



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
15th
December
2023

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all our families who joined us to support our children during their Christmas performances this week and a big thank you to our children and staff. It was delightful to see Valley spreading festive cheer and the halls were filled with happy and proud parents, staff and children. We have a few performances left next week and look forward to seeing you at these.

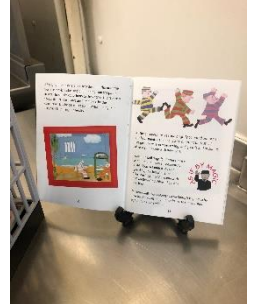
Thank you also for supporting our Christmas Calendar of events. Particular thanks to all of you who sent in treats last Friday, we were overwhelmed by your generosity. These have been bagged and given to families in our school community who need them, elderly people in the community who deserve a treat and a significant amount were given to the renewal centre to add to their food boxes which they provide for those who are struggling. This has made such a difference to so many so thank you most sincerely.

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

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

Elf on the Shelf – Fallowfield Road

The catering staff on Fallowfield Road have organised a lovely Elf on the Shelf for the children to spot each day and for them to talk about at lunchtime. This is what he has been up to so far this week.



Reading Books and Homework

We will be collecting our home reading books and library books on **Monday 18th December** in order that these are in school over the holiday period and to enable us to check stock.

In addition, no Maths homework will be set on Thursday 21st December, but please be reminded that there are many suggested activities for home learning on the Children's page of the school website.

Thank You PTFA

A huge thank you to the PTFA and to our families, children and staff for supporting and enjoying the autumn term's events. The total raised for the autumn disco was **£1178.82** and the Christmas fayre raised **£2207.87**. We look forward to further events and sharing how funds raised are spent in the coming terms. Thank you PTFA!

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

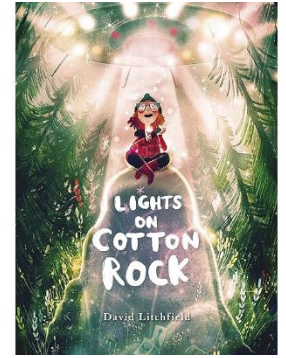
"Lights on Cotton Rock" by David Litchfield

Heather is a little girl who wants to go to Outer Space. When a spaceship lands at cotton rock, it seems that all of her dreams have come true. But the spaceship and the alien have to leave. Will the spaceship ever come back?

This book with beautiful illustrations travels through space and time and shows us that what we are looking for might be closer than we think.

Other books available by this author are: *The Bear, The Piano and Little Bear's Concert* and *'Grandad's Secret Giant'*.

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



SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

EYFS

The children in **Reception** have started to prepare for Christmas by decorating the home corner and wrapping presents. They have also been using props to retell the Christmas story.



KS1

Year 2 have been learning about the geography of the United Kingdom this half term. Over a few lessons, they labelled their own maps of the UK including the four countries and their capital cities, mountain ranges and rivers, and the surrounding seas. They have learned a lot about where we live!



KS2

In Design & Technology, **Year 5** tasted a variety of different Greek foods. In groups the children evaluated the foods, discussing their appearance, texture and taste. They then shared their thoughts about whether or not they liked each particular food and why this was. The children then discussed the importance of eating healthily and in moderation and then made the final decision about which ingredients they wanted to include in their pitta bread next week, based on the research they conducted about each ingredient's unique health benefits. The children had lots of fun and it's safe to say had some very strong opinions about both feta and olives!



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Pastoral Team

"It's the most wonderful time of the year" ...for most of us!

However, for some it is a time that can be too busy, too stimulating and simply too overwhelming. If your child is finding December a little overwhelming, Young Minds have some ideas of how you can help your child navigate this time of year.



https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/how-to-help-your-child-if-christmas-makes-them-anxious/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=dec_23&utm_content=B

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 4 December – 8 December 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	90.7%	Farah 6	90.0%	Simmonds 6	91.3%	Holst 5	96.6%	Lynn 5	95.5%	Webber 5	84.5%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	90.0%	Newton 4	96.6%	Sharman 4	90.3%	Hockney 3	93.3%	Lowry 3	90.7%	Riley 3	92.7%
KS1	Churchill 2	85.4%	Nightingale 2	87.3%	Pankhurst 2	88.8%	Bell 1	86.5%	Lee 1	94.0%	Shaw 1	80.4%
EYFS	Aston R	89.0%	Grylls R	96.7%	Peake R	86.7%	Starley N	79.2%	Whittle N	89.6%		

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

DIARY DATES

18 December – Reception Christmas Performance – 9am
 18 December – Y1 Christmas Performance – 2.30pm
 19 December – Y1 Christmas Performance – 9am
 19 December – Y2 Christmas Performance – 2.30pm
 20 December – Y2 Christmas Performance – 9am
 21 December – Nursery Christmas Parties – AM
 21 December – Reception – Y6 Christmas Parties – PM
 22 December – House Point Celebrations
 22 December – Term Ends
 8 January – INSET Day
 9 January – Children Return to School
 10 January – Christmas Card Recycling Day
 15 January – Solihull Reception Admission Deadline for September 2024 Cohort
 16 January – Maths Workshop – Churchill 2 – 9am
 17 January – Maths Workshop – Nightingale 2 – 9am
 17 January – Year 2 Optional Tests Parents Meeting -5pm
 18 January – Maths Workshop – Pankhurst 2– 9am
 18 January – Year 6 SATS Parent Meeting – 5pm
 22 January – Maths Workshop – Ennis 6 – 9am
 23 January - Maths Workshop – Farah 6 – 9am

24 January – Maths Workshop – Simmonds 6 – 9am
 W/C 29 January – National Story Telling Week
 30 January – Teams Parent Workshop – Behaviour Strategies – 12pm
 31 January – Year2 Trip to Black Country Museum
 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

