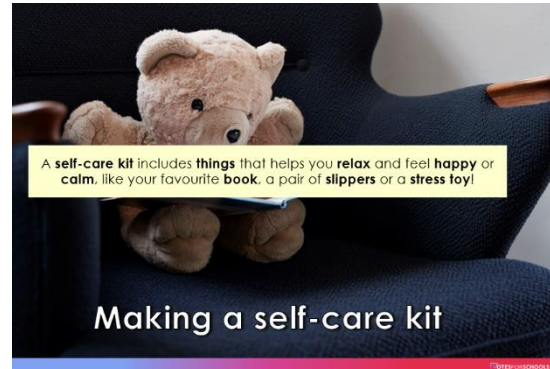


Miss Cartwright's weekly message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a restful Christmas and New Year. We have had an absolutely fantastic first 2 weeks back here at The Vale Primary Academy. The children have all impressed me with their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. If you haven't already, you can see what your child will be learning in the Spring Term on their class newsletter which was printed and sent home last Friday.

This week in our whole school assembly, we explored how we can look after our mental health. This linked directly to the children's SMSC lesson this week through Votes for School. I was blown away with their participation and understanding of emotions both in themselves, as well as in their peers. We explored activities we could do to help if we weren't feeling our best. Their particular favourite was to create a self-care kit. The children told me so many things they would add to their kit and it was heartwarming they felt confident to share this and help others. The work they will do this week in SMSC will help build on their whole class Thrive activities and support Children's Mental Health Week in the week beginning 05.02.24.



In the week beginning 29.01.24 we will be celebrating LGBT History Month. We will have a whole class assembly discussing equality and how in history people have not always been treated fairly. The children already display an understanding how others have not always been treated equally through Black History Month. We will be looking at important people in history and how they have had to overcome the challenges of inequality. This will support the children deepen their understanding of protected characteristics. Further to this, we will celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science in the week beginning 05.02.24.

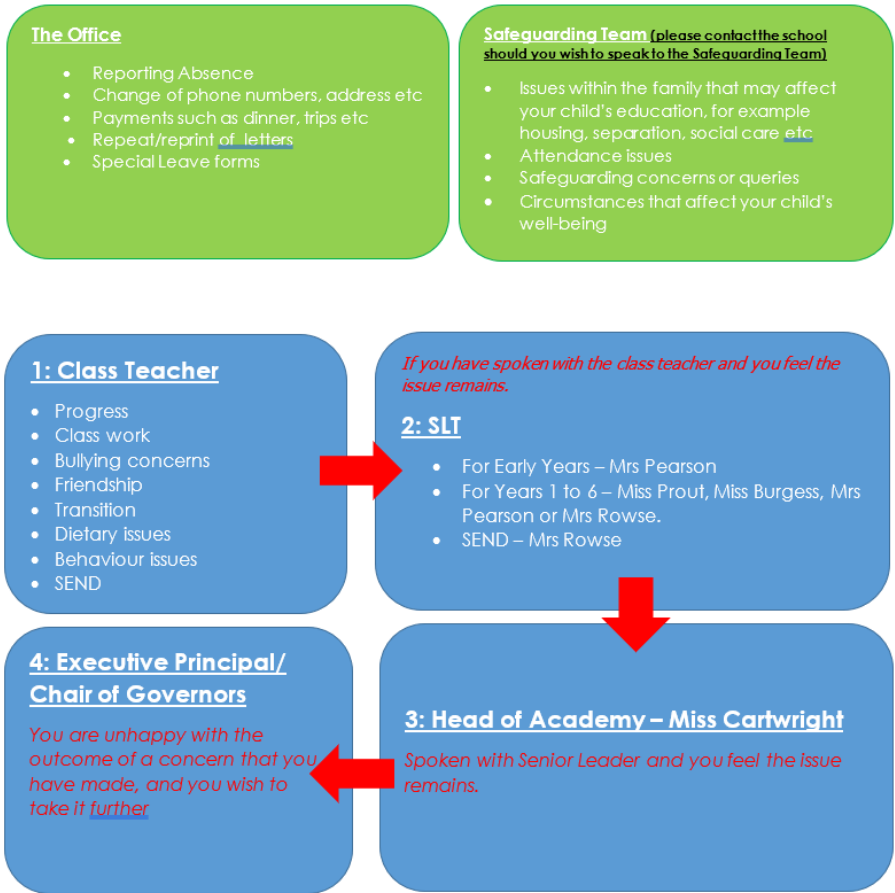
Our next House Games is Art. Each class will have a different artist and techniques to explore and use to create their own masterpiece. Our theme is 'The Barometer of life' and gives the school the opportunity to create artwork with a message. To choose the final house winner, we invite you to attend our first ever art exhibition which will display a selection of art work. Here you will have the opportunity to vote for the overall winner in each class and house.



Finally as we have had some staffing changes, please see below a renewed communications flowchart which will support you if you have any questions or queries about your child.

Miss S Cartwright

Communication Flowchart



PUPIL OF THE WEEK	
CATERPILLARS	Florence D
BUTTERFLIES	Olly W
PANDAS	Isla H
TIGERS	Charlie W
GAZELLES	Ivy B
ELEPHANTS	Rosie B
PENGUINS	Fiona D
SNOW LEOPARDS	Jude C

Attendance	
CATERPILLARS	93.3%
BUTTERFLIES	99%
PANDAS	94%
TIGERS	96.6%
GAZELLES	96.8%
ELEPHANTS	98.6%
PENGUINS	95.8%
SNOW LEOPARDS	97.1%

HOUSE POINTS			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
139	171	138	153

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
<p>SCHOOL EVENTS SPRING TERM:</p> <p>WC 29.01.24 Art House Games WC 29.01.24 LGBT History month WC 05.02.24 Children's mental health week 07.02.24 Year 1 Dinostars workshop (TBC) 11.02.24 International Day of Women and Girls in Science (celebrated wc 05.02.24)</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT AUTUMN TERM:</p> <p>29.01.24 Year 1 phonics workshop 31.01.24 Art exhibition to determine to House Games winner. Please come in and vote for your winner. 08.02.24 Dallowgill parent information session Year 5 and Year 6.</p>	<p>Twitter Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary</p>

