



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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Friday
12th July
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 6 have had a fabulous week! In school, some of our Year 6 enjoyed a variety of activities including Art focused projects and a movie afternoon with popcorn. This was whilst the majority of Year 6 went to Mount Cook where they enjoyed many activities including rock climbing, zip wires, team building activities and archery plus they all enjoyed fabulous food and quality time with their friends! Everybody had a great time. A big thank you to the staff who attended the trip or supported Year 6 in school as we began our fortnight of leavers activities.

We look forward to seeing our Year 6 parents at the Leavers Assembly on Thursday 18th July at 2.15pm. Doors will open at 1.55pm and we will trial a new system where we initially let in 2 adults per child. Then, ten minutes before the performance starts (so 2.05pm in this case), if there are still seats available, we will open the doors to any extended family or friends who would like to attend. For fire safety reasons, this will be a seat only event. We hope this will enable more people to share the joy of our children's leaving event.

Across the school, we have had a positive week this week. Children have been talking about transition day and are excited about their new classes next year. Children are looking forward to end of term events and activities and then their summer holidays. May I remind you all about our book look on Monday where the children will show you their books, their current classroom and you can also have a sneak peek at their new classroom if you wish. Year 1 parents, feel free to pop across to Old Lode Lane if you would like to have a quick peak at the actual classroom your child will be in from September as our building works are now finished so our new Middle Phase wing is fully open and set up!

Finally, may I praise our Lynn 5 children for a thoroughly enjoyable guitar concert yesterday and thank Solihull Music Service for their continued commitment to providing music tuition for our children. We look forward to further developing this next year, we hope to offer recorders for our younger children so watch out for information regarding this in September.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Statutory Test Outcomes

Children that accessed statutory assessments this summer should bring home an outcome report today. This applies to Reception who will have been teacher assessed in line with national Early Years Profile guidance, all Y1 children and Y2 learners re-sitting Phonics Screening Checks, children in Y4 who accessed the Multiplication Tables Check and children who sat Y6 Statutory Assessment Tests in May.

Parent Drop In/Book Look

Please be reminded that on **Monday 15th July** there is an opportunity for you to drop in to your child's class from **3.45pm-5.30pm** to see some of the work they have completed this year. **Starley** nursery parents will have the opportunity before drop off on **Monday 15th July from 7.30am to 8.15am** at the latest. This is also an informal opportunity to speak with the class teacher or for your child to show you which classroom they will be in the next academic year.

Mrs Heaven will be available on Fallowfield Road for any parent (including those of junior children) who wish to speak to her about SEN specific queries. Parents of any child who is on the SEN register will also receive their child's summer reviewed support plan.

Reading Books and Library Books

Class teachers will be collecting in all library books and outstanding reading books on **Wednesday 17th July**. Please ensure that they are in school on this day. This will also be our 'book swap' day. All children are invited to bring in a book from home that they no longer want and they will have the opportunity to swap books with their classmates.

Previously Used School Furniture

On Monday, we will put some previously used furniture outside the main entrances in case any parents would like any of it for children to do homework at home or painting in the garden etc. Please help yourself to anything you can find a use for.

Thank you to our Chair, Vice Chair of Governors and Governing Board

Mrs Butcher has been our Chair of Governors this year and has led our board fabulously. We thank Mrs Butcher most sincerely for her unwavering support for Valley and all that she does to ensure the strategic direction of the school is on track and school leaders receive the challenge and support they need. We are pleased to inform you that Mrs Butcher will be continuing as a governor next year.

Mr Sadler, who has been our Vice Chair of Governors this year and also led our Academisation working party will be stepping down from the governing board at the end of this year. He has been a superb governor sharing lots of knowledge and giving up his time unreservedly to help children at Valley. He remains a parent, so will continue to be involved in our school community, however, we would like to thank him most sincerely for all he has done in his role as Vice Chair of Governors this year.

May we also take the opportunity to thank our whole governing body. They are a great group of strategically thinking professionals who all give up their time and share their expertise to support the school. We really appreciate all our governors do to help Valley continue to move forward. A big thank you to you all!

