



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN
BE!

ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday
12th April
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been great to welcome all our children back into school this week. They have come back to school with such a positive attitude and appear to have had a lovely Easter break. We have heard numerous stories about lovely things they did with their families and they have been talking about lots of chocolate Easter egg treats!

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed being back in school with their friends and beginning their new term of learning. We all look forward to a positive summer term ahead.

May I also take this opportunity to thank all parents who have completed the consultation feedback form regarding the possibility of us joining The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust. The feedback is in process of being collated and read in order for a conclusion to be drawn, which we will of course let you know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend everybody,
Miss Milewski

Thinking Ahead to the Next Academic Year

We will soon be thinking about where we place teachers and how we mix our classes for the next academic year. We plan to have a Transition Day where all children spend time in their new classes and meet their new teachers on 5th July 2024, however much planning will take place prior to this internally.

This year we plan to mix our mid phase classes so mixing only Nursery, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 children. We plan to keep our current Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 in their current classes as they move to their new phase.

If you have any particular thoughts to feed into this process please could you email these to Mrs Coldwell via Parent Liaison parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk marking FAO: Phase Leader of Year XXX plus your child's full name, by **Monday 29th April 2024** at the latest.

Please note, this is your opportunity to note particular issues to consider regarding your child's class as after we set classes we don't move children as we spend a long time ensuring the mix is the best for each child's learning and it becomes too complex.

Please note this is not an opportunity to choose a class or a specific teacher, we are simply asking you to make us aware of any major concerns within their current class or year group overall e.g. I would prefer Bill not to be with Bob as he is his cousin however a big family dispute outside of school means our two families no longer mix.

We will assume that if you do not contact us prior to **29th April**, there are no specific issues we need to consider.

SEN Parent Survey

For parents of children on the SEN register only: A huge thank you to all of the parents who have already completed the annual SEN parent survey - your responses have been read and are so useful in helping us make meaningful plans for our ongoing provision. If you haven't yet completed the survey, I would be very grateful if you could spend two minutes doing so. I will use any feedback given to inform next year's plans. The survey can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=8XsNkcZBUCdDFgUlropG6mwhnDthf9Ij1yrniPWVxUQ1oxNIBTUUdOQULQUc5MldaMVAyTEU4US4u>

If you would prefer to have the survey printed to complete, please let me know. Thank you!

Mrs Heaven

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"A bottle of happiness" by Pippa Goodhart

There was once a big mountain. The people on one side were rich and worked only to get richer. The people on the other side of the mountain were poor but had a wealth of stories and laughter. One day a poor young boy decides to seek a new story and this leads him to the rich people's marketplace. He would love one of the ripe pieces of fruit, but what can a poor boy trade?

Find out if it is possible to bottle and share happiness in this timeless fable, exquisitely illustrated in an eye-opening and unusual style.



This book is suitable for readers in Years 1 and 2.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

EYFS

Eid Mubarak to all our families who celebrated this week! It has been lovely to hear all about it from our children at Valley. The children had an Eid Day in **Nursery** on Tuesday, they learnt all about Eid and how Muslims celebrate. Mrs Shabir shared her Eid photos explaining what her family does for Eid. The children enjoyed dressing up in traditional clothes and acting out how to pray using prayer mats.

Please feel free to email Eid photos of your family celebrating to your child's class email account for them to share with their class.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

We would like to remind parents that we have a mental health page on our website which includes strategies and activities to support children's wellbeing. Please click on the link below for further information.

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/mental-health/>

Further Developing Partnerships

It is always a pleasure to receive your comments and feedback, and we are always happy to answer any questions or queries you have, please continue to email these to parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE – W/C 18 March – 22 March 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	84.0%	Farah 6	91.0%	Simmonds 6	94.7%	Holst 5	94.7%	Lynn 5	95.3%	Webber 5	95.2%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	92.9%	Newton 4	96.9%	Sharman 4	91.4%	Hockney 3	92.7%	Lowry 3	90.0%	Riley 3	89.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	92.0%	Nightingale 2	97.6%	Pankhurst 2	97.7%	Bell 1	99.5%	Lee 1	92.2%	Shaw 1	92.1%
EYFS	Aston R	94.8%	Grylls R	98.2%	Peake R	91.8%	Starley N	92.0%	Whittle N	87.4%		

Well done to the highlighted classes who are this week's winners!

DIARY DATES

We are trialling a new way of sharing our calendar dates with you. At the bottom of the newsletter, we will now be displaying events for the next 2 weeks only.

The calendar on the school website will be regularly updated with new events as they arise and we encourage you to follow the link to this that will be displayed at the bottom of the newsletter.

We will continue to ensure that you are given 2 weeks' notice as a minimum of any events that will involve parent participation whether that is coming into school or providing a costume for your child.

Please join us for these events...

15th April - SLT drop in 3:45pm-4:15pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

22nd April - Earth Day

Please support your child to participate in....

15th April – Y2 Tri Golf Practice session – PE kit to be worn to school

w/c 22nd April – HRBQ – Years 2, 4 and 6 – Please refer to the letter which has already been sent.

Please click on the link below to see our Valley Calendar. This will be updated weekly with new events as they arise.

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2024/4/>