



Vale Primary School Newsletter



Autumn Term 2021

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CLASS DOJO REMINDER



Events this term

After returning back to school after the half term break, we received updated guidance from Education Services, in consultation with Public Health, about a series of measures needing to be implemented in schools in the lead up towards the end of term.

By now, we would normally have shared with you dates for annual events such as our Christingle, Nativity, Carol Concerts and our PTA Winter Fayre.

However, schools were encouraged to wait until after half term to gauge how the pandemic might affect the normal schedule of events.

With this in mind and following discussion with staff we have put together the following programme which takes account of the current guidance measures.

In all cases, rooms will be ventilated, face coverings strongly recommended and we would request attendees take and receive a negative LFT on the morning before the event takes place.

This will also mean that – due to the need to provide sufficient space between visitors – tickets will be restricted to 1 per family.

In addition, we are intending to film each of the performances and make this available to all families who request a copy or access to these recordings.

We know this is not ideal, but feel that the children will benefit from performing to family members whilst also trying to keep our Vale Christmas traditions going, albeit in a different form.

See below for further details and dates.

Best wishes,

Mr. Hind

School Uniform – Autumn

White blouse or white polo shirt

Grey or black knee length skirt, pinafore dress, plain grey or black trousers

Vale Primary School red named sweatshirt or cardigan. White or grey socks or tights

Sensible black shoes - not boots, sandals or trainers

PE Kit

'House Colour' T-Shirt and shorts

Plimsolls or trainers, jewellery, dyed hair, fake tattoos and inappropriate shaved haircuts are not appropriate school uniform.

White or coloured trainers, non-uniform sweatshirts, boots, 'crops' or sandals, nail varnish, elaborate headbands are also not part of our school uniform.



Class Dojo

We know that most of our parents have signed up to Class Dojo, which you can access on a phone, tablet, laptop or computer/PC.

If you haven't yet made the switch – please do so and contact us at school for this quick and easy way to communicate with us and catch up on the latest information from school and track how your child is learning in class.

PTA Events

Sadly, due to the restrictions, there will be no Winter Fayre this year! However, we will continue with the raffle for prizes and hampers – details to follow soon!

Plus will be hosting a Christmas Movie Night for the children too – see below for details



KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY!

Friday 3 rd December	Year R Christingle in the Junior Hall from 1.30pm
Friday 3 rd December	PTA Christmas Movie Night for Infants and Juniors – more details to follow
Wednesday 8 th December	Year 2 Nativity in the Junior Hall from 10.30am
Wednesday 8 th December	Year 5 to visit the Performing Arts Centre for 'Around the World in 80 Days'
Thursday 9 th December	Year 2 Nativity in the Junior Hall from 10.30am
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day – details to follow
Monday 13 th December	Year 1 Christmas 'Sing-a-Long' in the Junior Hall from 1.45pm
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Parties for Lower Juniors [Years 3 and 4]
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Parties for Upper Juniors [Years 5 and 6]
Thursday 16 th December	Infant Christmas Parties
Friday 17 th December	PTA Christmas Raffle Draw – more details to follow
Friday 17 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert for Years 3 and 4 in the Junior Hall from 1.30pm
Friday 17 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert for Years 5 and 6 in the Junior Hall from 2.15pm
Monday 20 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert for Years 3 and 4 in the Junior Hall from 9.30am
Monday 20 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert for Years 5 and 6 in the Junior Hall from 10.15am
Wednesday 22 nd December	End of Term: Infants finish – 1.00pm, Juniors finish – 1.15pm
Wednesday 5 th January	OAT Day – Teacher Training Day
Thursday 6 th January	Children return to school after Christmas Holidays

School Times			
Infants		Juniors	
8.30am	School opens	8.30am	School opens
8.45am	Start of the day	8.45am	Start of the day
8.50am	Registration	8.50am	Registration
12.00noon	Lunchtime	12.00 noon	Lunchtime
1.15pm	Start of the afternoon	1.00pm	Start of the afternoon
2.45pm	End of the School Day	3.00pm	End of the School Day

SCHOOL BUSES

For information on our school bus service, please visit www.gov.gg/buses



Please remember that we are an Operation Encompass school.

This is a scheme that runs across the UK in order to provide immediate support for children and young people who are involved in or witness domestic abuse incidents. We are pleased to advise you that with effect from the start of next term (September 2021), schools and colleges in Guernsey and Alderney will be participating in this scheme, which is run jointly with Bailiwick Law Enforcement.

Operation Encompass enables information to be shared with Vale Primary School prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse. This allows the Vale Primary School to provide appropriate support, dependent on the needs and wishes of the child.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads at the Vale Primary School have been trained to enable them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the Vale Primary School is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.



We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children and young people and we believe adopting this important initiative will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. Should you wish to find out more about the scheme, details can be found at www.operationencompass.org.