

# Vale School Bulletin



*Valuing All Learners Equally*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back and 'Happy New Year'! We do hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

## **Inset Days: 2018/19**

Governors have approved the following dates for Inset Days during the 2018/19 Academic Year. Please note the following for your information:

- Monday 3rd September 2018
- Friday 19th October 2018
- Friday 15th February 2019
- Monday 22nd July 2019
- Tuesday 23rd July 2019

These and the term dates for the next academic year have been added to the end of this Bulletin and can also be found on our website.

## **Sports Kit**

Could all Vale School sports kits please be returned to Reception as soon as possible - there are large number of items missing. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## **Managing Medication in School**

With immediate effect we are implementing new procedures in line with guidance from West Sussex County Council in relation to how we administer medicines in school. We would ask parents to review the new policy, which is available on our website, for your information.

## **Extra-Curricular Clubs - Spring Term**

Please be reminded that these start from Monday 15th January. Clubs will then finish on Friday 23rd March 2018. Details of clubs available for the Summer Term will be sent out to parents before the Easter Break.

## **ParentMail App**

Did you know that there is a free ParentMail App? This allows you to view messages on your smartphone/mobile device sent from school instantly and allows you to make payments and respond to consent forms much quicker than accessing your account via a computer. We would urge you to download the App for your own convenience.

## **Prescription Glasses**

Has your child misplaced a pair of glasses? We have a variety of unclaimed pairs of glasses in our lost property. If you think these may belong to your child, please ask at Reception.

## **Starting School - September 2018**

The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January - please don't forget to apply if you have a child due to start school in September. Visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admission](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admission) for further information.

## **Thank You!**

Ms Charbonneau would like to thank those of you who very kindly donated Fancy Dress/Role Play items for our Quiet Garden. If anyone else has anything they would like to pass on, we would still welcome any props and accessories for the children to use at break times in the staged area. 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 do have anything you would like to donate, please bring it to Reception. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

### **A Few Reminders**

As we begin a new term, please be reminded of the following points. Your continued support and co-operation is very much appreciated:

- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until **48** hours after the last bout. This is to avoid the spread of any possible infections within school.
- Please park considerately in the surrounding roads. We try to maintain a good relationship with our neighbours and appreciate your support and co-operation with this.
- At the end of last term there was a considerable amount of lost property items that were left unnamed. Please ensure all items of clothing (even hats, gloves and scarves) are clearly named so they can be returned to the correct child.
- If a child is being collected by an adult other than their parent, or the home time arrangements are different to normal, please call the school so a message can be sent to the child's class.
- Please do not send any nut based snacks or food into school with your child. We have a number of children in school who have severe allergies to nuts.
- Children are allowed to bring to school a healthy snack for break time. However, please do not send in chocolate, sweets, biscuits or crisps.
- If your child is not attending a club on a particular day, please let the school office know. Our policy is to call any parents of children who do not show up for a club and this will save any unnecessary calls.

### **Violin Lessons**

Following a recent assembly where the violinists performed brilliantly, Mrs Sanderson still has spaces for more players to add to the violin team! If your child is interested in learning and you would be happy to support them, please apply for lessons via the link below, where you can find all the information you need.

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/page.cfm?title=application-for-music-lessons>

If you have any further queries, please email Sally directly to [Sally.Sanderson@westsussexmusic.co.uk](mailto:Sally.Sanderson@westsussexmusic.co.uk)

### **Friends of Vale Cake Sale**

We will be hosting our extremely popular Cake Sale on Friday 2nd February - further details will be sent home nearer the time!

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

#### **Pilates**

Mrs Kate Wilson starts Pilates classes once again in our Studio Hall on Mondays from 15th January. These classes run from 7.00pm - 8.00pm and cost £6 per week. Further details are attached to this bulletin.

### **West Sussex Education Awards**

The first West Sussex Education Awards, run in partnership with the West Sussex County Council, will take place on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Every school, every student, teacher and staff member is eligible for nomination to these awards, which aim to celebrate the achievements of our education sector. There are 14 different award categories:

- Primary School of the Year
- Secondary School of the Year
- Special School of the Year
- Primary School pupil of the Year
- Secondary School pupil of the Year
- Special School pupil of the Year
- Inspirational Teaching
- Creative Arts
- Young Scientist / Engineer
- Sports Achievements
- Career Aspiration

- Health and Wellbeing
- Headteacher of the Year
- Unsung Hero

You can nominate in a variety of ways:

By post: send your entry to Education Awards, Sussex Newspapers, Suite 3, City Gates 2-4, Southgate, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8DJ

By email: [education18@jpress.co.uk](mailto:education18@jpress.co.uk)

Online: by clicking this link [www.jpsouthevents.co.uk](http://www.jpsouthevents.co.uk)

The closing date for applications is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This is a chance to celebrate individuals and schools that you feel deserve recognition!

