



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to this week's newsletter, there is lots of information, updates and dates for your diaries included.

## Stars of the Week

Our stars from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Class 1 – Lydia and Seb  
Class 2 – Reuben and William  
Class 3 – Ethan and Freya



## Diary Dates

### March

4<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
14<sup>th</sup> March – Class Two Trip to Chester  
21<sup>st</sup> March – Class One Trip to the Potteries Museum  
24<sup>th</sup> March – Class Three Trip to Apedale  
25<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Coffee Morning

### April

1<sup>st</sup> April – Spring reports go out  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for Easter  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day



## Ground Clean Up Morning

As signs of spring begin to emerge it is time to tidy up our grounds. There are lots of jobs to be done from cleaning, raking and planting. We will be holding a clean-up morning soon, date to be confirmed. Free tea or coffee, cake or biscuits for everyone who attends!



## Birthdays



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

**Henry, Reuben, Theo, Wilf, Greta, Hettie & Violet**

All of whom have a birthday in February.

We hope you have a fantastic day.



## 'Yummy' dinners



Thank you, Kat, for all the 'yummy' theme dinners you have made for us this week. We loved the pancakes on shrove Tuesday and the magic custard on World Book Day.



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## Whole School Photograph

To mark our 130<sup>th</sup> Birthday we will be having a whole school photograph on 30th June 2022. These will be a real special keepsake should you choose to purchase a copy.



## Forest School Mud Kitchen

We need to re-stock our forest school mud kitchen, if you have any old saucepans, bowls, spoons, spatulas etc., they would be very much appreciated.

## 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 and from time to time during holiday periods.

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)



# World Book Day



# Switch off when you drop off



## Why we should all be Air Aware

We haven't got an air pollution problem, have we? Unfortunately we have - air pollution is a problem across the country and there's areas in Staffordshire that breach European safety standards.

The good news is that we all can do something about it if we just do something small to change how we travel, just one day a week.

[Watch the short video](#)

[Explore what you could do to help and do your bit.](#)

Small actions make a **big** difference to the **air** we breathe.

**What one more thing can you do to travel differently one day a week?**

<http://airaware.doingourbit.info>



We're on a mission to get as many school sites as possible in Staffordshire, to sign up to become an anti-idling zone and join us in a county wide engine switch off!

Poor air quality can seriously aggravate conditions like asthma and it's responsible for hundreds of deaths a year across Staffordshire. Turning off engines when not in use, can make a big difference to the amount of pollution businesses produce plus, can help to reduce the effects it has on our health.

[Find out more about Air Pollution in Staffordshire here](#), and see what support can be offered to your school.

Do you know that:

- Staffordshire does have an air pollution problem in some areas
- it harms us all, but especially our children and causes many health issues
- idling cars, which means cars that are parked up and stationary, pump out about 150 balloons worth of harmful gas every minute!
- poor air quality is responsible for 500 deaths in Staffordshire every year
- idling is the single biggest contributor to poor air pollution outside schools
- air pollution can be 30% worse outside schools because of idling
- idling is illegal.

That's why schools and pupils up and down the county are running the 'Switch off when you drop off' campaign to encourage parents on the school run to turn their vehicle off when parked and stationary.

[There are ways to travel to school without the car](#), but if you have to drive, why not join the them and pledge to switch off when you drop off and [help your child to breathe easier](#).

You can contact us for more information by email at [airaware@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:airaware@staffordshire.gov.uk)



## Absence

It is vital that you **telephone** the office on the first day of absence if your child is not in school.

