

**Mr Singh's weekly message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliant start to the summer term at The Vale Primary Academy. It has been great to see the children back to school – focused and determined and ready for the challenges for the summer term.

I would also like to take this time to remind you that The National Education Union (NEU) representing some teachers in schools have voted to take industrial action in the form of a strike on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

The disruption created by this strike day, and the need to have regard to the health and safety of pupils, has been assessed and as a result, the academy has decided to partially close to pupils.

The following year groups will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May 2023:

- Nursery
- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3

We very much regret the disruption and inconvenience but have made the decision to close partially after careful consideration and in the best interests of the children.

Please see below for this week's key message.

**KEY MESSAGES**

**KING'S CORONATION PICNIC**

Next week we will be celebrating the coronation of King Charles III – we will be having a whole school picnic with lots of fun and games. All children will also receive a very special gift to commemorate the occasion. The picnic will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**KS2 SATs**

On the week commencing the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023, Year 6 pupils will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 assessment. If you have a child in Year 6, please make sure that they attend school every day and get a good night's sleep.

We would like to invite all Year 6 children to attend breakfast club, free of charge from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May-Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The school will be open for our Year 6 children from 08:00 between Tuesday and Thursday.

**HOUSE GAMES**

This half terms house games will be Rounders! House teams will compete against one another in mixed year groups. Children will have the chance to sign up and we will inform parents of participating children. As always – you are most welcome to attend and support the event. House games take place on House Games 24<sup>th</sup> May (Y1,2, & 3) & 25<sup>th</sup> May (Y4, 5 & 6) 15:30-16:30.

**PARENTS EVENING**

Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May between 13:00-18:00.

Appointment letters will be sent out during the first week back. We look forward to seeing you all.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

J Singh

<b>Attendance</b>	
CATERPILLARS	95.9%
BUTTERFLIES	95.9%
PANDAS	94.3%
TIGERS	97.1%
GAZELLES	94.1%
ELEPHANTS	93.2%
PENGUINS	98.5%
SNOW LEOPARDS	93.6%

<b>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</b>	
CATERPILLARS	Freddie G & Azari M
BUTTERFLIES	Lukas S
PANDAS	Brodie P
TIGERS	James W
GAZELLES	Grayson W
ELEPHANTS	Amber O
PENGUINS	Charlie B
SNOW LEOPARDS	Lincoln M

<b>Key dates for your diary</b>
01.05.23: Bank Holiday
04.05.23: INSET day 4th May
05.05.23: King's Coronation Picnic
08.05.23: Bank Holiday – King's Coronation
23.05.23: Parents evening
24.05.23: House Games (Y1, 2 & 3) 15:30-16:30
25.05.23: House Games (Y4, 5 & 6) 15:30-16:30
26.05.23: End of Summer 1 term
05.06.23: School re-opens Summer 2
19.06.23: Transition Day
26.06.23: Sports day (Y3/4) 13:30 -14:45
27.06.23: Sports day (N/R) 13:30 -14:45
28.06.23: Sports day (Y1/2) 13:30 -14:45
30.06.23: Sports day (Y5/6) 13:30 -14:45
17.07.23: End of year reports
20.07.23: Vision & Values awards
25.07.23: End of school year
04.09.23: INSET day (staff training day)
05.09.23: School reopens new school year

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HOUSE POINTS			
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