



The Valley Primary School Newsletter



We have enjoyed a really productive half term during which the children have settled back into school well and have worked really hard. Half term will give us all time to recharge ready for the second half of the term.

Diary Dates

October

23rd October – Finish for half term

31st October – Y6 High School Applications closing date!

November

1st November Applications for Reception 2021 open.

2nd November – Return to School

December

16th December – Pantomime Performance for the children (in school)

18th December – School closes for Christmas

January

5th January – School re-opens for the Spring Term

15th January – Applications for Reception closing date

January – Y5/6 Bikeability



Need to speak to a member of staff?

We are still using our class email addresses, these are checked daily.

Class One – valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Class Two – valleyclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Class Three – valleyclass3@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk



You can also contact the school office by phone or email and a message will be sent to the relevant staff member.

Road Safety

We have noticed School Drive is becoming very congested at the end of the day. Please park on Riverside and walk up to school as much as possible.

Please DO NOT park directly in front of the school gates. This area should be free for emergency access at all times.

Reminder - Please ensure your child's name is clearly written in all items of clothing and footwear.

Reminder - Spelling homework can be found on the school website.

Reminder - Please put the wooden bar over the main gate if you use it outside of drop off and collection times.



October Birthdays

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to...

Sophia, William, Barnaby, Emily, Millie & Charlotte, Mr Greaves, Miss Ainsworth and Mrs Burndred

All of whom have a birthday during October.

We hope you had a fantastic day.



Christmas



Our Christmas celebrations will be very different this year due to the current restrictions, however staff are already looking at ways we can ensure we all enjoy the festive season in a fun and safe way. Watch this space!



We have booked Bikeability for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. This will take place in January. A letter with all the information about the course will be sent home nearer the time.

If you are able to display a copy of the below poster in your workplace or any other local noticeboard please contact the school office.



Mental Health Awareness Day

As a school we marked Mental Health Awareness Day. We all tried to wear something yellow to school. The children talked about how to care for the mental health of ourselves and others. They also enjoyed mindfulness activities, relaxation techniques and different types of exercise. As a school we raised £77.50 for the charity MIND.

Mind is a charity which provides [advice and support](http://www.mind.org.uk) to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. They [campaign](http://www.mind.org.uk) to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding. **They won't give up** until everyone experiencing a mental health problem gets **support and respect**.

www.mind.org.uk

The Valley Primary School & Nursery



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Nursery & Reception places available for September 2021



- We believe our strongest asset about our lovely school is our **amazing pupils**. The children generate a **happy** and **warm** atmosphere that makes learning fun!
- Our stunning rural location of **Oakamoor** complements our onsite **Forest School**.
- Our fabulous teaching and learning team is experienced and caring, providing our children with 'a great start' (Ofsted, June 2018).
- "What really stands out for me is the *caring approach the staff have and how they set boundaries in a really positive way*" (A parent at the school).
- We welcome families in receipt of 15 and 30 hours 3-year old funding.
- We offer a **flexible** approach when arranging how nursery hours are delivered.



We would love to welcome you into our family.
Call us on 01538 702355 (opt 2) to arrange a visit.
www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk





Winter Uniform



After half term all children need to wear winter uniform.

Girls – White shirt, tie, grey skirt or pinafore, school cardigan, grey, black or white tights or socks, black shoes.

Boys – White shirt, tie, grey trousers or school shorts, school jumper, grey, black or white ankle socks, black shoes.

All children need to ensure they have a coat in school everyday.

Class 2

After half term, class 2 are going to be working on a new D&T project, for this the children will be required to bring in either a brand new pillow case or a freshly washed pillow case.

To carry out the project, the pillow case will need to be cut up so please don't send in a pillow case that may be needed!

The pillow cases will need to be brought in a clearly named carrier bag, they will then be quarantined to meet strict Covid guidelines.



Themed Menu Days

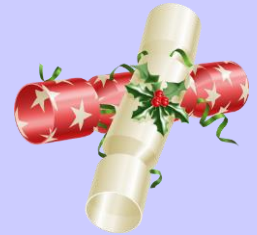


Thursday 5th November

Bonfire Lunch, including Hot Dogs

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Lunch



Forest School

After half term Class 3 will be doing forest school on a Wednesday afternoon.

Please ensure the children have wellies and spare socks in school.

Happy half term!

