



VALE OF EVESHAM SCHOOL

Newsletter: October 2021

Dear All,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families keeping well. The end of week 4 of being 'back at school' has seen the children continue to settle well into their new classes and the classrooms have been fizzing with happy learning this week. By now, all parent evening appointments should have taken place, I am sorry that we couldn't do this in person but we will endeavour to have you back on site with us as soon as possible.

Covid-19

Worcestershire as a whole has experienced a surge in covid-19 rates over the last ten days and we have again felt the effects of positive cases in our school population this week. As always, close contacts are notified as soon as we are aware of the positive result in order that the close contacts can keep testing and remain in school. To help us, please can you make sure that your contact details are up to date and that you are not sending your children in if they are poorly. As a result of continued cases within our school population, we remain firm within our risk assessments of continuing with bubbles and have once again had to adjust the order of P.E activities and certain events to ensure safety of all. Please be assured of all our continued efforts to support you all during this time. If you need any practical help, or if things are seeming tough at the moment, then please do contact our amazing Pastoral Care Team (Xanthe Mullinger, Cathy Wilkinson and Neil Smith) who have been absolute stars this week supporting so many families who have needed it.

Lunch time menu – exciting news!

As you will all be aware, we have recently had to adapt our lunch time provision due to staff shortages. I am delighted to announce that we have successfully secured the services of 'Relish School Food Ltd'. I have attached their welcome letter to all families within this newsletter. The transfer process will begin in earnest this week and we look forward to sharing more plans with you shortly as to how this will work in practice on parent pay etc. There will be competitions to name the kitchen, and various taste testing sessions to be had! The actual start date for Relish to provide the menu is 1st November (after half term).

Rewards scheme

Has your child achieved something outside of school? Maybe they have worked hard on school value at home, like 'respect', 'being kind' 'achieving independence' or they have achieved a swimming badge, been given a Star of the Match performance or won a competition? Let us know, so we can celebrate their achievements through the school newsletter.

Ruth Barton, (Assistant Headteacher), alongside with our Phase Leaders, are currently reviewing our rewards system within school and we would like your thoughts and comments about rewards for pupils within school. We want to further promote the 'Vale values' that will see pupils well prepared to interact with others and to promote making the best efforts in all kinds of school work, even when it seems hard. A google docs form will be sent out soon to all parents and carers and we will engage with classes and the school council to see their thoughts on what the recognition of good (and often excellent) behaviour and attitudes should be.

Rachel Perks
Headteacher





Dear Parents & Carers,

Relish are delighted to be working with Vale of Evesham.

We are committed to providing quality, fresh ingredients that we cook from scratch to produce our daily menus. Wherever possible, we use seasonal produce and the daily food offer allows our children to choose from a wide variety of freshly prepared main meals and desserts.

We take pupil voice very seriously. Knowing what a positive impact good food can have on the developing minds and bodies of our children, we attend school council meetings to ensure we capture initial reactions to new dishes and food ideas and gain understanding about what works well.

We hold many special days within the school year and work with the school to make sure there is relevance to the event – it may be linked to the curriculum or a theme within school. We welcome the wider community to our events to showcase what we do best!

We are pleased to also announce that we have a special login area called the 'Parent Portal' on our website where you can login to pre order your child(s) menu choice up to a term in advance. You can also view and download our menus and recipes, see what forthcoming events are planned, look at allergen information and directly message the catering manager.

To set up your parent account, simply go to the link below:

<https://relishschoolfood.co.uk/parents>

Once complete, we will send you a message or email so you can activate your account which will keep us in touch with you until the end of school!

Your Relish Parent Portal account will link directly with your School Comms account where you pay for school meals.

PLEASE NOTE – Your account will not go live until a few days before your child starts school.

We look forward to welcoming and providing the very best service for every child at Vale of Evesham.