



# VALE OF EVESHAM SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter: February 2021

This month we continued to support students with home school learning and introduced some new school wide challenges!

Dear All

Following the announcement from the PM, we now have a confirmed date of the return to school for many pupils of the 8th March 2021.

I recognise however that some of you have received shielding letters for your children until the 31st March, and for this group of pupils, remote education will continue. Please can you ensure that you have told your class teacher if you are required to shield until 31st March so that we can plan accordingly. For those of you who are brought in by transport, we need to ensure that all bus drivers, taxis and escorts have accurate lists for pick up and drop offs and, equally as important, that we have the right numbers for the amazing Lynne and her team in the kitchen! I am told that Lynne has a very nice plan for the first lunch back on both 8th March and 1st April for pupils so none of you will miss out!

Additional free school meal vouchers will continue to be available for those who are eligible, but please make sure you let the class teacher know so that we can minimise any delay (as far as we are able to).

Residential will also reopen from the 8th March for all in the Cotswold and Seymour suites.

We look forward to seeing the return of more pupils on the 8th March. In the meantime, please continue to ask for any help and support you may need.

Best wishes, and stay safe!

Rachel Perks.

## Key Dates:

World Book Day - 4th March 2021  
Most pupils return to school - 8th March 2021

## Bake off!

3AT's class teacher Annabel Thomas has launched a school wide bake off challenge. Pupils and families are invited to take part in the weekly challenges and upload photos of their delicious creations.



The Great Vale Bake Off has been such fun to organise this term. I have been so impressed by all the entries and the challenge of choosing a Star Baker each week!

Annabel Thomas



Thank you for all your bakes!



## Vale well-being challenge 2021

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we launched our Vale well-being challenge (part 1). This will see all pupils, staff and their families, both in school and at home, coming together to complete a community challenge – joining us together, even when we are apart.

Our goal is to travel from Lands End to John O Groats, 603 miles in total – if this is something we do easily then we'll do the journey back again! Everyone's efforts will contribute towards the total and we hope to raise awareness and maybe even fundraise along the way for the charity Youngminds.

Youngminds 'are leading the movement to make sure every young person gets the mental health support they need, when they need it, no matter what.'

# YOUNG Mi MINDS

You can walk, run, cycle, skip, hop, dance, roll, scoot – as long as you are moving you can contribute to our target! If you can let your children's class teacher know all of your miles for the week on a Friday, we can add these to our totalizer in reception and we will keep you all updated as the weeks go by. We have until March 31<sup>st</sup> to reach our target.

If you are happy to have your photos and videos put onto the school website, in a celebration film and around school and our social media sites, please send in your activities at home via dojo to your children's class teacher, or you can contact myself Amy Bresnen, or Nicky Gregg on the below email addresses:

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## Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)

The Vale of Evesham is working towards achieving a Lead Parent partnership Award – what does this mean?

The LPPA is a recognised award that provides a challenging framework within which, schools can strengthen their partnerships with parents and carers.

The LPPA consists of ten evidence-based Objectives which schools must meet to get the award:

- The school demonstrates a commitment to work towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award.
- The school makes and implements effective plans to achieve and maintain the Leading Parent Partnership Award.
- The school is a welcoming and friendly place for parents.
- The school promotes an awareness of and participation in lifelong learning opportunities available in school and in the community to all groups of parents.
- The school holds and actively promotes enrichment opportunities or events for joint parent/child participation.
- The school provides good induction for all new parents.
- The school provides parents with relevant and user-friendly guidance and information to help them support their children's learning.
- The school produces and implements parent friendly policies to establish effective home school-links and improve pupil/student attendance, punctuality, behaviour and progress and positive participation in school.
- The school provides good support for transition for parents when their children leave the school.
- The school evaluates performance against the Leading Parent Partnership Award.

### So what is the award?

The LPPA is a nationally recognised award achievable by schools who work very closely with the families of their pupils. The assessment is made by an external adviser.

What difference does the award make to the work done with families at Vale of Evesham?

It makes our work with families even better. It will improve our communication and build more activities and opportunities for families in and around school (when COVID restrictions allow)

As you know we are always trying to improve and completing this award will help us do that!

### How can families help with the award?

- Read any information that we send out
- Come along to events that we organise if you are able to (and when COVID restrictions allow)
- Complete any questionnaires we send out as honestly as possible
- Contact us with any suggestions or ideas which will help our communication with parents even better!