



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to the new school year. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. Newsletters will continue to be issued on a fortnightly basis via email; if you would prefer a paper copy please contact the school office. There are lots of dates and information inside so please read it carefully.

## Diary Dates

### September

6<sup>th</sup> September – Secondary School applications open

24<sup>th</sup> September – 4pm – Parent Forum

### October

4<sup>th</sup> October - Scoot Skills

19<sup>th</sup> October – 3.45-6.45pm – Parents Evening

22<sup>nd</sup> October – Finish for Half Term

### November

1<sup>st</sup> November – Return to school

### December

10<sup>th</sup> December – Autumn Reports sent home

17<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas



## Wrap Around Care

As we are sure you are aware, we are now offering all our families **FREE** wrap around care - this academic year.

Children can attend breakfast club from 8am until 8.45am each morning. Breakfast is available if the children require it.

The children will enter breakfast club via the back playground (*we will review this as the weather begins to change*).

After school, the children can stay on site until 5pm. Care will be provided by school staff (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and Mark Dalkins (on Wednesdays). Apart from Wednesday, when the session is sports based for all, the children will have a choice of activities they might like to do. The children will require a sports kit on Wednesday. You can collect your child at any point during the session depending on your commitments. Children need to be collected at or before 5pm.

Although there is no charge for the care, we do ask that you book your child into the session using 'Arbor', this enables us to ensure we have the correct number of resources for activities.

## Attendance

In accordance with guidance from the DfE, we are required to monitor attendance very closely as we settle back into a new term.

If your child is ill or unable to attend school, please contact us on the morning of their absence. If we do not receive contact from you by 9.30am, it is school policy to ascertain why your child is absent from school.

We are also required to record and monitor lateness; late marks will be issued to those arriving after 9.15am.

## 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)



## Traffic on School Drive

When dropping-off and collecting your children, if you use School Drive, please avoid parking in the turning area or directly outside the main gates (including the staff car park). As soon as you have dropped-off we ask that you safely move away from the area.

Please, please drive and manoeuvre your car slowly to keep all our children (and carers) as safe as possible.

If possible, park on Riverside or The Willows and walk-up.



## Birthdays

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

Ethan, Henry and Harry

All of whom have a birthday in September.

We hope you had a fantastic day.



## Oakamoor Acorns

We are delighted to launch our new pre-school forest school group – Oakamoor Acorns.

Please spread the news of this group far and wide.



The Valley Primary School

# Oakamoor Acorns

### Pre-School Forest School Group



safe explore fun learn grow nature



**Tuesday's 1.30pm - 3pm** (school term time only)

£2.00 per child (places limited)

**Starts Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021**



Register your child now.  
Call 01538 702355 option 2

*Parents/carers to be responsible for their child at all times, no childminding groups.*

## Oakamoor Festival

Many thanks to all those who supported the Oakamoor Festival last weekend, it was great to see so many of you in the village.

A big thank you to Mrs Carnall for all her time and hard work in our Forest School area on Sunday, we are sure you would agree the smores were amazing.

Also, a big thank you to Mr Chell and the festival team in organising the event. As a school we raised £240, combined with the money raised at the jumble sale last term we have £587.00 to spend on new resources for the children.

## Curriculum Letters and Homework

We emailed class curriculum letters and spelling homework for this half term on Wednesday. These documents will have been sent from class email addresses. If you haven't received them or you would like a paper copy, contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Button.

## Celebration Assembly

We hope to be able to invite parents and family members to join us for Celebration Assemblies soon.

Once we have thoroughly risk assessed this event, we will send information out giving dates, times and details of how it will work. Thank you