

Mr Singh's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and feedback over the last 12 months. At the start of the year, we sent out a survey and held an AAB coffee morning. One area of feedback which was a recurring theme was the communication between school and parents.

As a result of this feedback, we reviewed our means of communication and now have the following in place:

- Weekly Newsletter shared electronically and published on Academy website [Newsletters - The Vale Primary Academy \(thevpacademy.org.uk\)](https://thevpacademy.org.uk)
- Key dates for each half term
- Latest news (on website) [Updates - The Vale Primary Academy \(thevpacademy.org.uk\)](https://thevpacademy.org.uk)
- Termly class newsletter (including key dates and events for each class)
- Review and update of our messaging service to a more user-friendly platform (now MCAS)
- Teachers available to talk to parents for 15 minutes each day (5 minutes in the morning and 10 minutes at the end of the day)
- Classwork shared on Twitter [The Vale Primary Academy \(@Vale_Primary\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/Vale_Primary)
- Half termly Family assemblies (celebrating children's work)
- Termly coffee mornings (opportunity to meet and share feedback to Leaders and Governors)
- Guidance on Academy contact [Contact - The Vale Primary Academy \(thevpacademy.org.uk\)](https://thevpacademy.org.uk)

If you feel that this can be further improved – we would love your feedback and suggestions. This can be included in the Parent Survey.

Can I also please take this opportunity to encourage you all to read the Newsletter (paper copies can be requested at the front office) and may I also clarify that the Academy is not affiliated with any WhatsApp or Facebook groups and the best way to share your thoughts is by following the Academy contact process [Contact - The Vale Primary Academy \(thevpacademy.org.uk\)](https://thevpacademy.org.uk)

KEY MESSAGES

UNIFORM

Please can I remind all that the school uniform is as follows:

- Royal blue V-neck jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (with or without logo)
- Grey or black trousers/skirt
- White polo shirt, shirt or blouse (tie for Year 6)
- All black shoes and trainers
- No lines or shapes in haircuts

HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Next week parents/carers will be receiving their first half termly attendance report for their child/children.

Depending on your child's attendance you will be receiving a Red, Amber or Green report.

We have five days left of this half term, please ensure your child attends each day as this will have a positive effect on your child's attendance and **could** impact the attendance report you receive.

FAMILY ASSEMBLY

Next week we will be welcoming parents into our first Family Assembly. The assemblies will run for approximately 30 minutes and will take place between 09:30-10:00. I know the children are excited to share with you all the amazing work they have done this half term and we look forward to seeing you there. The dates and times for each assembly can be found below:

- Y1 and Y2 – 18.10.22 at 09:30
- Y3 and Y4 – 20.10.22 at 09:30
- Y5 and Y6 – 21.10.22 at 09:30

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all who have kindly donated items for Harvest

On the 20th October – we will be donating all items to our local Foodbank and Church. I know that these will be greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference to some families in the local community.

Have a safe and restful weekend - Mr J Singh

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	97.2%
BUTTERFLIES	97.2%
PANDAS	94.6%
TIGERS	97.4%
GAZELLES	95.8%
ELEPHANTS	95.5%
PENGUINS	98.2%
SNOW LEOPARDS	93.6%

<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Nylah S, Laila-Mai H
BUTTERFLIES	Finley T
PANDAS	Cayson G
TIGERS	Millie S
GAZELLES	Maddison D
ELEPHANTS	Carson G
PENGUINS	Archie D
SNOW LEOPARDS	Jackson O

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
18	26	17	23

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	<u>Twitter</u>
17.10.22: Parent Voice Questionnaire 19.10.22: African drumming and Art workshops 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) 01.11.22: Diwali Festival workshops	Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary

