



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
23rd
February
2024

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term everybody! Hope that you all had an enjoyable break and enjoyed some lovely quality time with your children.

This week has been lovely with our children enjoying the start of their new topics. There have been some really lovely 'engage' events to launch these topics across the school. We look forward to seeing what the children learn and sharing this during our 'express' events which will end our topics. This topic is our British Values linked topic so will run across two half terms to enable greater depth of discussions and learning.

Alongside continuing to develop our provision this half term, we hope we may be able to formally consult with you all very soon regarding the possibility of Valley joining a multi-academy trust next year. Leaders are very keen to share further information with you all and are interested to hear your thoughts on what could be an exciting possibility for our school.

We look forward to continuing our partnerships this half term and thank you for your continued support,
Miss Milewski

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

On Time and Ready to Learn

At Valley, we are keen that children receive the best possible education and positive attendance and punctuality are key to this. Even from the earliest ages, we ask that routines are established so that children arrive on time to access their full curriculum entitlement, ensuring the capacity to thrive.

We would like to highlight to all parents that when pupils arrive late, they miss out on essential curriculum time and teacher instruction given at the beginning of the lessons. This can reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability. It can also significantly impact children's confidence as they may feel self-conscious arriving after classmates have settled and feel unsure of tasks that have already been explained. Furthermore, when one pupil arrives late, it can also negatively disrupt the class.

Please note that the school doors are open from **8.30am at the Infant site** and pupils will be recorded as late from 8.40am. On the **Junior site, doors open at 8.40** and pupils will be recorded as late from 8.50am.

In line with DfE guidance, we monitor late arrivals and attendance and work closely with our Attendance Welfare Officer to provide appropriate interventions. We aim to support, so please contact our parent liaison leader if you wish to discuss any related issues with our pastoral team.

Online Parent Workshops

We are delighted to be able to offer two online workshops to all parents.

Our first workshop, on **Monday 26th February at 11am**, will be led by Mrs Heaven and will focus on **managing challenging behaviour**. Behaviour strategies to use with your child will also be shared. Our second workshop, on **Friday 1st March at 12pm**, will be led by Mrs Heaven and Mrs Manton and will focus on **specific additional need information** (signs for identification, the Valley support process and external support for areas of need such as Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Developmental Language Disorder, Dyscalculia and Dyspraxia). If you would like to join either of these webinars, please email the office or s2senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk and we will send you a Teams link for the event. Please note, both sessions will be recorded so if you are interested but unable to make the live event, please email us and we will send you the video link afterwards.

Oxford Owl Elibrary

Please be reminded that we have a subscription to the Oxford Owl Elibrary for our early readers who are accessing Read Write Inc reading books. The children who have accessed this have enjoyed using it. Log in using the username and password that can be found in your child's reading diary. Each week, there will be a new book that your child will have already read in school. They can continue to read the book at home and access the quiz linked to the book. Please record in your child's reading diary each time they read their paper book or their Elibrary book.



Year 3 Gymnastics Competition

Well done to our Year 3 children who attended a gymnastics competition at Lode Heath School this week. The children all performed their routines confidently and with smiles on their faces. We were particularly impressed with their vaults where all children landed perfectly. Clearly we have some very talented children at Valley!



OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Bee and Me" by Alison Jay.

A bee flies in the window of the high-rise flat where she lives and a little girl is frightened. She traps the bee and then wonders what to do. This beautiful wordless picture book traces the growing friendship between girl and bee and introduces children to the ecology of the natural world. It shows how some simple actions can help restore beauty and balance in our environment.



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

SHARING OUR LEARNING

KS1

Year 1 welcomed their parents to an Afternoon Tea before half term, where they ate cakes and scones with a hot drink. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to showcase all of their learning about Queen Victoria this half term.



Year 2 had an art filled week before half term. They painted their clay dragon eyes and then evaluated their use of texture. We then displayed all of the models in the hall for Year 1 to come and see.



KS2

The children in **Year 3** researched the events that occurred during the Battle of Bosworth and reenacted this event in the playground. There were three armies, the Tudor army, King Richard's army and Lord Stanley's army.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

We would kindly ask that when contacting school, you please follow the attached communication tree when deciding who to email. <https://primariesite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/valley-primary/UploadedDocument/675ad922-fd95-46e6-89c9-91fcb67cc28/parent-communication-tree-2.pdf> . You do not need to copy in multiple email addresses as the member of staff monitoring the inbox will if necessary pass the information on. You will then be updated accordingly. In the event your email is urgent could you please write urgent in the subject box or set the email as high priority. Could I also remind parents that all absences are reported via the school office and not class emails.

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 5 February – 9 February 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	90.0%	Farah 6	90.3%	Simmonds 6	95.7%	Holst 5	94.7%	Lynn 5	92.7%	Webber 5	94.5%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	93.1%	Newton 4	97.2%	Sharman 4	97.2%	Hockney 3	89.0%	Lowry 3	94.5%	Riley 3	94.3%
KS1	Churchill 2	89.2%	Nightingale 2	96.0%	Pankhurst 2	96.2%	Bell 1	79.5%	Lee 1	96.5%	Shaw 1	93.3%
EYFS	Aston R	82.7%	Grylls R	93.3%	Peake R	90.5%	Starley N	86.4%	Whittle N	91.3%		

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

DIARY DATES

26 February – SEND Parent Coffee Morning 11am
26 February – Boys Football Team Match – Solihull Moors – 4.45pm
26 February – SLT Parent Drop In – 3.45pm
27 February – Y4 Hawking Multiplication Workshop – 9am
28 February – Y4 Newton Multiplication Workshop – 9am
29 February – Y4 Sharman Multiplication Workshop – 9am
29 February – Girls and Boys Football Match
1 March – Parent Workshop Specific Needs Information – 12pm
4 March – PTFA Mother's Day Gift Shop – Fallowfield Road
5 March – PTFA Mother's Day Gift Shop – Old Lode Lane
6 March – Y6 Height and Weight Checks – 9.15am
6 March – Reception Height and Weight Checks – 12.30pm
7 March – World Book Day (Dress up Event)
7 March – KS1 Gymnastics Festival – Lode Heath School – 4.30pm
11 March – SLT Parent Drop In – 3.45pm

12 March – Science Day
13 March – Y3 Trip to Selly Manor
14 March – Y1 Trip to Warwick Castle
18 March – Easter Assembly – Juniors 9am – Infants 10am
19 March – Parents Evening – Reception to Y6 – 4pm – 6.30pm
19 March – Parents Evening – Starley – 1pm – 6pm
19 March – Parents Evening – Whittle – 4pm – 6pm
20 March – Reception Spring Walk to Elmdon Park
21 March – Parents Evening – Reception to Y6 – 4pm – 6.30pm
21 March – Parents Evening – Nursery – Whittle – 4pm – 6pm
22 March – House Point Celebrations
22 March – End of Term

