

**Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a fun packed week here at The Vale Primary Academy. We have had residentials, phonics screening checks, Year 4 MTCs, never mind all the fantastic work the children have been doing in lessons.

This week, Year 6 visited Dallowgill for their residential. The children, and staff, had an exceptional time. The children enjoyed being outdoors: they hiked to Greygarth Monument, walked through streams and built woodland dens. They also toasted marshmallows around the firepit and baked delicious cupcakes. The children really showcased their independence and resilience this week. When they returned, they had a question-and-answer session with Year 5, who will visit next week. They asked about their favourite activities, any worries they had and all about what they'll eat! Next week I am sure we can celebrate everything that Year 5 achieved in their time there.



Phonics

A huge well done to Year 1 who have been completing their phonics screening check this week. Myself, Miss Tucker and Miss Roberts are so proud of every single child and how well they have done. They are celebrating today with a party in class. If your child was absent from school this week, they will complete theirs next week.

MTC

Another huge well done to Year 4 for completing their MTCs this week alongside Miss Tiplady and Miss Burgess. Miss Burgess was blown away with how quick the children can recall their times tables. Children knowing their timetables with speed is so important for their progress in maths and underpins nearly everything the children will do in future lessons.

Community Careers Links- We Need You

Last week we sent out a link for parents, carers and extended family members. Thank you so much to those who have already signed up, we will be in touch next week to discuss this further. We really appreciate this collaboration and partnership. If you haven't already, and feel you would like to, please complete the very short form expressing your interest using the QR code or this link <https://forms.office.com/e/KYX9xRapnW>



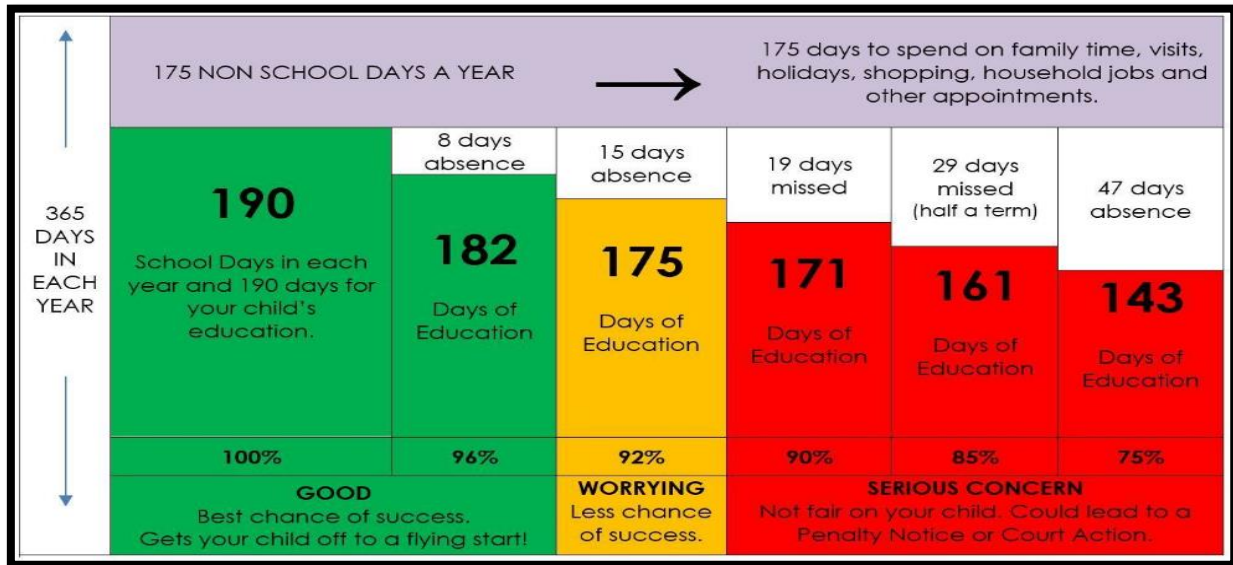
Transition

We are coming to the point in the year when children and staff get excited about their classes next year. We will shortly be announcing which teacher will be in each year group. We have already started transition activities in class. Our Culture and Diversity Day was the perfect opportunity for children to experience working with different staff and being in different classrooms.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July we plan to have our whole school transition where staff and children will spend time building those valuable relationships. We will also be building in time throughout the weeks for class teacher to visit the class in their normal lessons and begin to build those positive relationships. We know that many of our children can struggle with change, and while change is unavoidable, we want these changes to be positive.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Miss S Cartwright



PUPIL OF THE WEEK	
CATERPILLARS	Malachi G / Oliver B
BUTTERFLIES	Anashe M
PANDAS	The whole of Year 1
TIGERS	Cayson G
GAZELLES	Joshua A
ELEPHANTS	Eli G
PENGUINS	Anna R
SNOW LEOPARDS	Isabelle R

Attendance	
CATERPILLARS	89.1%
BUTTERFLIES	90.3%
PANDAS	78%
TIGERS	87.5%
GAZELLES	93.6%
ELEPHANTS	90.7%
PENGUINS	90.8%
SNOW LEOPARDS	88.5%

<b>HOUSE POINTS</b>			
<b>WHARF</b>	<b>SWALE</b>	<b>DERWENT</b>	<b>AIRE</b>
<b>407</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>390</b>

<u><b>Key dates for your diary</b></u>	
<p><b>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM:</b>                      World Music Day 21.06.24                      Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day 26.06.24                      Whole school transition 04.07.24                      Sports Day 09.07.24</p> <p><b>PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMER TERM:</b>                      SEND Surgery- every Monday                      Sports Day 9<sup>th</sup> July. More information about times for year groups and plans for the day will be sent out.                      Summer Fair 12.07.24                      End of year reports 12.07.24</p>	<p><b>Twitter</b>                      Please follow us on our twitter feed:  <a href="https://twitter.com/Vale_Primary">@Vale_Primary</a></p>

