



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to the latest addition of our newsletter. There is lots of dates and information inside so please read it carefully.

## COVID Restrictions

The guidance for schools in relation to Covid safety has not changed. We will therefore continue our current procedures until we receive new guidance from the DfE.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Diary Dates

### June

29<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 trip

### July

5<sup>th</sup> July – Sports Day (no spectators unfortunately)

9<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Reports to go out

14<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fun Day/ Picnic

15<sup>th</sup> July – School Treasure Hunt

16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers Assembly (invitation only)

16<sup>th</sup> July – School Closes for the summer



## Attendance

Just a reminder if your child is not able to attend school, you must contact the office as soon as possible on the first day of absence. Reasons for absence are recorded on your child's attendance record.

Class	Percentage Attendance during the past two weeks
Class One	97.3%
Class Two	97.6%
Class Three	97.1%

## Our stars this week are...

Class 1 – Lily & Lydia

Class 2 – Esmae & William

Class 3 – Maisy, Poppy & Preston



## Parent Forum

Thank you to those that were able to join us on Monday for our Parent Forum meeting. Here are the minutes from this meeting. If anyone has any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.



### Minutes:

#### **School Structure for the academic year 2021/2**

Pupil numbers for our Nursery and Reception cohorts is not as high as we had hoped. However, we have had enquiries from a number of new families moving into the area so things are beginning to look positive. We really, really appreciate parents promoting The Valley whenever possible.

We will confirm our School Structure for September in the next few weeks once we have confirmation of numbers and agreed how to provide the very best educational provision to our current and new pupils.

#### **School Development**

**Pupil numbers** – We continue trying to increasing our pupils numbers. Where and when appropriate, we will use local media and social media sites to promote the wonderful activities the children undertake. We have also made enquiries about having a board/banner at the Oakamoor Cricket Ground and about the possibility of sponsoring one of the junior teams kit. If anyone can help display a school flier or small poster, please let us know. Also, if anyone has any other ideas of how we could promote our wonderful school, we would love to hear from you.

**Toddler Group** – In September we will be opening a Forest School toddlers group. This is a new venture we are really excited about and we hope in time it will bring in more families to the school.

## School Development continued

**Community Garden** – Pre-pandemic, we began work on our garden, holding a very successful working day to get it cleared. Although we have done some work since, we would like to accelerate the development of this area. It was suggested at the meeting that we draw up a list of jobs and circulate this to all. Then, if anyone has a little spare time or is able to help in any way they would be able to choose a task off the jobs list.

#### **PTFA**

Our PTFA was getting established and events were beginning to happen along with the delivery of our very own stage. Sadly the pandemic and subsequent national lockdown ended fund-raising activities. The Forum agreed now is the time to get the PTFA back-up and running. Rachel Evans will set a date for a 'Zoom' meeting to be held and hopefully parents, carers and friends can attend and support us. Our amazing PTFA provides additional funds through fund raising which enables us to buy 'the nice things' for the children and also helps run events in school – all extremely valuable to our school. More details will follow.

#### **Parking**

Whilst parking around school (especially School Drive) has been much better lately, (thank you) it still remains an area of concern. After residents reported their concerns, The Highways Agency has responded to say they are 'monitoring the situation'. We are now looking to purchase signage to promote both safe and considerate parking in the most concerning areas.



## Wrap Around Care

Please can you book your child in for the wrap around care they require prior to the session. This enables us to monitor the numbers attending and to ensure appropriate staffing and resources.

Breakfast Club – 8am – 8.45am *(Book & Pay via Parent Portal)*

After School Care – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

**Monday – ASM – Alternative Sports** *(Book & pay directly with ASM)*

**Tuesday – Eco** *(Book in at the office & pay via Parent portal please)*

**Wednesday – Football** *(Book at the office/ pay Mark on the day))*

**Thursday – Games Club** *(Book at office & pay via Parent portal please)*

**Friday – ASM – Dance** *(Book & pay directly with ASM)*



## Birthdays

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

Oliver, Ricardo, Ethan & Preston

All of whom have a June Birthday.

We hope you had a fantastic day.



## Need to speak to a member of staff?

We continue to use our class email addresses to send and receive correspondence. Staff do their best to check these emails daily during term time.

We respectfully ask that you consider the times which emails/ messages are sent to staff.

Class One – [valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

Class Two – [valleyclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:valleyclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

Class Three – [valleyclass3@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### Reminder:

If you do need to speak to a member of staff, we encourage you to always go to **your child's class teacher first** as they can normally deal with queries far quicker as they work with your child daily.

## Vacancy



A vacancy has arisen for a Kitchen Assistant in our lovely school.

**Hours 11.30-13.30 approximately per day**

**£8.91 per hour**

If you are interested in the position, please contact Kay Prince

Email: [kay.prince@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:kay.prince@compass-group.co.uk)