Inclusion Focused Events

A big thank you to those parents who attended Wednesday's 'Cuppa and a Catch-Up' session and Thursday's SEN 2024 Provision session - it was lovely to see you all. We hope the sessions were useful! If you were unable to make the events but would like the information, please email s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk with your request and we will send you the resources. Please be reminded that on Monday at 12pm, we will be hosting a virtual parent workshop (via Teams) about transition and summer anxiety. This will be led by Mrs Heaven and Mrs Manton. If you would like to reserve a space for this event, please email the senco email address above.

After School Clubs and Feel Good Friday Enrichment Offer

Next year, we plan to charge a flat rate of **£3** for all after school clubs and our Friday Enrichment. This is an increase for after school clubs but a decrease for our Feel Good Friday Enrichment. We also plan to change our enrichment offer slightly next year with activities rotating, as many children are struggling to choose between offers. We hope these changes plus the price reduction will encourage even more children to join us on a Friday afternoon.

Another Valley Baby

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Gorman (Bell1) gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on Monday 8th July weighing **6lb 1oz**. The delighted parents have named him Leo John. Mrs Gorman is so happy to be a Mummy and describes Leo as her little miracle!



PTFA Summer Fair

We are very pleased to inform you that the PTFA Summer Fair raised an amazing **£2,009.15**. Thank you PTFA for all your hard work this year.

Guitar Concert

Well done to Lynn 5 who performed beautifully at the guitar concert on Thursday.



Class Email Addresses

To contact your child's class teacher directly in September, find your child's class name below and use the corresponding email address. Please note these emails are not checked daily so please contact the office for any urgent enquiries.

nursery@valley.solihull.sch.uk

astonr@valley.solihull.sch.uk

gryllsr@valley.solihull.sch.uk

peaker@valley.solihull.sch.uk

bell1@valley.solihull.sch.uk

lee1@valley.solihull.sch.uk

shaw1@valley.solihull.sch.uk

churchill2@valley.solihull.sch.uk

nightingale2@valley.solihull.sch.uk

pankhurst2@valley.solihull.sch.uk

hockney3@valley.solihull.sch.uk

lowry3@valley.solihull.sch.uk

riley3@valley.solihull.sch.uk

hawking4@valley.solihull.sch.uk

newton4@valley.solihull.sch.uk

sharman4@valley.solihull.sch.uk

holst5@valley.solihull.sch.uk

lynn5@valley.solihull.sch.uk

webber5@valley.solihull.sch.uk

ennis6@valley.solihull.sch.uk

farah6@valley.solihull.sch.uk

simmonds6@valley.solihull.sch.uk

elizabethARC@valley.solihull.sch.uk

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

With the end of term approaching, I would like to remind parents that some school items such as bags, ties and water bottles are available via ParentPay. These Items can be purchased and then collected from either school office.

Our website has a complete list of uniform that your children will require in readiness for the new school year including links to both local and online suppliers. <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform/>

Further Developing Partnerships

I would like to remind you that the PTFA will be hosting a Tuck and Pocket Money shop next week.

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 1 July – 5 July 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	87.0%	Farah 6	97.0%	Simmonds 6	92.0%	Holst 5	92.7%	Lynn 5	94.3%	Webber 5	94.2%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	94.5%	Newton 4	94.7%	Sharman 4	93.2%	Hockney 3	97.6%	Lowry 3	85.4%	Riley 3	93.0%
KS1	Churchill 2	93.6%	Nightingale 2	96.5%	Pankhurst 2	96.2%	Bell 1	94.1%	Lee 1	96.7%	Shaw 1	87.1%
EYFS	Aston R	88.2%	Grylls R	91.4%	Peake R	86.4%	Starley N	85.6%	Whittle N	92.6%		

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

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 support your child to participate in....

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

16th July – PTFA Tuck-shop – Old Lode lane – 3.30-pm 4.30pm

17th July – PTFA Tuck-shop – Fallowfield Road – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

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/>