

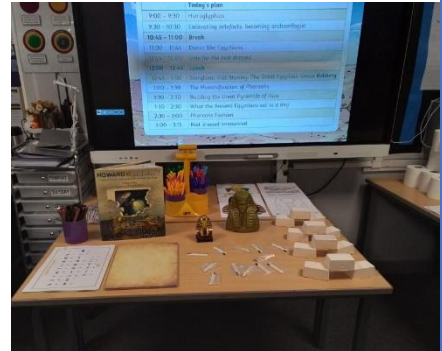
Miss Cartwright's Weekly Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very warm but very successful week here at The Vale. I want to start the newsletter with some fantastic feedback we have had from Pomfret Family Hub worker who was celebrating how well behaved the children are, and what positive attitudes they have. In her words 'it is the best school I have been to' and she shared this with the children as she was working with them. We absolutely love working with other agencies and feedback like this is just so uplifting for everyone.

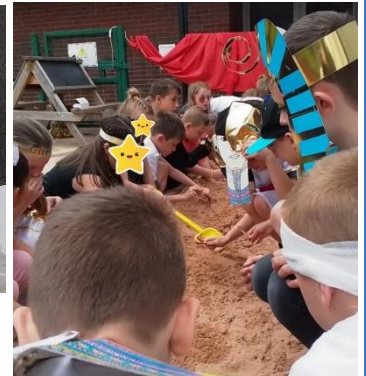
EYFS have been continuing with what they learned about on their local walk. In school the children have been using their mathematical knowledge and positional language to explain where objects are in the small world area of the classroom. This would be a fantastic family activity to do in the local area.

Year 1 have enjoyed their computing this week using their digital literacy skills to make posters for a missing toy. This links really well to Dogger and Traction Man, which are some of their whole class reading books. In Geography the children are looking back at their learning from the spring term. They will be tracking the weather in Tanzania and comparing it to our weather.



Year 2 have continued to enjoy their history lessons, learning about the Victorians. They know all about transport to and from the seaside and Robert Stevenson's invention of the Rocket Train. Year 2 have a very exciting Victorian day coming in which I know they will love. Letters and more information will be coming out shortly.

Year 3 have had an amazing day on Wednesday. Miss Goodall organised an Ancient Egyptian day for the class. They dressed up either as an archaeologist, ancient pharaoh, or a tourist who might visit Egypt to learn about the ancient civilisation. They completed tasks such as archaeology, mummification of a tomato, bandaging, hieroglyphics and many more. What absolute superstars they were. Please see our twitter for loads of photos! [@Vale_Primary](https://twitter.com/Vale_Primary)



Year 4 have had a super week. Many class members attended the annual music festival where they performed with their guitars to a room full of other students in our Education Exchange auditorium. The children performed with amazing confidence and shared the experience with other schools. They were even able to enjoy a performance from a Year 10 band.

Year 5 are continuing with their DT unit and are so knowledgeable about the importance of exploded diagrams. The children know all about the role of a designer and how this impacts the engineer and therefore the final product.

Year 6 have started their rehearsals for their leaver's assembly, to be held on Thursday 18th July. I know they are very excited to perform to you. They have started their new art unit, looking at the works of Henri Rousseau, commenting on the perspective, colour, and texture of his pieces. They have also completed one of my favourite lessons in science. They have learned that living things, including plants adapt to their surroundings. The children created different types of leaves and looked at how water ran from the leaf. From this, they classified them to which environment they might grow in.

Sun safety

As the months get hotter and the sun stronger, many children are bringing suncream. This is fantastic and something we promote in school. However please ensure that cream is applied before coming to school and if children do bring suncream, this must only be for themselves, labelled with their name and the child must be able to apply it themselves. For younger children we appreciate this may be difficult and an all-day, one application cream, applied before coming to school, may be a better option. Please bring any sun hats to keep the children cool and shaded.

Staffing 24 25

A letter was sent out electronically yesterday evening announcing staffing for next year. Here is an overview of teaching and support staff next year.

Year group	Teacher		Support staff
Nursery	Mrs Richardson		Mrs Booth
Reception	Mrs Pearson Mrs Rowse		Miss Glasby Miss Kemp
Year 1	Miss Roberts		Miss Tucker
Year 2	Mr Bosanquet		Miss Slater
Year 3	Miss Goodall		Mrs McNally
Year 4	Miss Capper		
Year 5	Miss Prout		Mrs Brain
Year 6	Miss Burgess		Mrs Keetley

Transition

Now children are aware of their new class teachers, more transition activities will happen. Children have already completed lessons and sessions on coping with change, as well as exploring the whole school and the next year group classroom. Further transition activities will include teachers popping into classes throughout the week to make themselves better known to the children and story time with the children. This will start next week and continue up until we break up.

