Keen & Betts Vehicle Servicing/Repairs/MOT Centre. You can buy the calendar from either of our sponsors or the Findon Valley Post Office.

With 12 stunning photographs taken by local residents, the calendar is an ideal gift for your family, friends and neighbours showing different aspects of our surroundings either side of the Valley!

Residents' Surgery

Saturday 6 January 10am to 12 noon is the next date of the highly popular Monthly Residents' Surgery in Findon Valley Library. It gives you the chance to 'have your say' on any issue or concern. Members of our committee will be there for assistance and advice. Future surgeries will be held on the first Saturday of each month from 10am – 12 noon.

Autumn Open Meeting

You will be able to read the minutes of our recent meeting on either of our noticeboards either on King's Parade or at Limetree Avenue, just outside the library.

FVRA Newsletter

Last week we sent our December newsletter to all residents who are FVRA members. If you have not received a newsletter or you may have changed your email address over the past few months, please email membership@findonvalley.org with your details to make sure you get our new monthly newsletter.

Please visit www.findonvalley.org to read more about the Valley and your Residents' Association.

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.....

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

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

Inset Days for the 2018/19 Academic Year are yet to be finalised.