



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 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: Rocco**

**Class 2: Barnaby**

**Class 3: Henry**

**Our dojo winners are:**



**Class 1: Matthew**

**Class 2: Arthur**

**Class 3: Sophia**

**Our dojo runners up are:**



**Class 1: Belle**

**Class 2: Henry**

**Class 3: Leah**



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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 write their final version of their innovated version of a Traditional Tale.

**Our winning class this week is Class 1- well done!**



## Eco Council News/School Council News

Both The Eco and School Council joined forces this week to deliver an assembly for our children. The School Council introduced the new playground rules that you will see displayed in the windows, reminding children of our expectations. The Eco Council introduced the new Eco Code of Conduct, which will allow us all to follow very simple, but effective procedures in order to save energy and look after our school and the environment around us.





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## The Valley Open Morning – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022.

Our Open Morning went very well and our children (along with our visitors) took part in some exciting activities. Well done to the wonderful children for representing our school in the best possible way, as always!

A parent who visited said: 'It was a lovely morning! It was wonderful to see all the children so happy and engaged with the learning taking place.'





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## Cook's Corner



We are very much looking forward to a scrumptious Christmas lunch on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

KS1 free,  
KS2 £2.30.

Please note, the Christmas Lunch will be the only option on this day and there will be no jacket potato or sandwich choice. If your child does not want a Christmas Lunch, they are more than welcome to bring a packed lunch to school on this day.

## Application for Reception 2023.

The application process for Reception Class 2023 is now open.

If you, or anyone you know has a child who is due to start school in September, please be aware that the application process is live.

All applications must be done online at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions) and by following the links to 'Apply Online'.

Please be aware that having your child's name in the schoolbook DOES NOT mean you automatically have a place and an online application has to be made.

If any parent requires help with the application process, please contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



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## Theatre Trip

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, we travelled by coach to The New Vic Theatre and enjoyed Alice in Wonderland. We had such a wonderful time! The children were impeccably behaved and we even received positive praise from a member of the public, commenting on our children's behaviour. As a reward, we gave each child 20 dojos and they were very pleased about this.

## PTA Meetings

A reminder that on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, we will have a short PTA Meeting to gain an idea of who is interested in joining our Parent/Teacher Association in school where we work together to create opportunities and events for our wonderful children to experience and raise money towards those opportunities. Please join us – we will even put the kettle on!

## Swimming Gala.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, we entered the CADSSA Swimming Gala with our sister school, Dilhorne. Four children from The Valley took part: Harry Capewell, Scarlett Chesters, Esme Bateman and Emily Matthews. As always, their conduct and behaviour was outstanding. The children took part in a variety of races, from breaststroke to front crawl as well as relays. The children all tried their best and had a brilliant time in the process. Well done to all involved!





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## A Warm Welcome to Miss Sergeant!

We are very pleased to have a new member of staff join our team at The Valley. Miss Sergeant will fulfil a Learning Support Assistant role and is from Canada! She has lots of experience working with children and we are lucky to have her join our wonderful school.

### Dates for your Diary

**07.12.22 – A surprise treat – Parents, check your email!**

**07.12.22 – Christmas Lunch**

**08.12.22 – 3.30pm PTA Meeting – All parents (and children) welcome.**

**09.12.22 – Christmas Jumper Day**

**09.12.22 – Christmas Craft Morning 9.30-10.30am – Parents Invited.**

**09.12.22 – Reports sent out**

**11.12.22 – Christmas Nativity Dress Rehearsal – all costumes in for this day please.**

**12.12.22 – Choir singing at the Village Hall 7pm (arrive at 6.45pm please)**

**13.12.22 – Whole School Christmas Nativity 2pm and 6pm.**

**15.12.22 – Christmas Party Day**

**16.12.22 – Toy Day**

**16.12.22 – Break up for Christmas Break.**

**03.01.23 – INSET Day for Staff**

**04.01.23 – Pupils return to school – Spring Term**

**12.01.23 – PTA Meeting 3.30pm**

**20.01.23 – Y2 Multi-Skills at The Cheadle Academy**

**24.01.23 – Y5/6 Bikeability**

**25.01.23 – Y3/4 Bikeability**

**01.02.23 – Stoke City 7's assembly**

### 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:

[Valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

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