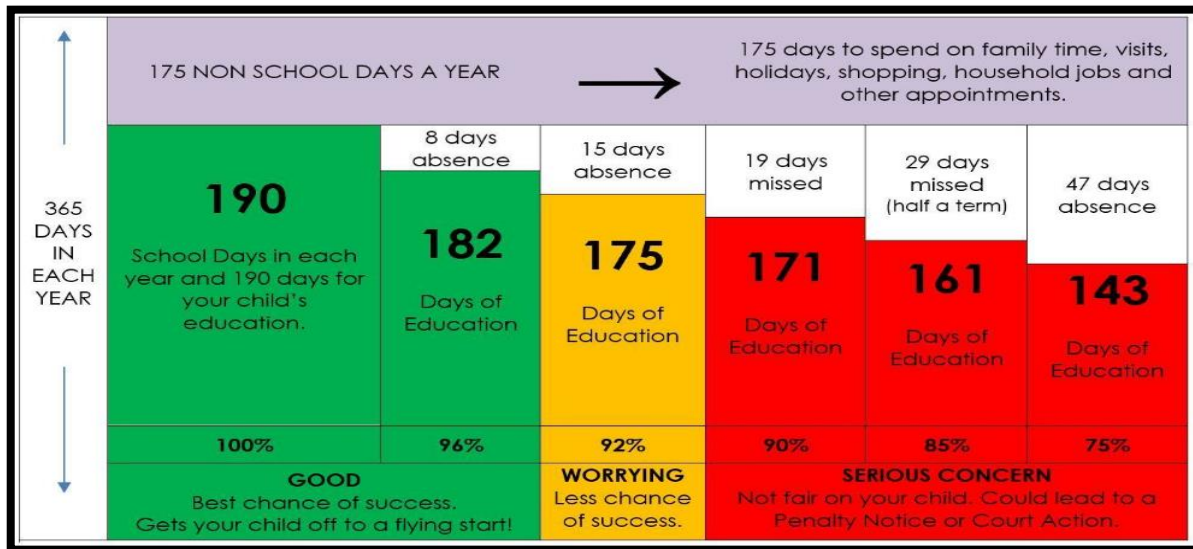
Finally, please collect a Bag2School collection bag from the main office. We have a collection on July 5th in the morning so please bring in any unwanted clothes, bags, shoes or belts. The more we can collect, the more money can be raised for the children. A letter explaining Bag2School has been sent out with information. Please visit their website for more information. You can start bringing in bags of clothes as soon as you are ready to. [Bag2School Fundraiser | UK's No.1 Fundraiser for Schools](http://www.bag2school.org.uk)



You can bring bags in as soon as they are ready. They don't have to be in the bags provided, they can be in a simple bin bag too. I have got my grandparents, parents, and brother who lives in Scotland to contribute. It is a great chance for a wardrobe refresh. I will be having my clear out this weekend.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Miss S Cartwright



PUPIL OF THE WEEK	
CATERPILLARS	and Harry G
BUTTERFLIES	Laila – Mai H
PANDAS	Ava G
TIGERS	Olivia W
GAZELLES	All of Year 3
ELEPHANTS	Teal B
PENGUINS	Harry W
SNOW LEOPARDS	Charlie R

Attendance	
CATERPILLARS	90%
BUTTERFLIES	92.9%
PANDAS	93.3%
TIGERS	92.7%
GAZELLES	92.9%
ELEPHANTS	97.1%
PENGUINS	93.1%
SNOW LEOPARDS	100%



<p><u>Key dates for your diary</u></p> <p>SCHOOL EVENTS SUMMER TERM:</p> <p>Non-uniform day donate preloved toy and book 05.07.24</p> <p>Whole school transition 04.07.24 SEND Surgery- every Monday Sports Day 9th 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 Year 6 end of leavers assembly 18.7.24 @ 2pm Year 6 end of year party 18.7.24 @ 4pm – 5.30pm.</p>			<p>Twitter</p> <p>Please follow us on our twitter feed:</p> <p>@Vale_Primary</p>
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