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The Vale Primary Academy is now on Twitter!!!

Twitter is a great way not only to gain access into all the wonderful things that happen during the school day, but it can also be a really supportive thing in celebrating the children's achievements. Why not follow us and when we share work and achievements you can join us in celebrating the learning?

We have sent out a letter tonight for you to sign and return giving us permission to post pictures of your child achieving great things. As soon as you return it you will be able to see the enjoyment and excellence in their faces.

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Parent Voice

Although I am a firm believer that change can be a great thing, I also understand that it can be an anxious time for many. As the new Head of Academy at the Vale I just wanted to again thank you for making me feel so welcome. Ensuring the very best outcomes for all children requires us all to work together as a team. In order to do this we will be having regular Parent Voice meetings where you can come for a coffee and a biscuit and we can have a good chat about what it is you would like to see more of at The Vale Primary Academy. Although we might not be able to do everything straight away we value your support and input so that, as a team, we can work together and make sure children are happy, safe and enjoy learning.

Our first Parent Voice meeting will be on 20th September at 9:30am in the main hall. Come along and contribute!

Dates for your diary

- 13th September Y6 to De Lacy – Transition session 2-3:45pm – parents to organise collecting children from there
- 19th – 23rd September – British Values Week
- 20th September - Parent Voice
- 20th September De Lacy Open Evening for Y6 Parents and Carers 6-8pm
- 26th-29th September – Book Fair
- 26th-30th September - Book Week– including class visits to the library. (28th September Year 4,5 and 6. 29th Year1,2 and 3)
- 30th September Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-10:30am

FS2 99.1% 1 late	Y1 95.6% 2 lates	Y2 96.6% 1 late
Y3 100% 1 late	Y4 95.3% 0 lates	Y5 83.0% 1 late
Y6 91.2% 0 lates		

Attendance and lates

Whole School

94.0% & 6 Lates

Every School Day COUNTS

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We have had such an exciting first week back in the Foundation Unit! The children have been busy exploring their new classroom and getting to know their new friends. This term our topic is Cowboys and Indians and the children have been sharing their ideas with Mrs Skelding to create a stimulating environment! Yeeehaaaaaaa Cowboy!

Phew!!! What a fantastic, brain-boosting week we have all had in Year One! We are working on spelling some tricky words in fabulous phonics and our number bonds to ten are beginning to bond to our brains thanks to our **"that makes ten"** rap! We have used our senses to look closely at different fruits and plants and even found time for a boogie! Get some rest for next week as we have more madness and magic to come!

Year Two have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term. We have been learning about nouns and proper nouns in our literacy and wrote fact files about ourselves so our teachers could learn more about us. In numeracy we have been recapping place value, what each digit of a number is worth e.g. $14 = 1 \text{ ten and } 4 \text{ ones}$. In topic we have been learning about our five senses, investigating what things feel, look, sound, taste and smell.

What a brilliant first week it has been in Year 3! We have got very well-acquainted with each other by playing the Toilet Roll game! In literacy we have enjoyed sharing our holiday stories as well as retelling some more traditional tales in our own inimitable style! Numeracy has been fun as we have played some number games and 'wowed' with our partitioning knowledge (psst: ask us to show off our skills at home, we dare you!). Finally we have thought about what we would like our time in Year 3 to look like and designed our own class promise. Phew – what a week!

Year 4 have made a great start to the school year and have embraced the move up. Already we have put together a class promise, devised number sentences about ourselves, begun 'handwriting boot camp', started work on our times tables and made folders for our tables. Someone even managed to glue Mrs Sidgwick's hair! The children are, of course, extremely excited to go to their very first swimming lesson this week.

Year 5 have had a very busy and exciting first week back at school and have greatly enjoyed getting to know our new teacher and finding out a little bit more about each other. We have written some interesting and informative letters to Mrs O'Leary to tell her a little bit more about ourselves and have enjoyed working together to create important class rules and goals for the year ahead. We think it's going to be a fantastic year!

Year 6 have made an excellent start to the new school year. We have all taken on important roles and responsibilities to keep things running smoothly. It is important we set an excellent example to the younger children in school. We had fun reading poems about school life and performed one to the rest of the school. Next week, we will begin learning to play the Ukulele which is very exciting.

Thank-you for your continued feedback. As The Vale Primary Academy strives to ensure achievement for all: working in partnership with our families to enable learners to develop emotionally, socially and academically within a safe and secure environment. Mr Yeomans will be holding regular Parent Voice meetings. Staff are available to answer questions or queries and Mr Yeomans is usually on the yard before and after school. Please feel free to come and speak to us.

Safeguarding

At The Vale Primary Academy, the welfare of all our pupils is of great importance to us and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school you should contact Mr Yeomans. In addition, Mrs Johnson, our Safeguarding Co-ordinator, can be contacted through the school office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.

Please take time to look at these useful links to help keep your child safe online

<http://ceop.police.uk/>

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Safety/SafetyTips>

Anti-extremism and radicalisation website -

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<http://www.educateagainsthate.com>

<http://www.childnet.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>