



The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 14th October 2022.

Let's Celebrate our Stars!



Here are the names of our shiny stars we have crowned winners in our celebration assemblies over the last two weeks. Well done to you all!

Class 1: Lydia and Jack

Class 2: Arthur and Esmae

Class 3: Edith and Esme

Our dojo winners are:



Class 1: Zoe and KT

Class 2: Ricardo and Mason

Class 3: Hettie and Ester

Our dojo runners up are:



Class 1: Violet and Matthew

Class 2: Theo, Joel and Gilbert

Class 3: Scarlett and Ethan

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Attendance

Geraldine the Giraffe is always looking for a classroom to rest in. As an incentive towards our attendance in school, the class who has the highest percentage fortnightly will have Geraldine spend two weeks with them.

Geraldine has loved helping the children in Class 2 this week and particularly enjoyed watching the children work very hard on their promotional leaflets during our English lessons.

Our winning class this week is Class 2 - well done!



Farewell to Mrs Leftwich

We are very sad to have to say that next week will be Mrs Leftwich's last week in school and she will be leaving The Valley after an impressive 11 years.

Mrs Leftwich is taking some well-deserved time and will enjoy spending it with her family and friends and taking lots of opportunity to visit her holiday home. We will miss you so much Mrs Leftwich and we are sure you will join us when we wish her the best of luck. Thank you for everything, you are going to be so very missed by us all!



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Job Opportunity within the Trust

Required, Learning Support Assistant (LSA)

Bishop Rawle C.E. Primary School, Royal Walk, Cheadle, Staffordshire, ST10 1QA

Starting date: 31st October or as soon as possible

Salary: £19,650 – £20,043 pro rota, actual £8,609 - £8,781; Grade 4 SCP 5 – 6, term-time only (pay award pending)

Working hours: 08:30 – 12:15, 18.75 hours per week.

Contract: Fixed Term to July 31st 2023, **dependent on funding.**

Closing date for applications: Monday October 17th at 12:00

Interviews: from 09:00 Friday October 21st 2022

We are looking to recruit a caring, skilled, dedicated, qualified and patient practitioner to work with our amazing children and be part of our staff team. You will form part of a talented teaching and learning team based at Bishop Rawle C. E. Primary School, offering pastoral, spiritual and academic guidance to our amazing children. Every day you will have the opportunity to make a difference.

For further details, please contact:

Miss A Kirk (School Leader) akirk@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk or Mr. J. Eccles (Trust CEO) jeccles@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk.

Harvest Donations

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your donations towards our Harvest Festival. These will now be taken to the Foodbank in Cheadle to help families in need at this difficult time. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



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Important Information Regarding the Reception Application Process 2023 from School Admissions.

To be sure of receiving an offer on national offer day please apply online through their website www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions from Tuesday 1st November 2022.

The online system will ask for a UID number – please click ‘No UID’, this will allow you to continue with your application.

You will need to make your **application by 15 January 2023** and your child will receive an offer of a reception place on national offer day 17 April 2023.

All the information you need about the admissions process within Staffordshire is available on their web pages.

You must apply for all schools that you would prefer your child to attend including schools outside of Staffordshire or grammar schools. You will need to check the admissions arrangements for each school you are interested in to see what priority will be given to your application and whether you should provide additional information or a supplementary form with your online application.

If you do not make an application your child will be disadvantaged as children whose parents/carers have applied will be given priority for popular schools.

You must apply even if you have an elder child already attending the school (or affiliated Junior). No priority is given in the admission process because your child is currently in a nursery class and there is no guarantee that they will be allocated a place at the school at which they currently go to nursery.

**THE VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING.
MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2022 – MORE INFORMATION TO
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The New Vic Theatre Trip to see Alice in Wonderland.

We will be attending the Alice in Wonderland production at the New Vic Theatre, in Newcastle on Friday 25th November. The cost of the ticket per child is £14; this can be paid via Arbor in instalments or in full anytime from Friday 7th October up until Friday 18th November. By signing up you are also giving your consent to your child attending the trip. We are funding the coach travel out of our school funds. On the morning of the 25th, we will be collected from school at 9.15am, and will arrive back around 1.45pm. Kat will provide the children with a packed lunch.

We cannot wait!

Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card.

