



Dear Parents,

**News from Classrooms:**

**Class 1:** This week in Class 1 they have learning about fractions with halves and quarters and odd and even numbers. In their topic work they have been making aliens for their stories and creating a planet for them to live on.

**Class 2:** This week Class 2 have been investigating fractions and have solved lots of problems. In literacy they have created character profiles about the characters in the 'Lucky Dip' (a short animated clip) and they also wrote their own amazing stories, In music the children have explored songs that lift their spirits and made them think of our wonderful world.

**Class 3:** In Class 3 they have been learning about all things 'Fair Trade' as it is 'Fairtrade Fortnight'. The children have been making fair trade smoothies and been chocolate tasting! Yummy! They have been writing instructions. I loved my mango and pineapple one!

**Maths Next Week:**

Class 1: Doubling / halving numbers

Class 2: Multiplication, division and word problems

Class 3 Y4/5: Division

Class 3 Y6: Area of shapes

**Year 6 Parents Evenings**

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Year 6 parents evening this week. We hope you found it useful. If you could not make the meeting please make sure you make an appointment to see Mrs Longden/Miss Geeson.

**Class 3 English**

Miss Geeson will be spending some time with Class 3 next week on a Visual Literacy project using the book and DVD of 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone' as an exciting stimulus for reading and writing. The DVD is rated a PG. If you have any concerns about your child viewing the DVD then please let Mrs Hopkins or Miss Geeson know. Additionally Year 6 will also be using 'Matilda' as a stimulus later this term, this is also a PG rating so please contact us if you have any concerns.

**Basketball Coaching**

Starting on Tuesday, Mr Atkins will be working with Year 3, 4 and 5 during the morning on some basketball coaching for 3 weeks. This will then hopefully culminate in a tournament with another Vale school in March. Please can all Year 3, 4 and 5 children have their P.E. kits in school on Tuesday.

**World Book Day**

World Book Day is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We are inviting the children to bring in a favourite book – this

could be fiction or non-fiction. We are also inviting parents to come in at the beginning of the day from 8:40 until 9:20 to share the books with your child. World Book Day vouchers are going home today.

**Spanish this term:**

**Class 1:** We are learning about animals and will be focusing on Spanish nursery rhymes that speak about animals, for example "Monkeys on the Bed" which the children all know in English already.

**Class 2:** We are working on Under the Sea animals and Jungle animals. We are learning Disney's "Under the Sea" in Spanish as a treat now they know all the under the sea animals! By Easter, all children will be able to recognise, identify and describe under the sea and jungle animals in the present tense.

**Class 3:** We are working on Under the Sea animals. By Easter, all children will be able to recognise, identify and describe under the sea and jungle animals in the present tense including using feminine and masculine adjectives. We will also be progressing to Wild Animals and using negatives to describe animals. Then we will move on to Insects, movement verbs and the Hungry Caterpillar in Spanish before we break up for Easter.

**Mothering Sunday Service at Barkestone Church**

Come along on Sunday 6th March at 10.30am and join us for a service led by Judith Wells. There will also be cakes and refreshments and children can make a posy and decorate a card. All welcome.

**Vale School Music Festival**

Letters went out this week. Permission slips are required back **ON MONDAY** please, informing us if whether your child will be attending the evening performance...we hope they will all be able to come along, so as not to let others down!!

Please note, one ticket per child will be sent home on Wednesday; please don't attend without a ticket for either adult or child to avoid embarrassment when turned away.

**Cross Country**

Good luck to those who are taking part in the cross country tomorrow at Longfield. Anyone else wanting to take part, be there for 9.30am.

**School Sheds**

We are shortly having a new shed on the school field to replace the 2 older ones. If anyone is interested in taking the old ones, please get in contact with the school office (you will need to dismantle them yourself though).

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. V. Hopkins, Executive Head teacher