



18th March 2022

Our Christian Value for this term is
Justice

Learn to do right. Seek justice.
Isaiah 1:17

This week we have been thinking about God's love in action and the things we do for and to each other and how we must always be kind and fair.

I have to thank our support staff team and students this week who alongside teaching staff have gone over and above to keep classes open this week. We have suffered high levels of staff absence this week and been unable to obtain agency cover. Within schools the effects of the pandemic are far from over and our wonderful team have ensured there has been no disruption to your child's learning this week.

We have seen a quickly rising number of covid cases in some classes this week. The main symptoms we are seeing are upset stomach/diarrhoea, aching body and headaches. Please continue to keep an eye out for these symptoms in your children.

We are currently risk assessed at high on the school's intervention framework. We continue to do all we can to mitigate against the spread of Covid-19 within the school and ask that if your child has any of the main three symptoms of a cough, loss of sense of smell/taste or a high temperature along with the symptoms we are recognising within school, that you exercise caution, use a lateral flow test if possible and ensure that we all do our best to minimise the spread of covid within and across the school.

A polite reminder - please could parents wear a face covering on the school site unless exempt.

We approach two years of living with covid disruption and illness and the world certainly feels heavy at the moment. It has been wonderful to spend a silly, funny day with your children today on Red Nose Day! We started the day telling jokes and loved our Family Friday playtime with friends.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your support for Red Nose Day. If you have not paid your £1 for non-uniform day please click on the link below to make your donation.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=7299>

Parking

We have had a number of complaints regarding parking on footpaths, corners of roads and across driveways. PLEASE park considerately. It is so upsetting to have to speak to neighbours who have been spoken to with disrespect and to witness such selfish behaviours.

Parent's Evening

Parent consultation bookings are live for our video appointments - emails were sent out this week with a link to the booking system.

Welsh Art

If you are yet to purchase your child's picture, then please make payments via ParentPay.

Recycling uniform

We now have a recycling box for pre-owned uniform. If you wish to drop in your old uniform please make sure it is clean and securely bagged up and drop it in the recycling box in the foyer at the main entrance to the school.

Menu change

The Week 2 Wednesday meal of chicken curry is changing. The option will now be meatballs with vegetables, mash and gravy.

Children's Bank

We have been unable to open the Children's Bank for the last couple of weeks but we are pleased to say that it will be opening on Monday morning next week so please send the children in with their deposits!

Play survey

Please see below information regarding a play survey - the results will be used to help inform the Vale Play Sufficiency Assessment.

More than 400 children and young people have told us what they think about playing in the Vale via our 'Play - Have Your Say' Children and Young People's Survey. We are currently analysing these results.

Now is the chance for parents, carers and other adults to have their say on playing in the Vale. We want to know whether they think children and young people have the time and space they need for playing and hanging out.

When asked about play opportunities, many adults automatically think about the local fixed play space / park they have in their area. Whilst we appreciate this is important to children and young people, we also know there are so many other ways they like to play so please think wider than just fixed play equipment in parks when completing the survey. Complete our online play survey 🙌. Closing date is 8th April.

<https://forms.office.com/r/OtOya9tpc9>

DIARY DATES

Inset Days (No school for all children)

Monday 28th March

Tuesday 29th March

Monday 6th June

Monday 11th July

Further information to follow regarding the dates below:

30th March/6th April Parent Consultations (Nursery September starters-Y6)

8th April - Easter Parade 3pm

16th-27th May - Swimming for Y4/5/6

10th June - Jubilee Picnic family afternoon

22nd June - Sports Day for Nursery am, Rec-Y6 pm

(29th June alternative date in case of bad weather on 22nd)