



Valley Primary School Newsletter

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!
ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE!

Friday
6th
September
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been great to see everybody back in school this week and our classrooms have been filled with joy and excitement for the year ahead.

Our overall focus this week has been on settling the children into new routines, giving classes time to learn about their class inspirational person and supporting our children's mental well-being by reminding them of the many support strategies available to them, alongside giving them time to be with their peers and rekindle and/or make new friendships.

The 'Engage' days which took place across the school from Year One upwards on Wednesday were incredibly exciting. In every classroom, I saw children being enthusiastic, inquisitive and curious about the Topic which they will now focus on this half term.

Reception and Nursery children who are brand new to our school have enjoyed exploring their new environment and have been very grown up as they have been introduced to the many lovely resources we have and the lovely activities set up for them across our EYFS provision. We are very pleased to welcome them to Valley.

We have also welcomed several new children and staff to Valley this week, all of whom have thoroughly enjoyed their first few days and are looking forward to the year ahead.

So ... welcome to Valley to our new families and welcome back to all our returning families, plus a big thank you for your support as parents during our first week back in school. I often say what a privilege it is to have your children in our care.

Please congratulate your children for the great start they have made to the year. I hope you will all be able to join us for our curriculum evenings the week after next where we will discuss our curriculum in more depth and discuss how you can support your child with their learning at home. I also hope you are all enjoying our newly launched website where we share lots of our important information alongside sharing many photographs of our children learning and special events in school.

Finally, thank you for your understanding regarding the delay in our plans to convert to an Academy and join The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust. The process of joining a MAT and the associated due diligence is complex and it is important every detail is right, so, whilst this is still imminent, we remain an LA school currently. I will of course update you once this is resolved and we officially become a TEFAT school.

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

Miss Milewski



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Website Launch!

Our new website has launched at <https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk>

This has a wealth of information about our school which you may find helpful. There is an 'About Us' section which gives an introduction to Valley, a 'Key Information' section with useful documents and a 'News and Events' section which is where you will find details of upcoming dates and copies of our weekly newsletter. There is also a 'Parent and Carers' section which is specifically aimed at parents with information parents have found particularly helpful and then a 'Children's Zone' which is where there are lots of additional home learning activities and links, plus you may be particularly interested in your child's year group page where we upload photographs of our learning regularly and key information and home learning information is shared pertinent to your child's year group.

Our website will be updated regularly and there are some useful shortcut links on the homepage for ease of navigation, so please do take a look and feel free to contact us with any questions or feedback.

Parents of SEN Children

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break.

As you may be aware, before the holidays we sent home an envelope containing a 'Pupil Passport' for you to complete about your child. Please could these be returned to school as soon as possible so that new staff working with your child can be aware of any information you would like them to know about your child's specific needs. If you would like us to resend the passport template to you, please email s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk to make this request.

Looking forward to working together in the year ahead!

Mrs Heaven

Contact Details

Please be reminded that we are keen to support our parents and carers and are happy to address any questions or concerns you may have, as well as welcoming feedback. Useful contacts are included on our website in the About Us section or by clicking the small contact us envelope icon on the top right.

We continue to offer parents several different ways to contact our school. Please always contact the school office if the matter is urgent. For less urgent matters however we offer direct contact with your child's class teacher through a class email address and Mrs Coldwell is our Parent Liaison Link and always happy to hear from you. Details for both are available on our school website.

Snacks for Break Time

Healthy Snack for break time - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2

Children are provided a healthy snack at break time as part of the fruit for schools scheme. This is usually a piece of fruit however sometimes for variety this may be a vegetable snack or a packet of raisins.

Healthy Snack for break time - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

Children should bring in a healthy snack to eat at break time.

We request that children have one of the following as their snack:

Fruit

Whole fruit

Dried fruits - ensuring no mixes with nut

Fruit puree

Fruit snacks with no added sugar (such as the Bear fruit yo-yos).

Vegetables

Carrot sticks

Cucumber

Tomatoes etc.

Cereal bars/Rice cakes

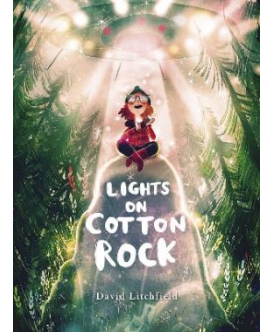
Low sugar cereal and granola bars (no rice crispy bars and again no products with nuts), rice cakes (healthy varieties).

Please Note: Chocolate, sweets, biscuits and crisps are not considered healthy snacks and therefore are not allowed for break times.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

Lights on Cotton Rock by David Litchfield

Heather is a little girl who wants to go to Outer Space, where the stars sparkle with magic and wonder. When a spaceship lands at Cotton Rock, it seems that all of her dreams have come true. But soon the alien has to leave. Will the spaceship ever come back? And if it does, is Heather ready to leave everything on Earth behind? This beautiful story about family and dreams travels through space and time to show us that what we are looking for might be closer than we think.



This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

The **Reception** children have had a fabulous first week at school. They have shown lots of independence exploring their new environment and have enjoyed getting to know their new teachers and friends.



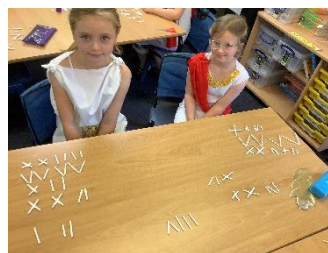
Middle Phase

Year 2 and 3 have settled well in to life on the Old Lode Lane site this week. They really enjoyed their Engage Day!
Year 2 created collages of the Great Fire of London. **Year 3** created Stone Age Jewellery using clay. A very exciting first week.



Upper Phase

Year 4 have settled in well and particularly enjoyed their Roman Engage day where they learnt about Roman artefacts, Roman numerals and mosaics. They all looked fabulous dressed in their Roman attire.



Year 6 have been settling in well this week. They have familiarised themselves with their new classrooms, been creative during their Engage day and researched the famous person their classes are named after.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Thank you to all of you for completing the pre order forms for school lunches. Can I remind you all that if you are providing a packed lunch for your child that we are a **NUT free school** and that all grapes and cherry tomatoes need to be cut up.

All new to Valley children should have come home with a Parent pay activation letter, if you have any issues with your login or have not received this please contact myself via the parent liaison email below.

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 16th September – Y4 Curriculum Evening – 4pm-5pm
- 16th September – Y5 Curriculum Evening – 5pm-6pm
- 16th September – Y6 Curriculum Evening – 6pm-7pm
- 17th September – Y2 Curriculum Evening – 5pm-6pm
- 17th September – Y3 Curriculum Evening – 6pm-7pm
- 18th September – Nursery Curriculum Evening – 4pm-5pm
- 18th September – Reception Curriculum Evening – 5pm-6pm
- 18th September – Y1 Curriculum Evening – 6pm-7pm

Please support your child to participate in....

W/C 9th September - Usborne Sponsored Read

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/calendar/?calid=2&pid=8&viewid=3>