

**Mr Singh's weekly message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliant first full week back at The Vale Primary Academy. Next week children will be starting their music lessons – Early years, Years 1 and 2 will be taking part in classroom percussion and singing. Years 3 and 4 will be learning the guitar. Years 5 and 6 will be learning how to play brass instruments.

Please note that as a mark of respect for the passing of the Queen, The Vale Primary Academy will be closed for the National Bank Holiday on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Please see below for our key messages for next week

**KEY MESSAGES**

**READING MORNING**

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding weekly reading mornings to give you the opportunity to read with your child in school. We have planned for sessions to take place on Tuesdays between 08:45 until 08:55. Please note – as we expect a strong uptake – we must ask that only one parent per child attends. We will welcome any feedback after the event on how we can further improve our reading mornings. We hope to see you there.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

I would like to inform you that individual photographs of each child will be taken on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Families in school will also have the opportunity for their photograph to be taken together.

**MONDAY RUGBY CLUB**

Unfortunately, due to a booking error from Elite Sports Club we regret to inform you that the KS2 Rugby Club on Monday will need to be re-scheduled to Thursdays. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused - but rest assured that your child will have their place on Thursdays. This will begin the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Please contact the office with any queries.

**HOME READING**

Children have been issued with new reading books this week. These books have been matched with your child's current reading attainment, following a week of baseline assessments. These levelled reading books should be read daily with your child, for around 10 minutes. Please record this within your child's planner when they have read. Children who have a reading comment in their planner will receive a dojo as a reward for home reading.

Children will continue to also have reading for pleasure texts. These are books from our library and class reading areas that the children have chosen to enjoy. These books are often less decodable and are beyond children current reading levels. Please enjoy and share these books with your child throughout the week also.

Children who are not receiving phonics lessons, or support, or children who are not reading our early fluent readers, will be classed as 'free readers'. Children who are free reading will only have one books. This will double as they are home reader and reading for pleasure book.

As an academy we continue to subscribe to Oxford Owl and Reading Plus. These subscriptions are a positive tool support in your child's reading progress. Reading Plus is an adaptive tool and children will be matched, in live time, with texts that will challenge and build their reading skills. KS2 children are encouraged to access Reading Plus as often as possible. Children will also be rewarded for engagement with Reading Plus.

Have a safe and restful weekend.

**Attendance**

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>95.3%</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>94.5%</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>95.4%</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>98.4%</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>90.7%</b>

**Pupil of The Week**

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Alex A, Darcie T</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Ella B</b>
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Scarlett P</b>
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Sebastian SM</b>
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Joey J</b>
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Addison T</b>
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Zach R</b>
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Luiza N</b>

**Key dates for your diary**

- 16.09.22: Celebration Assemblies resume
- 20.09.22: Reading Morning (08:45 - 08:55)
- 23.09.22: Jeans for Genes Day
- 30.09.22: Governors Coffee Morning
- 10.10.22: Mental Health Day
- 10.10.22: Y2 Tropical World visit (RE-SCHEDULED FROM LAST YEAR)
- 11.10.22: School Photos
- 17.10.22: Parent Voice Questionnaire
- 23.10.22: End of Autumn 1 (half term)
- 31.10.22: Staff Training Day (School Closed)
- 01.11.22: School re-opens (Autumn 2)

This half term we will also be conducting family assemblies, this will be an opportunity for you to come into school and gain an insight into what your child/children have been learning about.

We will also be having visitors in school for Black History Month and Diwali.

We will also be hoping to invite parents into school for the end of term House games/tournaments. More information will be shared closer to the events.

**Twitter**

Please follow us on our twitter feed:

[@Vale\\_Primary](https://twitter.com/Vale_Primary)

