



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!
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Friday
5th July
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today has been fabulous! Our children joined their new classes to meet their class teachers for next academic year and in some cases, their new class friends. Staff said they thoroughly enjoyed the day and are all looking forward to September. Whilst, we know some of our children struggle with change, please do help us in supporting them and if, for example, a friend is in the other class, please do remind them the whole year group will be together for social time at both playtimes and lunchtime.

Thank you to our Year 1 and 2 children who joined us on Old Lode Lane site today. It was lovely to see them so settled. Next week, Year 2 will remain on Old Lode Lane and Year 1 will return to Fallowfield Road and moving across when they are Year 2.

It is with sadness that I let you know that several staff are leaving us this summer. Miss Wyn-Jones is moving to Cornwall, Miss Dowson is moving to Lancashire, Miss King is going travelling around the world, Mrs Bennett has secured a new job in Birmingham and Miss Pearson finishes her contract with us. They are all sad to leave Valley but we are excited for them in their new adventures and wish them every success.

It is however, my pleasure to introduce four new teachers to Valley today. Miss Lawrence will be a new Reception teacher, Miss Ment a new Year 1 teacher, Miss Alton a new Year 2 teacher and Miss Nunes a new Year 4 teacher. They all joined us today for transition day and had a fabulous day.

Finally, may I also say a big thank you to our PTFA who organised a fabulous summer fayre for us all last Saturday. It was a great community event and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. The team give up their time voluntarily and their time, commitment and dedication is much appreciated. We look forward to them announcing the total raised, they are currently busily counting!

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Parent Workshops

Please be aware that we have lots of parent events with an inclusion focus upcoming:

Wednesday 10th July at 1.30pm - 'Cuppa and a Catch-Up' session at Old Lode Lane site for any parent/carer who has concerns about their child having additional needs or has a child on the SEN register. Solihull Parent Carer Voice will be attending this event, with Mrs Heaven leading.

Thursday 11th July at 9am - Parent meeting at Old Lode Lane site (for all parents) with Miss Milewski and Mrs Heaven to share SEN provision for September.

Monday 15th July at 12pm - Online parent workshop focusing on transition and summer anxiety, with Mrs Manton and Mrs Heaven.

If you are interested in coming along to any of these events, please email s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk to reserve your space. If you are unable to make it but would like to be sent the resources, please do let us know.

Explorers Car Park

We are pleased to inform you that the Explorers car park will open again for parents to use from **Monday 8th July** to drop off children at the community room on the Old Lode Lane site.

Summer Reading Challenge

At Valley we love reading and we don't want it to stop over the summer holidays. The Summer Reading Challenge is the perfect way to earn rewards as you read. This year, you can

complete the summer reading challenge online or by visiting your local library. Simply, sign up online or at the library, read whatever you enjoy reading and earn rewards and certificates.

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Summer Reading Challenge

For more information visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Happy reading everyone.

Well Done Valley Choir!

Our Fabulous Valley Choir performed at Jaguar Landrover last Friday evening in a concert which was fabulous. They joined with choirs and orchestras from across Solihull to enjoy an evening of Music. Well Done to everybody who took part!



Cheerleading Festival – Year 2

A huge well done to our **Year 2** cheerleaders for performing at a Cheerleading Festival at Lode Heath School alongside many other local schools this week. They had the difficult job of performing first in front of a large audience and should be incredibly proud of themselves as they showed so much enthusiasm, resilience and spirit! They really enjoyed taking part as well as cheering on the other performances. An extra congratulation goes to **Hallie W** for winning a 'Star Performer' award for her hard work in the practise sessions. Go Valley!



Work Experience

A big thank you to our work experience students from Lode Heath for their help and support this week. We also look forward to welcoming Lyndon students next week and wish all involved the best of luck for their bright futures ahead.

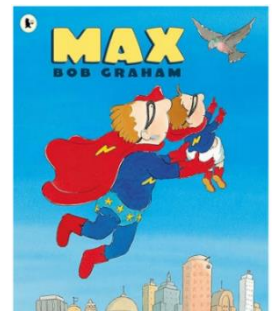
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Max" by Bob Graham

What does a Super hero do when they are not being 'Super'? A funny story about being loved for who you are and not just what you can or cannot do.

It's not easy being the son of legendary superheroes Captain Lightning and Madam Thunderbolt. Max has a cape and a mask, but he doesn't fly. His parents can't understand it. It seems that Max is just an ordinary boy, until finally, to save a falling baby bird, Max discovers he can fly! He'll be a small hero, doing small deeds. "The world needs more of those," says his mum.

A funny and touching tale about little Max, the reluctant superhero.



This book is suitable for readers in Nursery and Reception.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

KS1

The children in **Bell 1** really enjoyed making money boxes this week as part of their Money Sense week.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

With the summer holidays coming up fast we would like to let you know what is on offer for any parents/ carers who claim free school meals. These are free of charge but must be booked.

Please see the link below of all the HAF holiday clubs and activities in the local area

https://edportals.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Solihull_FSD/HAF2024.aspx.

There are activities on offer at 59 locations across the borough including family sessions at North Solihull Sports Centre, Tudor Grange Leisure Centre, Solihull Ice Rink & Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens.

Children that are not on free school meals are still eligible in other circumstances please speak to Miss Lambert to find out more.

Please see the link below to the Family Information service, there are a wide range of activities happening in local parks, theatres and libraries.

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/summer-activities>

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 24 June – 28 June 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	81.3%	Farah 6	84.7%	Simmonds 6	81.7%	Holst 5	95.3%	Lynn 5	93.7%	Webber 5	93.1%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	87.2%	Newton 4	97.0%	Sharman 4	93.4%	Hockney 3	94.8%	Lowry 3	90.4%	Riley 3	88.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	92.0%	Nightingale 2	98.5%	Pankhurst 2	96.2%	Bell 1	90.9%	Lee 1	98.8%	Shaw 1	86.3%
EYFS	Aston R	93.6%	Grylls R	83.2%	Peake R	90.0%	Starley N	85.4%	Whittle N	91.4%		

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

8th July – SLT Drop In – 3.45pm – 4.15pm

10th July – SEN Parents – Coffee and a Catch up – 1.30pm – 3pm

11th July – SEN Provision for September - Parent Meeting (Old Lode Lane Site)– 9am

11th July – Lynn 5 Guitar Concert – 2.45pm – 3.15pm

15th July – Online Webinar Workshop – Transition and Summer Anxiety – 12pm

15th July – ARC Family Picnic – 2.30pm

15th July – Parent Drop In/Book Look – 3.45pm-5.30pm

15th July – Starley Nursery Parent Drop In/Book Look – 7.30am-8.15am

18th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly – 2pm

Please talk to your children about these events...

12th July – Y4 Fire Safety Visit

Please support your child to participate in....

10th – 12th July – Y6 Residential Trip to Mount Cook

15th July – Y6 – Lode Heath and Lyndon Transition morning – 9am

19th July – Y6 Leavers Evening – 5pm-8pm

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/2024/7/>