

Vale School Bulletin



Valuing All Learners Equally

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Dear Parents/Carers

The first half term of 2018 comes to an end - where does the time go! We hope you all have an enjoyable break next week and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 19th February.

Vale School Showcase 2018

A huge well done to all the children who took part in our Vale Showcase this week. Both performances were a great success - we have such a wealth of talent here at Vale School! Thanks must go to Mrs Harvey for organising the whole event as well as Miss Thompson, Miss King and Mrs Peake who worked hard to stage manage and co-ordinate such a fantastic show!

Break Time Healthy Snacks

Is your child eating their healthy snack at break time? Our Premises Officer, Mr Measor, has brought to our attention that when emptying the outside bins, he is noticing a lot of unfinished fruit - some of which hasn't even been bitten! Could we please ask you to encourage your child to eat their snacks at break time.

World Book Day: 1st March 2018 - Mrs Barnes

This year's theme is 'Share a Story' - just 10 minutes a day can make a massive difference. Each year group is doing their own activity which they will let you know about in due course - no major costumes will be needed!

As usual, all children will receive a £1 book token, which they can use for the specially printed World Book Day books or as £1 off another book of their choice. If they would like to go to worldbookday.com/world-of-stories - they can stream free audio books too! There is also a design a book token competition: The popular World Book Day Competition to design a National Book Token receives thousands of entries from children and young people of all ages every year. There are heaps of National Book Tokens to be won and one lucky winner's design will be turned into a real National Book Token gift card and distributed to hundreds of bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas. A panel of judges will select a winner and runner-up in each of three age categories: up to 8 yrs, 9-12 yrs and 13-16 yrs. Entry forms can be collected from Mrs Barnes in Year 3.

Sponsorship

We are looking for a company or organisation to sponsor our fortnightly Bulletins. These Bulletins have a lot of exposure across our 651 children and their families. In addition copies are published on our website as well as the Findon Valley Residents Association website. If you or your company would be interested in supporting our school, please email office@valeschool.org. Many thanks in advance.

FVRA Logo Competition

Don't forget that the deadline for children to submit their entries for the Findon Valley Residents' Association Logo Competition is Friday 23rd February 2018. Entry Forms can be collected from Reception or downloaded from our website.

Friends of Vale - Lou Budd

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone for their help and support towards the Cake Sale last Friday. We raised a grand total of £923.94, which I am sure you will agree is a fantastic result.

In other news, the School Disco is being held on Friday 16th March. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 12th March for the entire week, before and after school at a cost of £3. We will be selling refreshments and glow sticks as in previous years.

If anyone feels that they can spare any time at all to help, it would be greatly appreciated.
Please contact us at friendsofvale@gmail.com

Thank you again for your continued support to help raise much needed funds for our school.

Other News.....

News From The Findon Valley Residents' Association (FVRA)

FVRA Logo Design Competition

Vale School children have until Friday, 23 February to return their design sheet to the school office. The logo needs to link to our local area and community. The top prize is a £25 Amazon voucher and there are two runner up prizes of £10.

Residents' Surgery

Our next Residents' Surgery will take place on Saturday 3 March, 10am to 12 noon, in Findon Valley Library. So far we've had a good response from the community asking for advice on a variety of topics. If you have any issue or concern, do come along... we're here to help you!

FVRA Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will take place on Friday, 20 April, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at Findon Valley Free Church Hall. Everyone welcome.

Looking after The Gallops

An annual inspection of the Gallops involving FVRA and Worthing Borough Council. A number of issues emerged which the local council will be handling. However there are two projects where we need the help of some volunteers:

- **Tuesday, 13th February, from 10am:** to assist WBC Rangers to clear overgrowth at the Vale Drive entrance to The Gallops
- **Tuesday, 27th February, from 1pm:** to help FVRA in checking the trees and plantings on Bost Hill (involving a bit of weeding and tying in of supports/ protective sleeves).

2018 Membership Renewals

It would be appreciated if you could pay your subscription at the Post Office by 31st March 2018. For details of standing orders or payment by bank transfer contact Jim Booth on 07757 703127 or email membership@findonvalley.org. For those of you who have already set up a standing order please remember to amend it as appropriate.

Join our Subscription Collectors Team

We have a group of people who help us in collecting subscriptions from members living in Findon Valley. We need some additional volunteers to call on local residents for their membership payment in various roads during early summer. To find out more information please contact Jim Booth, FVRA Membership Secretary, on 07757 703127 or email membership@findonvalley.org.

Building the Valley's Community Spirit

We're looking for a person to assist us with organising a few social events to strengthen the community spirit in Findon Valley. We already have a group of friends who already volunteer to run the annual Findon Valley Fun Dog Show (2018 will be its 5th year) with the FVRA providing support. If you have like-minded friends and keen to organise an event or two for everyone's to enjoy, please contact Maggie Winter on 01903 263038 or email chairman@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 and try 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.

Findon Cricket Club

We are looking to recruit new members (junior, senior and girls) for the 2018 season.

Our indoor net sessions have been booked at Durrington High School, as follows (Nets start on Tuesday 6th February 2018 and run until the 22nd March):

Tuesday:

6pm to 7pm - under 9s/10s/11s

7pm to 8pm - under 13s/14s/15s

8pm to 9.30pm - under 17s/19s and seniors

Thursday

5.45pm to 6.45pm - all girls

Please feel free to attend our net sessions, and we hope to welcome you to our village club.

We have 3 senior Saturday League XI's, a Girls section and Junior teams from Under 9's through to Under 19's.

Please feel free to get in touch with John Rogers by sending an email to fishy2811@gmail.com or by phoning 07951 834332.

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.....

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

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