

**Mr Singh's weekly message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic half term at The Vale Primary Academy - with lots happening and plenty of things to celebrate. I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support.

During the next half term, we have several exciting events coming up including a surprise visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March!

Please see below for this week's key messages with a particular focus on attendance.

**KEY MESSAGES**

MRS SUSAN DUNWELL

Mrs Dunwell, who over the last 20 years she has supported the school and helped it become a better place for our children, is officially leaving. Mrs Dunwell will be greatly missed, and we can't imagine walking into the office and not seeing her. Thank you for every single second you've spent with us. It is truly appreciated!

MS KAREN ELLIS

We are pleased to announce that Ms Ellis will be assuming the role left by Mrs Dunwell shortly after half term. Ms Ellis brings a wealth of knowledge and skills and we are very excited about her starting with us.

**ATTENDANCE APPROACH**

As part of our ongoing drive to improve attendance - we would like to work closely with you to ensure that every child is successful, through continuity of learning, and is able to achieve to their full potential at our school.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have reviewed our 'Effective Academy Attendance Improvement and Management'. Our approach is more robust and will enable parents to have a clearer understanding of our procedures, actions and next steps. Please see below:

Suggested Timeline for letters
<p><b>Letter 1</b>  <b>Minor concern- trigger 95% (dependent on time of year)</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Monitor for improvement, may speak with child to support</li> </ul>
<p><b>Letter 2</b>  <b>Trigger 93% - may not authorise going forward without medical proof</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Invite parent / carer in for a meeting, following the Early Intervention Guidance</li> <li>➤ Refer to the ATTEND Framework</li> <li>➤ Use the listening to understand (proforma A) to record meeting</li> <li>➤ May then go on to complete the Early Intervention Plan (proforma B) if appropriate</li> <li>➤ Review in 3 weeks                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improved - no further action</li> <li>- Failing -Team around the Family (TAF) approach</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Letter 3</b>  <b>Trigger 90% - more formalised meeting, preparing to refer to LA if fails</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Invite to a more formal attendance support meeting</li> <li>➤ Complete Attendance Support Plan - (proforma C) - ensuring this aligns with your Local Authority procedures should you need to take next steps</li> </ul>

Have a safe and restful half term.

Kindest regards

J Singh

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	94.2%
BUTTERFLIES	94.2%
PANDAS	91.7%
TIGERS	90.7%
GAZELLES	95.3%
ELEPHANTS	96.4%
PENGUINS	97.9%
SNOW LEOPARDS	94.1%

<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Theo P & Heidi S
BUTTERFLIES	James H
PANDAS	Sakinah C
TIGERS	Freddie G
GAZELLES	Jake D
ELEPHANTS	Ashton C
PENGUINS	Quinn P
SNOW LEOPARDS	Ella F

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
20.02.23: School re-opens for Spring 2	
02.03.23: Y1/Y2 Family Assembly	
03.03.23: Y3/Y4 Family Assembly	
06.03.23: Y5 Magna visit	
08.03.23: Reception Canon Hall Farm visit	
08.03.23: Y5/Y6 Family Assembly	
16.03.23: KS1 PE Tournament at England Lane Academy	
23.03.23: Zoo lab (whole school visit)	
29.03.23: Year 5 and Year 6 Music performance	
30.03.23: PTA Easter Fayre	
31.03.23: End of Spring 2	
17.04.23: School re-opens for Summer 1	
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<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
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