



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
19<sup>th</sup>  
January  
2024

## NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children have returned to routines and have been showing 'learning powers' of resilience, resourcefulness and reflection in class. I'm sure the Year 2 parents able to join our Maths workshops were extremely impressed by our children's learning behaviours as well as their Maths knowledge and skills. Thank you to parents for joining our workshops and to those able to attend our end of key stage assessment information meetings for Year 2 and Year 6 this week. We really value your ongoing support.

This half term, we are encouraging our children to demonstrate our Valley value of respect through interactions and play, attention to rules, care for our environment and understanding of different cultures, viewpoints and feelings. So far, our staff team have had lots off opportunity to award house points and so we look forward to continuing a successful term ahead.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
Mrs Wilton

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### INSET DAYS 2024/2025

Below are the planned INSET days for next academic year 2024/2025.

Day 1: Monday 2nd September 2024

Day 2: Monday 4th November 2024

Day 3: Monday 6th January 2025

Day 4: Monday 28th April 2025

Day 5: Monday 21st July 2025.

**These are being shared to give advance notice however please note these may be subject to change nearer the date.**

### End of Key Stage Assessments (Year 2 and Year 6)

Information about end of key stage assessments taking place in **May 2024** for Year 2 and Year 6 was shared at meetings this week. For parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 who were unable to attend or would like to review information, please see power-points on our website. These can be accessed via the children's year group pages under curriculum information and website links. [Year Group Pages | Valley Primary School](#)

### Touchwood Choir Competition

We have had the results for Touchwood Choir Competition and the winners were Dickens Heath Community Primary School. Well done to all the choir for a tremendous performance in December and thank you to everyone who voted for Valley.

Congratulations to Dickens Heath.

### Eco Warriors

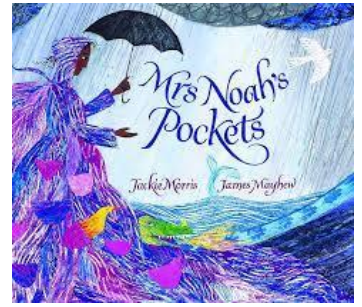
The Eco Warriors have been hard at work sorting old Christmas cards for recycling. They looked carefully at the back of cards to check for the symbol that shows the card is recyclable. If you still have any more Christmas cards at home, please remember to check if you can recycle them.



## OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Mrs Noah's Pockets" by Jackie Morris.

This is an adaptation of the popular Bible story, 'Noah's Ark'. Mrs Noah stitches the deepest pockets in her coat, as Mr Noah prepares for the ark. Mr Noah is making a list of animals that shall be spared but he also sees the crisis as an 'ideal time to get rid of those more troublesome creatures' however Mrs Noah has a different plan in mind. This book contains beautiful illustrations and lots of thoughts to think about.



**This book is suitable for readers in Year 1 and Year 2.**

## SHARING OUR LEARNING

### KS2

The children in **Year 4** have been enjoying the art inspired study of Antoni Gaudi this half term. This week they used a coiling technique to create Gaudi decorated pots made from clay.



## PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

### Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

Many children now have access to mobile phones and or tablets. With this comes the access to social media and other apps. We would ask that you are aware of the age restrictions which are attached to the media outlets available on your devices.

### Note from the Pastoral Team

The Pastoral Team at Valley are here to support all our families and during a time where the cost of living is ever rising, we are able to provide additional uniform support for those who may need this. We would like to offer all our families the opportunity to receive some uniform from our high quality, preloved items. If you feel you need some additional pieces, we would be happy to assist where possible, size and availability dependent. We also have some winter coats available should your child require one. Please email the Parent Liaison lead at [parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk) with your child's name, year/class and size, alongside the items of clothing you would like to request. All requests are confidential and will be handled as such.

### 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](mailto:parentliaisonlead@valley.solihull.sch.uk)

## ATTENDANCE – W/C 8 January – 12 January 2024

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	93.3%	Farah 6	<b>97.5%</b>	Simmonds 6	93.3%	Holst 5	94.2%	Lynn 5	89.6%	Webber 5	<b>95.8%</b>
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	<b>99.0%</b>	Newton 4	93.1%	Sharman 4	94.8%	Hockney 3	<b>98.3%</b>	Lowry 3	97.8%	Riley 3	91.7%
KS1	Churchill 2	94.5%	Nightingale 2	96.5%	Pankhurst 2	<b>99.0%</b>	Bell 1	<b>95.8%</b>	Lee 1	92.9%	Shaw 1	91.7%
EYFS	Aston R	91.5%	Grylls R	<b>98.2%</b>	Peake R	86.4%	Starley N	94.0%	Whittle N	<b>95.7%</b>		

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

## **DIARY DATES**

22 January – Maths Workshop – Ennis 6 – 9am  
23 January - Maths Workshop – Farah 6 – 9am  
24 January – Maths Workshop – Simmonds 6 – 9am  
25 January – Webber 5 Guitar Concert – 2.40pm  
29 January – School Photographer – Fallowfield Road Site  
W/C 29 January – National Story Telling Week  
30 January – Teams Parent Workshop – Behaviour Strategies – 12pm  
31 January – Year 2 Trip to Black Country Museum  
1 February - School Photographer – Old Lode Lane Site  
2 February – NSPCC Number Day  
5 – 9 February – Children’s Mental Health Week  
5 February – Reception Express Event for Parents – 2.45pm

6 February – Year 4 Hawking and Newton Trip to Dhamma Talaka  
Peace Pagoda – 9.15am  
6 February – Safer Internet Day  
6 February – Year1 Express Event for Parents – 2.45pm  
7 February – Year 5 Trip to National Space Centre  
8 February – Year 4 – Sharman – Trip to Dhamma  
Talaka Peace Pagoda – 9.15am  
8 February – Year 4 Express Event  
for Parents – 2.45pm  
9 February – House Point  
Celebrations  
9 February – End of Half Term

