Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday 27th September 2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children have been working hard this week in school with lots of lovely learning activities. I have been especially impressed to see many more children reading regularly both for pleasure and to improve learning. A big thank you to all of you who encouraged this through our Usborne Sponsored Read event and who continue to read with your children on a regular basis. So many of our children moved up the zone board last week when their reading diaries were checked by their teachers and many of them changed their books as their understanding and discussion of their reading books was great too. Reading is such an important skill for us all so we very much appreciate your support with this aspect of our children's learning.

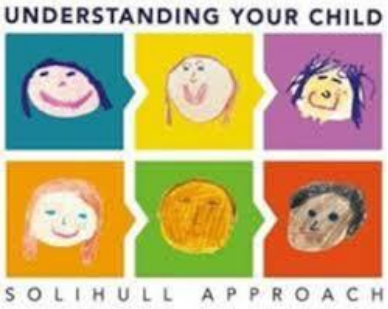
With our youngest children, reading begins with phonics development. We use Read Write Inc at Valley and our phonics sessions are a highlight of the day for our little ones. Thank you to our parents who attended our Year One phonics workshops this week. It was great for our children to have the opportunity to share their phonics learning with you and to introduce you to Fred the Frog who is such as big part of our phonics sessions. We hope the resources and models we gave to parents were helpful as we know phonics and early reading is taught quite differently now to when many parents learnt to read. We do really appreciate your support in helping our children to fully engage and progress with their early reading.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Understanding Your Child

Solihull Parenting Team in conjunction with Solihull Metropolitan Council are holding group sessions during each school term, running for two hours, once a week for ten weeks completely free of charge. The sessions offer parents/carers the opportunity to learn more about their parenting, how children develop and to understand their child's behaviour. Funding for childcare may be available for children requiring care whilst the parent/carer attend the group.



The Autumn term session will be held at Widney Junior School, every **Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am** starting on 3rd October to 12th December excluding half term, 31st October. To book a place or for further information about parenting groups in Solihull, please contact the Parenting Team via email to bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or via Eventbrite: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/solihull-parenting-team-public-health-solihll-mbc-52701625953

Peanut Contamination of Mustard

Following the news from the Food Standards Agency regarding mustard contamination, we can confirm from our Catering supplies company that they do not source mustard ingredients from any of the linked business. They will of course continue to follow the FSA advice on a case by case product risk assessment and will inform us if any products need to be withdrawn or recalled.

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:
https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+Details&pid=34
Amongst the contact details that we hope you find useful, there are class email addresses for direct contact with your child's class teacher. Please note that class emails are not checked daily, so we ask that you contact the office for any urgent enquiries.

Reading/Library Books

Across the school, we are finding that a number of library/reading books are getting damaged by leaking water bottles. May we kindly ask that parents please refrain from putting water bottles into your child/s book bag. Thank you for your co-operation.

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Accidental Prime Minister' by Tom Mclaughlin

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world!
Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go . . . and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe ended up with the most extraordinary job. Now the fun can really start . . .

A hilarious story of one boy's meteoric rise to power!

This book is suitable to read to children in Middle Phase.

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

This week in **Year 1** the children have been planning their own Traction Man stories. They created their own setting collages and used adjectives to describe them.

Middle Phase

Year 2 had great fun on their Times Tables Rockstars launch! They spent time having a go on the app and worked really hard on their 10 times tables. Then they rocked out!

Upper Phase

Year 6 have been exploring the work of an artist called Screen Prince, his work is created using complementary colours and calligraphy. This week the children explored primary, secondary and tertiary colours using mixing. They will then look into complementary colours to use in their final piece of art.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

SPCV are independent parent/carers working together to raise awareness and improve outcomes for all children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND 0-25), working with organisations that provide services for our families. We, at Valley Primary school are lucky enough to be hosting the next Solihull Parent Carer Voice coffee morning on **Wednesday 9th October at 9.30am to 10.30am** on our Old Lode Lane site.

Solihull Parent Carer Voice

Further Developing Partnerships

As we have a number of children and adults throughout school with nut allergies, we need to remind all parents that we are a nut free school. Please do not send children to school with any items that may contain nuts, such as sandwich spreads, cereal bars, chocolate bars and biscuits. School provides a healthy snack for all children in Nursery to Year 2. Children in Year 2, may, if they so wish bring a healthy snack to school but free school fruit will still be available. For children in Years 3 to 6, please provide a healthy snack for your child such as fruit, raisins or healthy nut free bars. Packed lunches should be balanced and not contain more than one sweet treat. May we also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to please make sure that you cut grapes in half, especially for our younger children as this could prove to be a choking hazard.

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 16 September – 20 September 2024

UPPER PHASE	Ennis 6	96.6%	Farah 6	95.3%	Simmonds 6	**97.0%**	Holst 5	93.3%	Lynn 5	**94.8%**	Webber 5	90.3%
	Hawking 4	95.2%	Newton 4	**98.3%**	Sharman 4	93.0%						
MIDDLE PHASE	Hockney 3	**98.8%**	Lowry 3	97.9%	Riley 3	95.4%	Churchill 2	**96.1%**	Nightingale 2	91.0%	Pankhurst 2	91.7%
LOWER PHASE	Bell 1	89.6%	Lee 1	78.3%	Shaw 1	**99.1%**	Aston R	**99.3%**	Grylls R	94.4%	Peake R	79.3%
	Nursery	95.7%										

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events…

30th September – SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane – 3.30pm – 4.15pm
1st October – SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
1st October – Nursery – Maths Workshop – 8.50am – 9.20am
9th October – SPCV Coffee Morning – 9.30am
10th October – World Mental Health Day – Parent Workshop – Old Lode Lane – 2.45pm

Please support your child to participate in…

30th September – Y5 Bikeability

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