



11th January 2023

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term.

Dedicated Schools team- Early Help



Link Worker – Andrea Smith

Andrea, our family support worker is available for some more parent drop in sessions this half term. The dates and times are:

Tuesday 23rd January 8.30-9.30am

Thursday 8th February 2.30-3.30pm

As previously, Andrea will base herself in the office foyer with the use of a private space available for a confidential chat.

Andrea can offer support and signposting for a variety of issues including: Anxiety around school, Feelings and emotions, Mental Health, SEN and support with ASD, parenting support with - routines and boundaries, behaviour, anger, attachment as well as being able to offer short intervention work with children, young people and parent/carers, finances – cost of living crisis.

If you would prefer Andrea to get in contact with you directly, please email Mrs. Collins with your details, via the school office, with the subject: Confidential FAO: Mrs. Collins

Attendance

Regular school attendance is fundamental to a child's academic success and development.

We recognise being ill may prevent your child from coming to school, but sneezes, seasonal coughs and headaches, without a temperature are not a reason to miss school. Over the counter medicines can be given before school and we will contact you if your child becomes too ill to remain in school. Feeling tired is not an illness and will be coded as an unauthorised absence.

If your child has diarrhoea or vomiting, they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode or symptom. If you are unsure how long your child should be absent with an illness please visit the NHS website below for advice

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Where possible, medical and dental appointments should be arranged for a time outside of school hours. We appreciate that this is not always possible and if you do need to collect your child during the school day, disruption to learning should be kept to a minimum. Thank you for your support.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024. All children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character for this day.

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Sewing Club Resources

Mrs Moulding requires small items of clothing for pupils to practise their sewing stitches on and/or cut up for use in a collage. She would like plain material (rather than patterned) and coloured fabrics (rather than white), if possible please.

Road Works in our area

Please be advised that West Sussex County Council has received a request for Temporary Traffic lights on Bost Hill. There will be a daytime road closure between A27 Arundel Road and Findon Road for safety works to the verge side of the slope. This will come into effect from Wednesday 17th January- Friday 26th January between the times of 9:30am - 3pm. This may affect traffic and congestion at drop off/ pick up times. Please can we ask you to allow extra time when dropping in and collecting your children. Thank you.

Parking Concerns

The roads and parking is governed by the local councils and as such the school has limited powers here. As a collective of parents and local community members however, you have a huge voice that can be heard and will be listened to. Therefore, if you see any insensitive parking, please take a photograph of the individual cars (Registration plates clearly visible) and send the complaint to the Adur and Worthing Parking team - stating that you wish to remain an anonymous complainant. The address is as follows:

report.onparking@nslservices.co.uk

If we continue to send images and complaints of those parking in a manner that causes risk and nuisance to our children, parents and residents, I am sure we will see effective action taken by the local council to help us correct this issue.

Beavers and Cubs

Parents of children in year 1 and year 2 for Beavers

Parents of children in year 3, 4 and year 5 for Cubs

Findon Valley Beavers and Cubs currently have space for girls and boys aged between 6 and 8 for beavers and 8 and 10 years old. Beavers and Cubs are great places to make friends, try new things and master new skills. There is also the chance to go on adventures and have all sorts of fun as well helping others and making a difference to the local community.

Beavers & Cubs meet weekly during term time on Wednesday evenings from 5.30pm to 6.30pm for beavers and 6.45pm-8.15pm for cubs, normally at the Findon Valley Free Church Hall in Lime Tree Avenue or at the Scout HQ in nearby Parham Close, Findon Valley

It doesn't matter where you live, we welcome Beavers and Cubs from across Findon Valley, Findon Village, Offington and the Salvington's; for many this is the opportunity to enjoy Scouts with friends they already know from school and help build lifelong friendships and skills in Scouting. If you are interested and would like to know more please email Kestrel (Mandy) for beavers at mandy@1stfindonvalleyscouts.org.uk or Janet for Cubs at janet@1stfindonvalleyscouts.org.uk

Pupil request for leave

If you would like to make a Request for Leave from Learning, please use the following Google form link to submit your request electronically.

<https://forms.gle/okfGfEF8vmUw98fe7>

Update from the Friends of Vale

SnowBall- We are delighted that we raised £5536 from the Snow Ball that was held at the end of last term. Thank you to everyone who helped in the run up and on the day - it was a huge team effort and we're really pleased that the children had such a great time!

Date for your diary!

The Friends of Vale is having a social and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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Thursday 1st February, 7.30pm at The Thomas a Becket pub, Rectory Rd.

- All are invited to come along and have some drinks and nibbles with us.

- Find out what we achieved last year and what our upcoming plans are.

- Let us know you're coming by sending us an email to friendsofvale@gmail.com or via our Instagram or Facebook.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Other News

Please find the attached Spring Term booklets, which outlines the learning for this half term.

[Reception Spring Term Booklet](#)

[Year 1 Spring Term Booklet](#)

[Year 2 Spring Term Booklet](#)

[Year 3 Spring Term Booklet](#)

[Year 4 Spring Term Booklet](#)

[Year 5 Spring Term Booklet](#)

[Year 6 Spring Term Booklet](#)

Important Dates to Remember.....

2024 Academic Year	
Monday 15th January	Clubs Start
Thursday 18th January	Census Day
Thursday 1st February	Friends of Vale AGM Meeting at Thomas a Becket Pub 7:30pm
Monday 12th- Friday 16th February	Half term Break
Monday 19th February	INSET Day
Wednesday 28th February	Sibling Photo day
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 26th March	Class photos
Thursday 28th March	Last day of Spring Term
Monday 15th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May	Half Term Break
Monday 3rd June	INSET Day
Thursday 13th June	Year 6 Group Photos
Wednesday 24h July	Last day of Summer Term/Academic Year

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