



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
6th
December
2024

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE ELLIOT FOUNDATION ACADEMY TRUST

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to TEFAT!

I thought I'd write a few words of welcome to all the children, staff and families of Valley Primary School in the week that you joined the Elliot Foundation. I know that the process of joining us has been slightly protracted, which I'm afraid there was nothing we could have done to avoid. But now that it is over, I trust the actual transition was unremarkable. It certainly seemed like it had been when I visited both sites earlier this week.

You are the 34th school to join the Trust since we were founded in 2011 and we look forward to getting to know you all better. Over the next few months I hope that you will begin to feel part of a genuine family of schools whose reason for existence is to support each other. There will be things that we can learn from you and vice versa. Staff will be able to avail themselves of supportive professional networks and children will soon be involved in events with other schools in the Trust.

I look forward to a long and fruitful partnership.

Best wishes
Hugh Greenway
Chief Executive
The Elliot Foundation



VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to our fabulous PTFA for organising a truly wonderful Christmas Fayre.



Santa joined us for the fayre and brought with him two of his real reindeers from the North Pole. Our children enjoyed stroking the reindeers and smiles filled the room as Santa read them a special Christmas story.

Our School Council ran lots of great games for everybody to enjoy. Laughter filled the room as our children challenged themselves to beat their friends with each little game.

Plus, many exciting stalls filled our hall including a great chocolate tombola and win a bottle stall. Thank you to all our parents who supported our non-uniform day in exchange for a donation for one of our stalls.

Well done everybody, a fabulous community event!



LoveReading4kids

Valley Primary School has an account at www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk. This is another online book shop and school will receive **25% commission** from every book that you purchase.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Scholastic Book Fair. We are very pleased to announce that your purchases resulted in **£245** commission for school. We will be purchasing new books for the libraries on both sites so look out for them on your next visit.

You can still make purchases online at www.shop.scholastic.co.uk and if you select Valley Primary school at the checkout, the school will continue to receive commission.

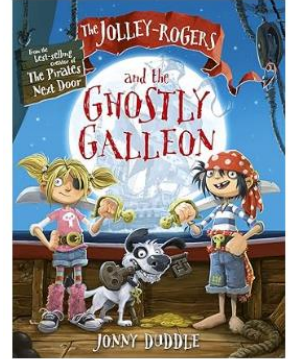
OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

'The Jolley-Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon' by Jonny Duddle

Every full moon, a mysterious ship is seen off the coast of Dull-On-Sea. Then, the day after, gold and jewellery are missing from the homes, shops and museums of the town. Matilda needs the Jolley-Rogers' help to investigate. Can Matilda and Jim Lad retrieve the stolen booty from the mysterious ship before the moon fades? Or will they end up stuck on board with ghostly pirates until the next full moon?

This book is part of a series

This book is suitable for readers in Middle Phase.



SHARING OUR LEARNING

Lower Phase

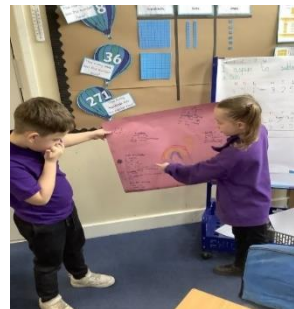
This week on Tuesday we had the pleasure of having Reverend Bekah Clark from Elmdon Church come into school to deliver assemblies all about the Christmas story. She also came into **Nursery** to deliver a separate, more age appropriate assembly teaching the nursery children all about the birth of baby Jesus. It was

fantastic having someone from the local community willing to come into our school to teach us more about why Christians celebrate Christmas and the importance of the story behind it.



Middle Phase

In English, the children in **Year 3** have been reading 'The Green Ship' by Quentin Blake. They worked in teams to describe various things that Alice and Ben experienced during the storm and added this to a tension graph.



Upper Phase

This half term, the outdoor PE unit for **Year 6** is football. The children have learnt and improved their dribbling, passing and turning skills. This week they aspired to move into space to support their teammates. They ended the lesson with mini

games to use a range of the skills they have developed. The children reflected on the success of their use of skills in context and identified times where they could have chosen a better skill or used the space more effectively.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

We are aware that the majority of our older children now have access to mobile phones and social media/apps. We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that apps such as WhatsApp and Snapchat have age restrictions attached to them and we strongly advise use of devices is monitored.

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 25 November – 29 November 2024

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| UPPER PHASE | Ennis 6 | 92.9% | Farah 6 | 97.6% | Simmonds 6 | 94.7% | Holst 5 | 99.3% | Lynn 5 | 93.1% | Webber 5 | 88.6% |
| | Hawking 4 | 93.0% | Newton 4 | 95.0% | Sharman 4 | 86.7% | | | | | | |
| MIDDLE PHASE | Hockney 3 | 96.0% | Lowry 3 | 91.3% | Riley 3 | 88.0% | Churchill 2 | 97.4% | Nightingale 2 | 94.2% | Pankhurst 2 | 91.3% |
| LOWER PHASE | Bell 1 | 82.2% | Lee 1 | 82.3% | Shaw 1 | 88.2% | Aston R | 81.9% | Grylls R | 73.1% | Peake R | 68.2% |
| | Nursery | 83.4% | | | | | | | | | | |

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

DIARY DATES

Please join us for these events...

- 9th December – Christmas Performance Y4 – 9am
- 9th December – Christmas Performance Y2 – 2.40pm
- 9th December - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 10th December - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am
- 10th December – Christmas Performance – Nursery – 9am
- 10th December – Christmas Performance – Y1 -2.40pm
- 11th December – Christmas Performance – Y5 – 9am
- 11th December – Christmas Performance – Y3 – 2.40pm
- 12th December – Christmas Performance – Reception – 9am
- 12th December – Guitar Concert – Holst 5 – 2.40pm
- 13th December – Christmas Performance – Y6 – 9am
- 16th December - SLT Drop in Session – Old Lode Lane 3.30pm -4.15pm
- 17th December - SLT Drop in Session – Fallowfield Road – 7.45am – 8.30am

Please talk to your children about these events...

- 11th December – Y2 visit to Elmdon Church – 9.30am
- 20th December – End of Term

Please support your child to participate in...

- 11th December – Y4 Cheerleading Festival – Lode Heath School – 4pm-5.30pm
- 16th December – Touchwood Choir Competition – Touchwood Centre – 6pm.
- 17th December – Cake Sale and Wear a Christmas or Brightly coloured jumper. £2 donation
- 19th December – Christmas Party – Nursery – am
- 19th December – Christmas Parties – Reception – Y6 - pm

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>