



# Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday  
22<sup>nd</sup>  
September  
2023

## NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Valley is a GOOD school! It has been truly wonderful to celebrate our OFSTED report being published this week which notes that Valley is 'Good' in every single OFSTED area. As you will all be aware, one month after I joined Valley as Headteacher we were judged Requires Improvement at our last inspection in 2019. So, this is a great achievement for our school and shows the excellent improvements we have made over the last four years. Massive thanks goes to the team for this achievement – Senior Leaders, Staff, Partner Agencies, Governors, Parents and above all our wonderful children,



We celebrated this with the children by inviting an Ice Cream van to visit both sites. The children absolutely loved their special treat and were very excited. Thank you to our PTFA for funding this lovely opportunity for us.

We look forward to continuing to develop our school as we work to further embed our achievements and take our next steps towards offering an outstanding provision for all our children.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Miss Milewski

## Our Good School celebratory Ice Cream Van - Thank you to our PTFA!

Smiles, laughter and real pride filled our school when our Ice Cream surprise arrived as a well done to our children following OFSTED grading our school as Good. Everybody was so excited and it was wonderful to see children from Nursery right up to Year 6 sharing success. Thank you to our dedicated and hard working PTFA for organising and funding this lovely treat, it was very much appreciated!



## Curriculum Evenings - Thank you to our Parents who attended!

Thank you to everyone who has attended the curriculum evenings this week. The power points that were used during the presentation are now available on our website on the year group pages:

<https://www.valleyprimaryschool.co.uk/year-group-pages/>

## SEND parent coffee morning - Thank you to our SEND Parents!

A huge thank you to all of the parents who attended Tuesday's SEND coffee morning - there was such a wonderful atmosphere ("relaxed, welcoming and informative" as one parent kindly commented), and we really appreciated you sharing your experiences and needs. Please be reminded that our **next coffee morning** will take place on **26<sup>th</sup> February at Old Lode Lane (11am)**. We also have a **parent workshop** taking place on the **27<sup>th</sup> October at 12pm on Teams** which will provide strategies and support around homework adaptations. A link for this event will be sent nearer the time. If you would like to join our next coffee morning or would like more information or support with SEND, please contact Mrs Heaven - [s2senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s2senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk)

## **PARENT FEEDBACK**

Thank you to all the parents who sent in feedback to the Parent View email address or who spoke directly to Miss Milewski with their feedback and suggestions following the last academic year. Miss Milewski and Valley Senior Leadership Team have very much welcomed your feedback and we have taken the following actions as a direct response. Many thanks for your continued support.

<b>You said...</b>	<b>We did...</b>
Homework did not link to class learning.	Changed weekly set homework to Collins which is set linked to class learning.
Homework wasn't enough / Homework too much.	Expected homework plus a larger variety of optional homework activities available to meet the needs of both.
Some children have limited access to devices to access home learning at home.	Opportunity for children to join a homework club (no charge) on Monday's after school. Opportunity for children to borrow devices from school to complete homework on.
Too many dress up days.	Phase Leaders will do their utmost to keep to a maximum of 3 dress up days across the year and all dress up days will be optional and will be notified in a timely manner. Home made costumes will be encouraged and/or a token of the theme rather than a full bought costume. Discussions have also been had with the PTFA re: recycling of used costumes for small donation.
More notice needed for events	Provisional dates will be sent out for the upcoming half term at least two weeks prior to the start of term and we will endeavour to give two weeks notice for events where possible.
Parent events, workshops and drop ins to school are appreciated.	Variety of events are planned for this term including Curriculum Evenings, Phonics Workshops, Christmas Productions, Class Drop Ins. Further events will be organised for the rest of the year.
SLT can be difficult to access.	Weekly SLT drop in timetabled on both sites on a Monday after school: 3.20pm – 4pm. Time set aside on a Thursday after school for parents to book a 15 minute virtual or face to face appointment with the Headteacher: 4.30pm – 5.30pm.
Valley Explorers should be flexible and provide ad hoc childcare for working parents.	Valley Explorers are happy to provide this and this can be booked via the school office in an emergency and paid for via parent pay.
Enrichment clubs and after school sports clubs are appreciated and enjoyed by the children.	These will continue this year and we have agreed a partnership with Premiere Education Sports Coaches to enable both quality PPA cover during school time and specialised sports clubs after school.
Wearing Outdoor P.E. kits for a full day at school is problematic when the weather is hot.	Adapted our new policy so that children only keep pumps in school so parents have both shorts and tracksuit bottoms at home and can decide each morning which is most appropriate for their child to wear.
Children are cold during P.E. sessions.	Adapted our P.E. kits so children wear their white T shirts and black sweatshirts/ zip up tops but they can also wear a Valley Purple fleece on top of this if they wish.

## VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

### SLT Drop In

A member of the Senior Leadership team will be available on both sites on a Monday evening after school from 3.20pm – 4pm in the school hall. This will rotate between Miss Milewski, Mrs Wilton, Mrs Wood, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Heaven. Please do feel free to pop in if there is anything you would like to discuss with the Senior Leadership Team. There is no need to book a time, just come along. The school office will be happy to let you in.

### Headteacher Virtual or Face to Face Appointment

Miss Milewski will be available every Thursday between 4.30pm and 5.30pm for individual appointments with parents if there is anything you would like to discuss with her. Each appointment will be 15 minutes and can be booked via our Parent Liaison lead so please do email if you would like to book an appointment slot. Miss Milewski is very happy to meet parents virtually using MS Teams or in person if you would like to pop into school. Please let Mrs Coldwell know your preference when booking a time.

### Pupil Leaders

Congratulations to all of our Pupil Leaders who were appointed to their new roles and celebrated during Friday's Assembly. We are really excited to see what each team does this year to continue the exceptional work of last year's leaders. Each of the teams will meet over the next few weeks to discuss their roles and responsibilities as well as planning for future events and assemblies. The Eco-Warriors were the first team to meet and discuss how the community of Valley can help improve the environment.



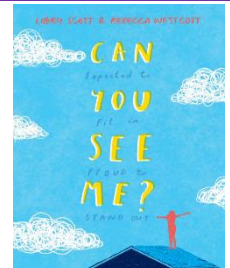
### OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

*"Can you see me?"* by Libby Scott

This is a powerful story about autism, empathy and kindness, written from the perspective of Tally, a young girl who has been diagnosed with autism.

You'll enjoy this book if you like reading about people facing and overcoming challenges in their everyday life.

**This book is suitable for those readers in Year 5 and 6.**



### PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

#### Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

I would like to remind parents that the car parks on both sites are for staff use only, this is for the safety of children and parents. Parking is however permitted by parents dropping off at Explorers outside of normal drop off and collection periods. If you are using our car park at any time during the day, I would ask that you exercise caution and reduce speed when leaving on either site, being mindful of pedestrians. I would also like to ask parents to park considerately of our neighbours by not blocking driveways.

#### 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 11 September – 15 September 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	95.0%	Farah 6	<b>97.9%</b>	Simmonds 6	95.3%	Holst 5	<b>97.9%</b>	Lynn 5	96.1%	Webber 5	96.3%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	97.9%	Newton 4	<b>99.3%</b>	Sharman 4	91.0%	Hockney 3	<b>97.2%</b>	Lowry 3	96.8%	Riley 3	93.8%
KS1	Churchill 2	97.7%	Nightingale 2	91.5%	Pankhurst 2	<b>98.8%</b>	Bell 1	90.9%	Lee 1	93.8%	Shaw 1	<b>96.8%</b>
EYFS	Aston R	96.0%	Grylls R	<b>100%</b>	Peake R	99.5%	Starley N	<b>97.7%</b>	Whittle N	91.3%		

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

### DIARY DATES

26 September – Bell 1 Phonics Workshop – 9am  
 27 September – Lee 1 Phonics Workshop – 9am  
 28 September – Shaw 1 – Phonics Workshop – 9am  
 3 October – Nursery Parents Maths Drop In – 8.45am  
 13 October – Litter Picking Event  
 18 October – Y6 Express Event – Parents invited – 9am  
 20 October – Black History Day  
 20 October – Charity Cake Sale

24 October – Parents Evening – 4pm – 6pm  
 26 October – Parents Evening - 4.30pm – 7pm  
 27 October – Parent Workshop – Homework Adaptations and Support – TEAMS – 12pm  
 27 October – House Party  
 27 October – School Finishes for Half Term

