

# The Vale Academy Newsletter Summer 1 2016



The Shared Learning Trust

THE VALE  
ACADEMY

Dear Parents and Carers,

Myself and the governors continue to be very proud of the quality and breadth of education that we offer at The Vale Academy. Not only are the children taught by highly effective, specialist teachers but they also have the opportunity to experience many extra curricular activities: the growth of space seeds, BMX stunt event, making their own English gardens, The Great Vale bake off and many more.

It is hard to believe that we are entering the last few months of this academic year and that you will soon be receiving your child's summary report for each subject. Every child at The Academy has made progress this year. Attendance and punctuality are much improved and I would like to thank you all for ensuring that your child attends school daily, on time and wearing the correct uniform.

Enjoy your half term break and we look forward to seeing the children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Bex Howe

## **Collecting your child at the end of the day**

- All Year 1 and Reception children will be brought into the playground for dismissal
- The top gate will be opened at 3.15pm and parents and carers will collect their child from the playground
- Any siblings that come over to Reception of Year 1 area for collection should also go to the playground and await collection
- All other arrangements for collection for Year 2 to 8 children will remain as per this half term

## **Scooter safety: in the interest of Health and Safety we have made the following changes to our practice:**

- Can we please ask that scooters are not ridden on the school grounds at all. This includes down the slope from the Reception and Year 1 entrance to the classrooms
- If your child scoots or bikes to school can we please urge you to provide them with a helmet. This helmet can then be kept in school for the day
- We will no longer be allowing children to use scooters in school unless they have a helmet with them. We are purchasing some for in school use.

## **VACANCY**

If you are interested in a part-time job there is a vacancy at the After School Club:

Hours: Monday-Friday 3.15-5.45 (12.5 hours per week) term time only

Pay Scale: point 11

Please contact Jo Ratcliffe [j.ratcliffe@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:j.ratcliffe@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk) in the first instance for application pack and job description

## **The Vale Academy – Online Media**

**Website**      <http://vale.thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk>

**Facebook**      The Vale Academy

**Twitter**      [TSLTValeAcademy](#)

## **The Vale Nursery**

We have been working alongside the academy to enhance our facilities and are delighted to announce that the nursery will be expanding into a second classroom from September 2016.

We have places available for 2, 3 and 4 year old children.

We are open 08.45-15.15 Monday to Friday, term time only, with morning, afternoon or all day sessions.

Cost is £4.25 per hour for children over the age of 3 and £5.00 per hour for children age 2

Please contact the nursery direct on 01582 211174 or email [valenursery@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk](mailto:valenursery@thesharedlearningtrust.org.uk) if you would like any further details or to arrange a visit.

# KEY DATES for DIARY: Summer 2 Term 2016

## Term Dates 2016

Half Term: May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup> (break up Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> – 3.15pm)

Summer 2 Term: June 6<sup>th</sup> - July 22<sup>nd</sup> (break up 12.30pm)

Inset Days: July 8<sup>th</sup> (children not in school)

### Coffee Mornings (All welcome – 9.00am)

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

### Open classroom for all years – 3.15pm

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 between 3.15pm and 4.15pm

### Teddy Bear's Picnic

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### Sports Days

- EYFS – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (back up date in case of bad weather - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June)
- KS1, KS2, KS3 – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (back up date in case of bad weather - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July)

### Transition Days

- Yr 6 Chalk Hills Academy – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016
- Parents "Meet the Teacher" Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

## Prom & KS3 Celebration – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

- Yr 6 Prom (5.30pm-8.00pm)
- KS3 Celebration Assembly – BBQ/Buffer (PM)

06.06.16	Pupils return to school
08.06.16 – 10.06.16	Yr 5 & 6: Kingswood Residential
08.06.16	Coffee Morning
10.06.16	Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday – Street Party
13.06.16 – 17.06.16	Yr 1 & 2: Phonics Screening Week
13.06.16	Parents Book Share – all years (3.15pm)
15.06.16	EYFS Sports Day Scoot ability
17.06.16	Teddy Bears Picnic
21.06.16	Yr 3: Sandy RSPB visit BBQ Tuesday
22.06.16	Yr 3: Sandy RSPB visit Back up EYFS Sports Day (if weather stopped 15.06.16)
23.06.16	Polling Day: Referendum - school remains open Trust Show
27.06.16	Parents Evening (3.30pm-7.30pm)
28.06.16	Yr 1: Woburn visit
29.06.16	Yr 1: Woburn visit Coffee Morning Over 55's Afternoon Tea and entertainment

- 30.06.16 Yr 5: Whipsnade visit  
Yr 6 transition at Chalk Hills Academy  
Arts Showcase Evening
- 01.07.16 Yr 6 transition at Chalk Hills Academy
- 04.07.16 Transition Day
- 05.07.16 Transition Day – meet the tutor
- 07.07.16 Sports Day  
BBQ
- 08.07.16 Inset Day – pupils not in school
- 11.07.16 Back up Sports Day (if weather stopped 07.07.16)
- 12.07.16 Yr 4: St Alban’s Verulamium visit
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- 14.07.16 Yr 6: Chessington World of Adventure  
KS3: Thorpe Park
- 18.07.16 BBQ Monday
- 20.07.16 End of Year Celebration Assembly (9.00am)  
Yr 3 & 4: Theatre visit
- 21.07.16 KS3 Celebration Assembly – BBQ/Bufferet  
Yr 6 Prom (5.30pm-8.00pm)
- 22.07.16 **Last day of term – 12.30pm finish – no After School Care Club**

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS 25.07.16 – 01.09.16 SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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05.09.2016 Children return to school

***All information and dates correct at time of publishing and could be subject to change.  
Please refer to all communication from The Vale Academy.***



Have a wonderful summer break