

Mr Singh's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a productive half term with children quickly settling back into learning, routines and enjoying both extra-curricular activities and enrichment opportunities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for completing our parental survey. We had over 100 responses and gained some vital feedback.

I will be reviewing this feedback and will look to provide a response to you all early next half term.

I have also had the pleasure of speaking with parents this week regarding Halloween. As a school we are conscious of ensuring that children have the chance to take part in enrichment opportunities that offer a broad and balanced scope. It is not always possible to have activities for every event.

However, we always want to hear what our parents think and where possible we review our plans. Therefore, on the 1st of November, the school will be providing an opportunity for children to celebrate Halloween – we will be having a spooky themed menu and hosting an after school Halloween Cinema night. I, alongside other members of staff will be giving up our own time to host this event between 16:00-17:30. We will be screening a showing of Hotel Transylvania and providing the children with hot chocolate and popcorn.

We will also review our long-term plans and ensure that this is planned in for the next academic year.

Please see below for our key messages.

KEY MESSAGES

PARENTS EVENING

We will be holding our first Parents Evening of this academic year on Tuesday November 15th and Wednesday November 16th. This will give you a chance to come into school and discuss with your child's teacher on how they have settled into their new year group and discuss next steps on how we can work in partnership to give your child the best chance of success this year and beyond.

CHILDREN IN NEED

"Get your spots out" on Friday 18th of November and get involved on appeal day this year! We know that times are really tough for everyone right now, but every penny raised helps Children in Need make a difference to children and young people who need it most right now. This year we are asking for children to come to school in spotty fancy dress/anything with spots on. We are also asking children to bring a voluntary donation of up to £1 on this day.

HOUSE GAMES

Our first house games competition will be held between 09.11.2022 – 11.11.2022. The first competition will be mixed 6 a side football. Children are welcome to sign up to represent their houses during the first week back. Parents are encouraged to come and support the event which will take place after school.

Y1/Y2 games on 09.11.2022 between 15:30-16:30

Y3/Y4 games on 10.11.2022 between 15:30-16:30

Y5/Y6 games on 11.11.2022 between 15:30-16:30

Please note that as staff will be required to supervise the House Games – there will be no after school clubs on Thursday 10th November.

Have a safe and restful half term

Mr J Singh

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	90.1%
BUTTERFLIES	87.5%
PANDAS	94.1%
TIGERS	93.1%
GAZELLES	93.1%
ELEPHANTS	98.4%
PENGUINS	94.6%
SNOW LEOPARDS	93.3%

<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Dexter R, Edie B
BUTTERFLIES	William B
PANDAS	Olivia B
TIGERS	Isla M
GAZELLES	Ivy B
ELEPHANTS	Harry W
PENGUINS	Ellie S
SNOW LEOPARDS	Frankie A

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
21	35	27	30

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
31.10.22: Staff Training Day (School Closed)	<p>Twitter Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary</p>
01.11.22: School re-opens (Autumn 2)	
01.11.22: Halloween movie night	
01.11.22: Diwali Festival workshops	
05.11.22: Bonfire Fire Safety	
07.11.22: Whole week of Afterschool House Football Tournaments	
11.11.22: Remembrance Day	
15.11.22/16.11.22: Parents Evening	
18.11.22: Children in Need	
30.11.22/01.12.22: Glass Art Workshops and Christmas Calendars	
06.12.22: Y1-Y6 Christmas music concert	
06.12.22: Christmas Story Writing with an Author	
08.12.22: EYFS Nativity and Christmas Jumper Day	
09.12.22: Christmas Movie Night	
13.12.22: Christmas Family Dinners (EYFS / Y1 / Y2)	
14.12.22: Christmas Family Dinners (Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6)	
15.12.22: Christmas Disco with Visit from Santa and Class Parties	