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“Every Child Every Chance Every Day”

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to wish everyone a very ‘Happy New Year’. It was lovely to see the children return to school so enthusiastically after the Christmas break. This week five new children have joined the school and I would like to welcome all the children and their families to the Thameside community, we hope you will all be very happy at the school.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Kennedy-Lyford who leaves Thameside today to take up a new job. We will miss her many skills in the office. She tackles a wide variety of tasks, which she always seems to manage to complete efficiently and speedily despite all the interruptions the job entails! Good luck with the new job.

Dates for your diary

Mon 14 th January	All Clubs start this week
Tues 23 rd January	Country Dancing club starts
Mon 4 th February	Profile sharing: Nursery 8.30-9.00am
Tues 5 th February	Profile sharing: Nursery 8.30-9.00am; Reception 3.00-3.00pm
Thurs 7 th February	Profile sharing: Reception 3.00-3.00pm
Tues 12 th February	Whole school ‘Healthy Humans’ Exhibition from 3.00 pm
Tues 12 th February	KS1 & KS2 ‘Success Sharing’ –please choose from 8.30-9.00 or 3.00-4.30
Weds 13 th February	Whole school ‘Healthy Humans’ Exhibition from 3.00 pm
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18th – 22nd February	Half Term
Weds 27 th February	Maths Party for Nursery/Reception parents/carers
Mon 4 th March	Book Week starts
Fri 8 th March	Come to school dressed as a Book Character
Wed 20 th March	Vision Screening for Reception children
Tues 26 th March	Parents Evening – appointments start at 3.30pm
Thurs 28 th March	Parents Evening – appointments start at 3.30pm
Tues 3 rd April	Year 3/4 Performance to parents/carers pm (Each child will be allocated two tickets)
Weds 4 th April	Year 3/4 Performance to parents/carers am (Each child will be allocated two tickets)
Friday 5th April	Term ends at 1.30pm

Learning Snapshots

This term our ‘Learning to Learn’ focus is Making Links. We are also doing a whole school science topic on ‘Healthy Humans’. This week the children have been learning about healthy eating and what makes up a balanced diet.

- Children in KS1 have compared the taste and ingredients of different bread. They went on to make sandwiches and it was lovely to see them enthusiastically eating lettuce, tomato and cucumber alongside the protein element of their sandwich.
- The Year 3/4 classes have been making salad dressings to accompany their salad plates which have been inspired by the work of artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.
- In Year 5/6 the children have tasted different smoothies and are designing and making their own smoothies, selecting ingredients and deciding how to market the benefits of their recipe.

On Tuesday 12th February and Wednesday 13th February there will be an exhibition to show what the children have been learning about Healthy Humans. This will take place in the large hall at 3.00pm. We hope parents/carers will be able to combine visiting the exhibition with coming into school to see children’s work at Success Sharing.

Clubs

Clubs start next week (week beginning 14th January) with the exception of country dancing club which will start on 23rd January. They are a few spaces available in some of the clubs. Please let the office know if you’d like your child to attend one of these clubs.

Appointment of a new CEO for the Vale Academy Trust

Please see announcement from the VAT.



Vale Academy Trust

VALE ACADEMY TRUST ANNOUNCES NAME OF NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The board of Vale Academy Trust is delighted to announce the appointment of Richard Evans as Chief Executive in succession to Simon Spiers who will retire in April 2019. Richard is currently Director of Education at GLF Schools Trust, a multi academy trust with 7 secondary and 23 primary schools across the south of England and he is also the Chief Executive of the Oaks Multi Academy Trust based in Surrey.

Joe Pillman, Chair of Vale Academy Trust, said "We are delighted to have been able to recruit someone of Richard's calibre to succeed Simon in delivering the Trust's vision of securing an outstanding education for children across the Trust's schools based in South Oxfordshire. Richard brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm and we look forward to the next exciting chapter in the Trust's history with Richard at the helm.

We were fortunate to have a very strong field of applicants to choose from and are confident we have attracted a strong new leader for the Trust".

Paying tribute to Simon Spiers, Mr. Pillman said "Simon has given his all to the Trust since playing a major part in its inception in 2013 and as former Headteacher of King Alfred's and a National Leader of Education. We, and the local community, have benefitted enormously from his vision, his unbounded enthusiasm and his dedication to our young people over many years. We thank him and wish him well in his retirement."

Commenting on his appointment Richard Evans said "I am very much looking forward to working with the staff, students, parents and the local governing body of each school within the Trust to celebrate what is going well and help each school continue to grow and develop.

The Vale Academy Trust has many strengths developed by Simon and his team and I hope to be able to build upon these in the years to come."

Yours sincerely,

A. Grice
Headteacher

