



Valley Primary School Newsletter

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

Friday
8th
September
2023

NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our children are fabulous! Classrooms have been filled with smiles, joy, happiness and fun. Our overall focus this week has been largely focused on settling the children into new routines and mental wellbeing. They have explored their class inspirational people and enjoyed spending time making new friends in their classes or reconnecting with friends from last year.

The 'Engage' days which took place across the school from Year One upwards yesterday were incredibly exciting. In every classroom, children were enthusiastic, inquisitive and curious about the Topic which they will now focus on this half term.

Reception and Nursery children who are brand new to our school have enjoyed exploring their new environment and have been very grown up as they have been introduced to the many lovely resources we have and the lovely activities set up for them across our EYFS provision. We are very pleased to welcome them to Valley.

We have also welcomed several new children and staff to Valley this week, all of whom have thoroughly enjoyed their first few days and are looking forward to the year ahead.

So ... welcome to Valley to our new families and welcome back to all our returning families and a big thank you from myself for your support as parents during our first week back in school. I often say what a privilege it is to have your children in our care. This week, I realised how much I missed the vibrant buzz of our lovely, happy school and many staff have said the same following the six week break. It is great to have the children back in school. Please congratulate your children for the great start they have made to what I am confident is going to be a great year at Valley!

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

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Hello Valley community!

I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors at our wonderful school. My name is Amarjot Butcher and I have been a parent governor here for the past 8 years. During that time, I've had the pleasure of working with our dedicated staff, engaged parents, and of course, our amazing students. The governing body has seen a great many changes over the course of my time and I would like to thank Geoff Harley- Mason and Emma Clarke for their leadership and mentoring, Anthony Sadler for agreeing to be my ever-supportive, organised and dedicated Vice-Chair and all the other wonderful volunteers who make up the board of governors. A job that requires a lot of hard work, time and due diligence but is done for no other reason than for the love of the school and the commitment to our Valley children.

As some of you may know, I have two children who attended this school over the years. Seeing them thrive here gives me a deep appreciation for the care and quality of education our students receive. As a parent myself, I understand many of the hopes, concerns and perspectives other families in our community have regarding their children's schooling.

In my new role as Chair, I'm eager to build on the strong foundations we've established and help lead our school into an even brighter future. My goals are to foster open communication between all stakeholders, support our hardworking teachers and staff, and ensure every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed through our collective Valley Vision.

There will certainly be challenges ahead but I'm confident that by working together, we can achieve great things for our students. I'm so grateful for the chance to serve this community and look forward to the work ahead. Please feel free to reach out if you ever have any questions, comments, or suggestions. Here's to another excellent school year!

Sincerely,
Mrs Butcher

SHARING OUR LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

EYFS

What a fantastic start to our **Reception** year! We are extremely proud of the children already. They are embracing all of the learning opportunities that are on offer. The children are exploring all of the classrooms and the outdoor environment.



PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Note from the Parent Liaison Lead

It has been lovely to welcome you all back after what I hope was an enjoyable summer for you all. I would like to remind you that you can purchase items such as water bottles, ties and all our bags via ParentPay. During a time of increasing costs should you require any assistance with uniform please contact me via the email address below. Our pastoral team has a wide selection of pre-loved uniform items and would be happy to assist you.

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

DIARY DATES

W/C 11 September – Usborne Reading Challenge
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

