

Mr Singh's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliant week here at The Vale Primary Academy. I am extremely grateful to all parents for their support in getting their children into school each day. Attendance at school is improving daily and we must take this time to thank you for your part in this.

I cannot wait to welcome parents to the first round of House Games next week.

The dates and times for this are:

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

Please note there will be no afterschool clubs on Tuesday 3rd October due to the house games.

I do hope that the refereeing this year will be an improvement from last year – and I know we can't wait for the children to show off their amazing skills.

Please see below for our key messages this week:

HARVEST

The harvest festival is more than just a traditional and cultural event; it holds significant educational and life lessons that are integral to the development of our children. I want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous food donations. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our community and have helped us provide much-needed support to those in greatest need. Next week we will be handing over your donations, and I know that these will make a huge difference. Thank you so much.

COATS

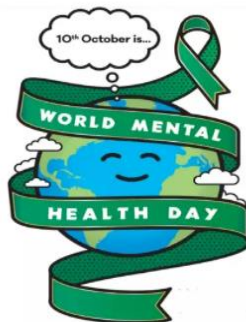
Given that Autumn weather is changeable, can we ensure that children are coming to school with a light jacket or coat to ensure they are prepared for all weather.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On the 10th October we will be celebrating World Mental Health day. The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health. It's also a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling.

On Tuesday 10th October – children are welcome to come into school wearing something green and donate £1 for the event. All donations will be given to Mental Health Foundation (website below).

[Our work | Mental Health Foundation](#)



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.

UNSUNG HEROES

Children had a special visitor in school on Friday to discuss the launch of Unsung Heroes. This is an initiative where the children and staff will be able to vote for people within the school that they think deserve more recognition. They will be able to vote between now and December 1st. All nominations will be considered. Everyone who get a vote will receive a certificate with the overall winner receiving a trophy on December 8th during our Friday Celebration assembly.



Best wishes
Mr J Singh

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

CATERPILLARS	Theo P
BUTTERFLIES	Arlo W
PANDAS	Chelsea S
TIGERS	Mark P
GAZELLES	Oakley M
ELEPHANTS	Joey J
PENGUINS	Addison T
SNOW LEOPARDS	Kia S

Attendance

CATERPILLARS	88%
BUTTERFLIES	97.1%
PANDAS	93.4%
TIGERS	98.6%
GAZELLES	97%
ELEPHANTS	96.9%
PENGUINS	90%
SNOW LEOPARDS	95.7%

HOUSE POINTS			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
22	20	21	32

Key dates for your diary	
<p>SCHOOL EVENTS AUTUMN TERM: 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</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT AUTUMN TERM: 02.10.23: Y1/2 House Games 03.10.23: Y3/4 House Games (No afterschool clubs on this day) 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/Fayre</p>	<p>Twitter Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary</p>