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On Friday 21st October, we will be recognising the anti-racism movement by having a non-uniform day. We would like your child to wear something RED for the day. Wear Red Day is a celebration of this anti-racism movement. In supporting trying to show racism the red card, we ask please if you could make a small, voluntary contribution towards the non-uniform day. In making a donation, every heart and every mind that the charity changes will mean at least one life will be changed, but it does have the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others. During the morning, children will be taking part in activities to highlight the need for change. Our wonderful School Council will choose these activities and they would love to invite our parents/carers in to work with us too. Between 9.45-10.45am, you are all welcome to join us. We are looking forward to seeing you!



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CADSSA Football News



Our A League football team have enjoyed two more weeks of football matches since our last update. Last week, we went to St Werburgh's Primary School and played out two tightly fought draws, with the games against St Werburgh's and St Joesph's finishing 2-2 and 1-1 respectively. This Thursday, we played against two of the top teams in the A League, St Thomas's and Cheadle Primary. Both of these are much larger schools and our mixed team from Valley and Dilhorne fought heroically but unfortunately lost these games 2-0 and 1-0. Our final fixture next week is a tough finish against St Giles who are contenders for the A League shield, but we are sure that our fabulous children will continue to do themselves and our school proud! Well done Team Valhorne!

School Council News

Our wonderful School Council held their first meeting last week; they were tasked with the very important job of choosing names for the new chickens. They took responsibility for overseeing voting and announcing the winners in last week's assembly.

They have also been busy coming up with activities for our 'Stand up to Racism' open morning next Friday. A flyer will be on its way home shortly, with details of those activities, so keep a look out!

Their next meeting will be focused on establishing 'Playground Rules' and they will be looking to gain ideas from fellow pupils on expectations to ensure playtime is both fun and safe for all.

Eco Council News

The school Eco Council held their first meeting last week. They were engaged and keen to share ideas going forward. They discussed what we were already doing in school to be good eco representatives, such as turning off lights and not wasting paper and also considered what we can do to improve. They had some great ideas including a greenhouse to grow our own food and flower patches in the forest school area to attract more bees. Watch this space!



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2022 Christmas Window Artwork Competition

We have been invited to enter Karen Bradley MP's annual art competition! The competition is open to children aged 11 and under and the theme is "Christmas in the Moorlands". Designs can be painted, drawn, coloured made with tinsel cotton wool, buttons, glitter - anything goes as long as it is Christmassy and depicts The Moorlands!

The winning entries will be turned into Mrs Bradley's Christmas office display and will be shared on her social media too.

If you wish to enter, the closing date is Friday 28th October, please bring your entries into school and we will forward them to Mrs Bradley.
Good luck!



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Dates for your Diary

- 19.10.22 – 9.30-11.30am Y6 Maths Quiz at The Cheadle Academy.
- 21.10.22 – Wear Red Day – Stand up to Racism – Parents invited in to work with children (see above).
- 21.10.22 – Break up for Half Term
- 31.10.22 – School opens for Autumn 2.
- 02.11.22 – Chartwells Bumblebee Workshops (Whole School)
- 03.11.22 – 11.45pm ‘Let’s Rocket’ Lunch – Key Stage 2 parents invited.
- 04.11.22 – 6pm-6.45pm Halloween Fancy Dress Disco
- 08.11.22 – 9.30am Flu Vaccine
- 18.11.22 – Y6 Basketball Tournament @ TCA
- 18.11.22 – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week.
- 21.11.22 – The Valley Open Morning 9.30am (Prospective Reception Intake 2023).
- 25.11.22 – The New Vic Theatre Trip to see Alice in Wonderland.
- 01.12.22 – Health and Safety Inspection
- 08.12.22 – Football Fiesta Themed Lunch
- 09.12.22 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 09.12.22 – Reports sent out
- 13.12.22 – Whole School Christmas Nativity 2pm and 6pm.
- 16.12.22 – Break up for Christmas Break.
- 03.01.23 – INSET Day for Staff
- 04.01.23 – Pupils return to school – Spring Term

Parking.

A reminder please that we ask you to refrain from parking, when dropping off or picking up your children, in front of the school gates. This presents a danger to our children and we politely request you not to do this. Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding.

Keeping in touch.

If you have any questions or queries you can contact the class teacher directly using our class email address, we will respond during school working hours; our class email addresses are:

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