



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

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

Friday
15th
September
2023

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our children have begun their full timetables and it has been fabulous to see children beginning their new topics, enjoying the introduction of new books in English and beginning their new blocks of work in Maths. I have enjoyed popping into classrooms and seen lots of praise and house points being rewarded regularly which is great. Well done children!

Next week, we look forward to seeing you all for our curriculum evenings. We will share details about the curriculum during these and also demonstrate some of our new home learning activities and how to access these. We would encourage as many of you as possible to join us for these meetings. I will also be available either before or after each meeting for you to chat to me informally and would welcome any questions, feedback or comments you have following your children starting the term.

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

VALLEY NEWS AND REMINDERS

PE Kits

Year 1 – Year 6

Thank you for supporting our children coming to school in P.E. kits this week. The hot weather in combination with parent feedback this week has made us realise that it would be better for parents to decide whether children wear black shorts or long trousers to school on these days. We are therefore sending home shorts which are currently in school and ask parents to make the decision on the morning as to whether pupils wear shorts or jogging bottoms. Pumps will remain in school in the pump bag on your child's peg for indoor PE.

A reminder of our P.E. uniform:

Black tracksuit bottoms or black shorts of an appropriate length.

Plain white T-shirt or white T-shirt with school logo

Black tracksuit top or sweatshirt (ideally without a hood) + optional purple fleece - no school jumpers on these days please.

Plain black or white trainers

Black pumps (to be kept in school)

Valley Fleece (optional)

Please note: Pupils may wear black sweatshirts and/or a Valley Purple fleece when the weather is cold.

Blue Peter Book Club and Badge

Did you know that Blue Peter has a book club? It is easy to join - all you have to do is get a book (it does not have to be from their recommended list) and read! That's it! You can then share your reviews or pictures with them. As well as this, Blue Peter have introduced a Blue Peter Book Badge! You could be in with a chance of winning one, just by sharing your thoughts about the books that you read.

For more information and ways to submit your review, please see [Official Blue Peter Book Club | Join the BP Book Club | Book badge - CBBC - BBC](#)

We cannot wait to see all of your reviews and the badges you earn this year.

Happy Reading everyone :)



SEND Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 19th September, Mrs Heaven and Mrs Manton will be running a coffee morning for parents who have children on the SEND register. This will be an informal opportunity to meet with tea, coffee and cake to ask any questions you may have about SEND support in school and share strategies to help at home too. We will also explain what a needs based plan is. If you are interested in attending, please come to the Old Lode Lane office after drop-off Tuesday morning and we will meet in the hall together. The coffee morning will finish by **10am**. If your child is not on the SEND register, but you are interested in attending, please email s52senco@valley.solihull.sch.uk and we will add you to our list.

Gully at EYFS and KS1 Site

Please can we ask that extra care is taken by parents and carers choosing to use the gully rather than Fallowfield Road entrance/exit. We also ask that you remind children not to use their scooter or bike and to stay close to their adult. We are aware of the impact of trees in neighbouring gardens and are investigating and gathering quotes to assess options. In the interim, we advise use of the Fallowfield Road gates or that in order to avoid closing the gully, care is taken by all users.

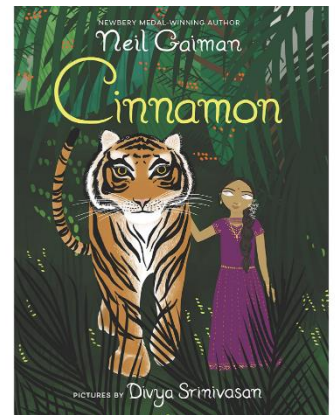
Thank you

OUR READING RECOMMENDATION

"Cinnamon" by Neil Gaiman

In a hot country lives a princess called Cinnamon. Her eyes are made of pearls, which means that she is blind. And, for reasons her parents the Rajah and Rani cannot fathom, she will not talk.

So they offer a reward to anyone who can teach Cinnamon to speak. People travel from far and wide to attempt it, but nothing works. Until a mighty tiger, huge and fierce, prowls into their palace and announces that he is here to teach the girl-cub to talk ...



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

SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Key Stage 1

Year 1 had a fantastic start to their new topic 'Moon Zoom'. They looked at the artist Julie Perrot and imitated her work using chalks. The children then created their own rockets out of junk modelling. They can't wait to find out more!



The children in **Year 1** have also been learning how to represent numbers up to 10 in many different ways. They are really enjoying their hands on lessons using their resource boxes.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

As we have a number of children and adults throughout school with nut allergies, we need to remind all parents that we are a nut free school. Please do not send children to school with any items that may contain nuts, such as sandwich spreads, cereal bars, chocolate bars and biscuits. Please provide a healthy snack for your child such as fruit, raisins or healthy nut free bars.

May we also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers to please make sure that you cut grapes in half, especially for our younger children as this could prove to be a choking hazard.

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 6 September – 8 September 2023

UPPER KS2	Ennis 6	93.0%	Farah 6	97.7%	Simmonds 6	91.1%	Holst 5	81.0%	Lynn 5	95.2%	Webber 5	78.3%
LOWER KS2	Hawking 4	98.8%	Newton 4	96.7%	Sharman 4	96.6%	Hockney 3	100%	Lowry 3	98.8%	Riley 3	97.7%
KS1	Churchill 2	92.9%	Nightingale 2	92.3%	Pankhurst 2	97.3%	Bell 1	93.9%	Lee 1	97.4%	Shaw 1	98.0%
EYFS	Aston R	98.8%	Grylls R	100%	Peake R	100%	Starley N	94.7%	Whittle N	97.9%		

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

DIARY DATES

18 September – Y3 Curriculum Meeting – 5pm
18 September – Y4 Curriculum Meeting – 6pm
19 September – Nursery Curriculum Meeting – 5pm
19 September – Reception Curriculum Meeting – 6pm
19 September – SEN Parent Coffee Morning – Old Lode Lane Site – 8.40am
20 September – Y1 Curriculum Meeting – 5pm
20 September – Y2 Curriculum Meeting – 6pm
21 September – Y5 Curriculum Meeting – 5pm
21 September – Y6 Curriculum Meetings – 6pm
22 September – Y2 – Times Table Rock Stars Day
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

