

**Mr Singh's weekly message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week at The Vale Primary Academy (just a shame about the rain!) – I have been so impressed by the behaviour and attitudes to learning from all children across school

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who attended the reading morning and coffee morning this week. I am also very grateful for your support in getting your child to school on time and ensuring that they have the best possible start to the academic year.

I know many of you have been awaiting SPT Uniforms to update their website for PE uniform – I can confirm that we have spoken to them, and these are now available on their website.

Please see below for our key messages this week:

**HOUSE GAMES**

We are pleased to announce and welcome parents to the first round of House Games for this academic year. On the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October – children will represent their houses in the football tournament.

The dates and times for this are:

- YEARS 1 & 2: 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 15:30-16:30
- YEARS 3 & 4: 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 15:30-16:30
- YEARS 5 & 6: 4<sup>th</sup> October – 15:30-16:30

**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, shapes or extreme haircuts

Full guidance can be found on our website:

[Uniform - The Vale Primary Academy \(thevpacademy.org.uk\)](http://thevpacademy.org.uk)

**PACKED LUNCHES AND SNACKS**

We encourage healthy snacks in school – only fruit, vegetables or cheese style snacks for break please. Lunchboxes can contain a treat as part of a healthy balanced meal, but no sweets or fizzy drinks are allowed. Due to a number of children with life threatening allergies, nuts (or items with nuts in - including Nutella) must not be brought into school. Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school. We do not allow fruit or juices in water bottles as the acid rots teeth.

**PE**

PE days for the Autumn term are as follows:

Y1 – Wednesday  
Y2 – Monday  
Y3 – Tuesday  
Y4 – Tuesday  
Y5 – Thursday  
Y6 – Thursday

Alongside this – your child will take part in a daily fit in 15 session – please send your child to school each day with a pair of trainers to change into.

Please ensure that your child dresses appropriately (depending on weather) for PE and is in full school PE uniform. PE t-shirts, linked to your child's house team will be issued this half term.

**CLASS NEWSLETTERS**

Class newsletters are now available on the website, these provide a more comprehensive overview of your child's learning and key events coming up. These can be found here:

[Classes - The Vale Primary Academy \(thevpacademy.org.uk\)](http://thevpacademy.org.uk)

Best wishes  
Mr J Singh

<u>PUPIL OF THE WEEK</u>	
CATERPILLARS	Ayla W
BUTTERFLIES	Theo A
PANDAS	William B
TIGERS	Taya N
GAZELLES	Jack A
ELEPHANTS	Ivan S
PENGUINS	Aimee-Lee N
SNOW LEOPARDS	Charlie R

<u>Attendance</u>	
CATERPILLARS	86%
BUTTERFLIES	97%
PANDAS	90%
TIGERS	97%
GAZELLES	94%
ELEPHANTS	97%
PENGUINS	100%
SNOW LEOPARDS	98%

<u>HOUSE POINTS</u>			
<b>WHARF</b>	<b>SWALE</b>	<b>DERWENT</b>	<b>AIRE</b>
11	12	11	19



**Key dates for your diary**

**SCHOOL EVENTS AUTUMN TERM:**

25.09.23: Harvest collection  
01.10.23: Black History Month  
10.10.23: World Mental Health Day (10th)  
16.10.23: Recycling Week  
18.10.23: African dance and Virtual Reality Tour  
27.10.23: Halloween Disco

Please note a P.T.A event will take place in October with dates and information to follow.

11.11.23: Remembrance Day  
27.11.23 & 28.11.23: Christmas Glass Art Workshops  
01.12.23: In school Pantomime (A Christmas Carol)  
12.12.23: Y3-6 Theatre Visit

**PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT AUTUMN TERM:**

02.10.23: Y1/2 House Games  
03.10.23: Y3/4 House Games  
04.10.23: Y5/6 House Games  
19.10.23: Y1 Phonics workshops  
13.11.23: Y1/2/3 Anti Bullying workshops  
14.11.23: Y4/5/6 Anti Bullying workshops  
23.11.23: Parents evening  
28.11.23: Family assemblies (please see your child's class newsletter for more information)  
04.12.23: Y1/2/3 House Games  
05.12.23: Y4/5/6 House Games  
15.12.23: EYFS Nativity  
18.12.23: Reception & Y1 Family Christmas dinner  
19.12.23: Y2 & Y3 Family Christmas dinner  
20.12.23: Y4, Y5 & Y6 Family Christmas dinner  
21.12.23: Christmas Concert

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