

**Newsletter: 15/12/2016**

## Behaviour

Children who demonstrate an acceptable standard are awarded bands. To be awarded a band the children would have to be in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

This week **200** children have been GREEN all week.

Big Bears	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
30/30	23/28	31/31	26/28	29/29	29/29	30/30

**WELL DONE!**

## Attendance and Lates

93.8% and 22 lates

Our attendance target for the year is 96%

Year to date: 94.9%

Big Bears  
88.1% 0 lates

Year 1  
90.1% 7 lates

Year 2  
96.3% 1 late

Year 3  
91.9% 3 lates

Year 4  
99.0% 5 lates

Year 5  
95.6% 3 lates

Year 6  
95.2% 3 lates



This week we have had a variety of celebration assemblies. Thank you all for attending the Key Stage One Production and Foundation Stage Nativity performances. We also had a surprise staff Panto for the Children. Oh no we didn't..... Oh yes we did. Hopefully you have heard all about it from the children. Again, thank you for your constant feedback and support. Merry Christmas.

## Up and Coming Key Dates

15/12/16	School closes
16/12/16	Training Day
03/01/17	School Re Opens
TBC	Friends of the Vale
TBC	Parent Workshops
TBC	Lincoln's Garden
TBC	Bike Shelter
TBC	Play Leaders Introduced
TBC	Head Boy & Head Girl

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We raised a grand total of **£121.00** for our Xmas Jumper Day.

A huge well done to all the children in the Foundation Stage who took part in our Nativity performances this week, they all did an amazing job (even our rogue donkey!) It has been all things Christmassy this week, party hats, Christmas cards, writing secret notes to Santa, baking gingerbread shapes and lots more! May we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

In Year 3 we have been thinking about reindeer, by following and writing instructions to make reindeer food! We also used instructions to make Christmas pudding biscuits – yum yum!  
In maths, we had lots of fun too... We are improving our confidence using the column method for addition and subtraction.

In Year 5 we have imagined what it must be like to be Father Christmas, and have written letters back from Santa to the children in Year 1. We are looking forward to using our ICT skills to type them up. We are really enjoying reading 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets', in guided reading, and have watched some of the film to help us understand the plot.



Year 1: We have been in a very Christmassy mood this week; making Christmas cards, writing letters to Santa and, of course, singing our socks off in our production of Whoops-a-daisy Angel. Thank you to all grown ups who came to see us perform. We have also continued to work hard on our maths; learning more about half by finding half of shapes and numbers. Finally, thank you to all parents all your support through the transition of teachers. Have a fabulous Christmas and all the best for the New Year



In Year 2 this week we have been really busy performing our Nativity for our grown-ups. Thank you so much to all those people who were able to come and watch us; we hope you enjoyed our performance.  
We have worked hard to make our Christmas cards too. The one shown here is Harry's.



Christmas has come to Year 4 this week! We have been writing persuasive letters to Santa, making snowflake decorations and Christmas gift boxes, designing Christmas cards on the computer and reading some Christmas poetry. Of course we had great fun at the Staff Panto.



Year 6: This is Neve's beautiful image of Arabic Art, which we have been creating during the afternoons this week in Year 6. We have all enjoyed using mixed media to produce our art work. In English we are learning how to use parenthesis (brackets, commas, dashes) to good effect, to add extra information as an afterthought. And finally, we have been dividing fractions in maths, which sounds more difficult than we found it!

#### Leadership signposting

If you have any questions or queries in the first instance please see your child's class teacher. If after speaking to a teacher you require to speak to a Senior Leader then Mr Yeomans and Mrs Johnson will be more than happy to help you.  
Thank-you for your continued feedback. 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 holds regular Parent Voice meetings and all are welcome. 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.

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>