### **Findon Valley Residents' Association (FVRA)**

*Wishing all readers of the School Bulletin a happy, healthy 2018!*

### **2018 Findon Valley Calendar**

This is your last chance to buy our limited edition 2018 Findon Valley Calendar for only £5. Every pound paid will go to the children's hospice. There are not many left so buy the calendar from either of our sponsors, Curtis & Son and Keen & Betts, or visit the Findon Valley Post Office. With 12 amazing photographs taken by local residents, the calendar is an ideal gift for your family, friends and neighbours. So get one or more now, as only 250 were produced!

### **Residents' Surgery**

**Saturday 3 February 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.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

This annual event took place at St. John the Baptist Church, Findon Village over the weekend 9-10 December 2017. The FVRA Craft Group was invited take part alongside other clubs and local businesses. Each group had to creatively decorate a Christmas tree. All visitors during the weekend were encouraged to vote for the best-decorated tree. It was later confirmed that two Christmas Trees shared 1st place: The Flower Girls and Becca Lieu Music. The FVRA Craft tree was the runner-up!

### **New Outdoor Gym**

Thanks to an idea that was made by local resident Geoff Swann at the 2016 AGM a new outdoor gym with a variety of equipment is now sited on The Gallops. So when the weather gets warmer, take advantage of this! Geoff now sits on the FVRA committee as Highways Environment Officer.

### **Green Fingered Gardeners needed!**

The FVRA has a licence to tidy up the overgrown area between the library and the bus shelter. Keen gardeners are needed to 'make a difference' with ideas and work with us on the makeover of this bedding area. Please contact Maggie Winter on 01903 263038 or email [chairman@findonvalley.org](mailto:chairman@findonvalley.org).

### **2018 Membership Renewals**

Annual subscriptions are now £3 per household and £1.50 for single occupancy. Please pay your subscription at the Post Office. For details of standing orders or payment by bank transfer contact Jim Booth on 07757 703127 or email [membership@findonvalley.org](mailto:membership@findonvalley.org). It would be appreciated if you could pay your annual subscription by 31 March 2018.

### **Get to Meet a Broad Cross-section of Our Local Community!**

Help is needed for more subscription collectors in our team calling on local residents for their membership payment during early summer. For more details of the roads where collectors are needed please contact Jim Booth, FVRA Membership Secretary – details in the paragraph above.

Please visit [www.findonvalley.org](http://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](http://www.operationcrackdown.org). The school cannot police any issues.

## Dates to Remember.....

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2018	<b>Half Term Break</b>
Wednesday 28th March 2018	<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>
Thursday 29th March 2018	<b>Inset Day 3</b>
Friday 30th March - Friday 13th April 2018	<b>Easter Break</b>
Monday 16th April 2018	<b>First Day of the Summer Term</b>
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](#).

# **FitnessPilates** **fp**

Strengthen, **tone** and **stretch** your way into better shape

**Qualified Pilates Instructor**

1:2:1 sessions are also available

**Vale School, Vale Drive, Findon**

**Monday's 7pm-8pm**

**£6**

Kate Wilson - 07729 192377

wilsonkate09@gmail.com

Please bring mat and water

Suitable for all levels

Spaces are limited but other times can be arranged, please call for details



# parents

FOR AUTISM

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018**

**Maybridge Community Church,  
The Strand, Worthing, BN12 6DR**

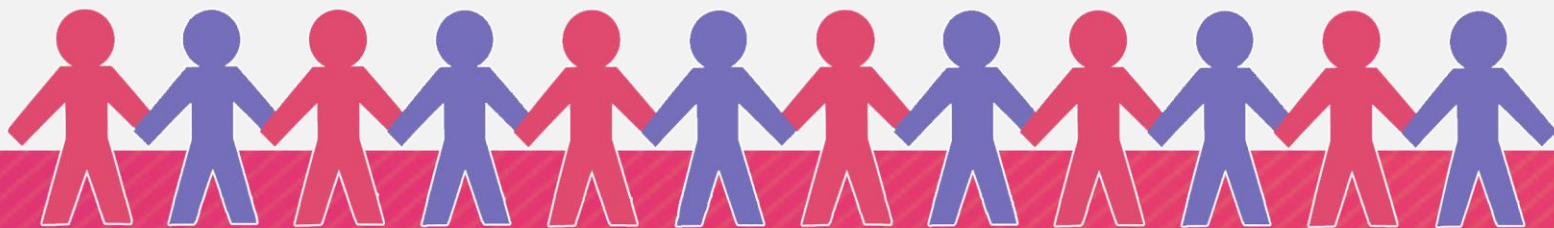
**7.30pm – 9.15pm**

**(£1 donation)**

## Anxiety and ASC

Delivered by Chris Foster from Autism Sussex.  
An interactive session looking at anxiety, how it manifests, how it can impact children and young people on the autistic spectrum and how we can support them.

This session will provide parent carers a better understanding of the difficulties and help provide strategies to relieve stress and reduce behaviours.



If you would like further information please contact Lindsey at [www.parentsforautism.org.uk](http://www.parentsforautism.org.uk) or tel: 07876196944 or join our Facebook group: Parents for Autism

