

Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have come to the end of the Spring Term. There has been some amazing learning and experiences that the children have had experience of, and we look forward to seeing all their amazing work and ideas as we head into our final term.



This week we have had art in Year 1 exploring mixing colours. Year 4 have been experimenting with printing. Well done both year groups on a messy but fun week of art.

Year 2 blew me away with their Spanish this week. They have been reading, writing and pronouncing different places in town in Spanish. Well done for such enthusiasm and dedication.



This week every class has been taking part in Shakespeare week. The children have learned who William Shakespeare is, his most famous works and delved into the stories behind the playscripts. We have had poetry, drama, writing, exploring vocabulary to name a few activities. Year 4 in particular have thrown themselves into Macbeth.

Year 6 have continued their SATs Superheroes workshops with real maturity and excitement to their upcoming assessments in May. We recognise this can be a tricky time for them however they are showing excellent resilience, even when they are not feeling their most confident. Well done all Year 6s for your ongoing hard work. You are all doing such a great job.



Easter Potatoes

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Potato exhibition on Wednesday, what a turn out! It was amazing to see our shortlisted potatoes on display. All potatoes were displayed in classrooms over the past week for children to celebrate. Unfortunately, we couldn't get every potato into the hall otherwise there would have been no space for people! The book and cake sale was a real hit; thank you to everyone who donated books and made this possible. It means a lot to many families to have access to high quality, preloved books for only a small amount of money. Overall **we made a profit of £85**. This will go towards new reading books for our children in school. Our reading Ambassadors will have a great time choosing the books they feel classes will enjoy and

benefit from.



Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day last week. We are proud to announce that the **school raised £148 for the charity**. This will make such a difference to those in need.



Attendance Matters

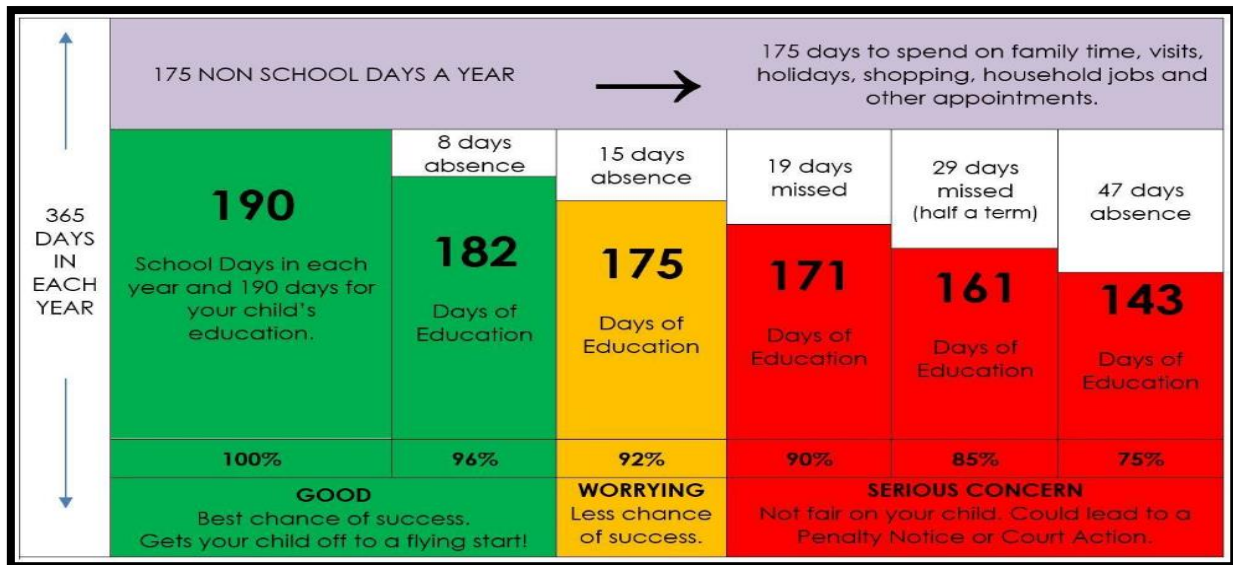
Finally, I am pleased to announce that we have introduced a new class incentive for attendance. As we all know, attendance is hugely important to us here at The Vale. Research shows that there is a direct link between school attendance, attainment and progress. Poor attendance and missing lessons have a direct negative impact upon a child's success in learning. Therefore, if a class has 100% attendance each day, they now receive a letter. These letters will eventually spell **The Vale Primary**. Once all letters have been collected, the class will receive £20 to spend on something for their class. The children in the class will need to use their democratic and voting skills to decide on something the whole class can enjoy. Equally, if the class decide to save up to money to buy something bigger, they can! We hope this will not only be an incentive for strong attendance but also equip the children with skills such as democracy and money management.

This evening an electronic letter explaining attendance further will be sent out. Please see the visual below as to why attendance is so important.



I hope you all have a restful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 8th April.

Miss S Cartwright



PUPIL OF THE WEEK

CATERPILLARS	All children
BUTTERFLIES	Baillie P
PANDAS	Finley T
TIGERS	Olivia B
GAZELLES	Josh A
ELEPHANTS	Ivy B
PENGUINS	Addison C
SNOW LEOPARDS	Lennox J

Attendance

CATERPILLARS	89.3%
BUTTERFLIES	96.2%
PANDAS	96%
TIGERS	92.5%
GAZELLES	94.8%
ELEPHANTS	92.1%
PENGUINS	98.3%
SNOW LEOPARDS	89.6%

HOUSE POINTS			
WHARF	SWALE	DERWENT	AIRE
225	265	204	228

<u>Key dates for your diary</u>	
<p>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM: 13.05.24 Mental Health Awareness Week 21.05.24 World Day for Cultural Diversity 22.05.24 House Games Spelling Bee 22.05.24 Tempest Class Photographs Wc 24.06.24 Sports Days: specific details to be confirmed nearer the time.</p> <p>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER TERM: 01.05.24 Year 1 Phonics workshop 02.05.24 Triple P parent workshop SEND Surgery- every Monday starting wc 18.03.24</p>	<p><u>Twitter</u> Please follow us on our twitter feed: @Vale_Primary</p>

