



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to another fun-filled term. It has been fantastic to welcome our lovely children back into school after the Christmas break. They have all been truly amazing in settling back in to our school day! We are so proud at how caring and supportive they have been to each other.

## Let's Celebrate our Stars!



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

**Class 1: Ferne**

**Class 2: Johanna**

**Class 3: Lola**

**Our dojo winners are:**



**Class 1: Jack**

**Class 2: Oliver**

**Class 3: Conrad**

**Our dojo runners up are:**



**Class 1: Ferne**

**Class 2: Gilbert**

**Class 3: Edith**



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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.

**Our winning class this week is Class 3- well done!**



## Eco Council News

Our Eco Council have some exciting news! We applied to the Woodland Trust towards gaining some Spring Trees and our application has been successful. The trees will be delivered in March ready for our Eco Council to plant in our Forest School.



## Cook's Corner

Take a look at our yummy 'The All American' menu available on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023. A reminder that for children in KS1 hot meals can be provided free of charge and the cost for children in KS2 is £2.30.



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## Application for Reception 2023.

Should you, a family member, or a friend have a child who is due to start in Reception class in 2023 and you would like them to join The Valley Primary School family, then please ensure that applications are submitted online by the admissions deadline of **SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**.

If you still wish to visit our lovely school, please call us on 01538 702355 (option 2) to arrange a mutually convenient time.

To submit your application, please visit: <https://ems.staffordshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en>

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

## Forest School

On Tuesday afternoon, Class 3 very much enjoyed their first Forest School session of the academic year. The weather really helped in making the experience a muddy one, especially when rolling down the hill! The children also enjoyed the mud kitchen and using tools to cut wood. Take a look at our photographs.





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## Keeping your Children Safe Online

As we return following the Christmas break, we know that Santa may have brought to children who are very lucky, lots of wonderful electrical gifts such as: Nintendo Switch, X-Box series X and S, PlayStation 5, iPads, mobile telephones, tablets, laptops and much more. Obviously, these pieces of amazing technology are fun and can also be used for education purposes - for example, TT Rockstars and accessing MS Teams. We are sure that you agree that once 'online' with their own device, it is essential your child is safe. Therefore, we wanted to share some e-safety advice. Please monitor carefully what your child is accessing.

On our website, under the 'News' tab ([tmpf-e-safety-letter-2023-v5.pdf](#)) you will see a letter outlining more information and some weblinks to great websites, all designed to keep your child safe when online. Simply by clicking on the links you will be directed to specific information; or access the full website for lots of useful information.

## Singing Workshop

We have been sent some information from the Music Partnership about a singing workshop available free to adults and young people with a focus on vocal health and an opportunity to sing in a massed choral performance at Staffordshire Showground on 20/06/23. Please see the flyer below:

**Staffordshire Youth Singers**  
Singing Workshops 2023

Come and join us for an afternoon of singing and performing!

Singers in Key Stages 2 to 5, for all abilities and voice types (including changing) welcomed!

Join us on the following dates from 1pm - 5pm including an informal performance:

- 28/01/23 - Burton  
Brewhouse Arts Centre
- 04/02/23 - Moorlands  
The Bridge Centre, Stoke-on-Trent
- 11/02/23 - Newcastle  
St John Fisher Catholic College
- 11/03/23 - Stafford  
Riverway Centre
- 22/04/23 - Tamworth  
Landau Forte QEMS Academy
- 13/05/23 - Cannock  
Cardinal Griffin Catholic College
- 20/05/23 - Lichfield  
King Edward VI School

**SAVE THE DATE** 20/06/23  
Summer Sing-Along  
Concert at Staffordshire  
County Showground  
Not to be missed!

FIND OUT MORE  
For more information or to register your interest at one of our workshops, please email [musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk](mailto:musicservice@entrust-ed.co.uk)





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## Fundraising

Thank you so much for your support last term with our fundraising in school. From the MacMillan Coffee Morning and Show Racism the Red Card to Christmas Jumper Day – we raised amounts that will be beneficial to these charities.

Donna Louis/Macmillan charity made contact with us last week to thank us for the generous donation raising a great total of £128.34 during the Christmas Jumper Day and half of your donations in our Nativity performances. We thank you again!

## Academy Photography



School photos will be conducted on

**Tuesday 31st January 2023**

At this session we will be photographing  
Whole School & Y6

Class Groups

Leavers Groups

Leavers Individuals

Other Groups

Please ensure full uniform is worn and children are neat and tidy.

Parents will receive free proofs of every image  
and the option to make a purchase.



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## Dates for your Diary

- 19.01.23 – ‘The All American’ Themed Lunch**
- 20.01.23 – Y2 Multi-Skills at The Cheadle Academy**
- 21.01.23 – PTA Meeting 3.30pm**
- 24.01.23 – Y5/6 Bikeability**
- 25.01.23 – Y3/4 Bikeability**
- 30.01.23 – 9am Y3/4 Swimming Gala (chosen pupils will be informed by a separate letter)**
- 31.01.23 – Academy Photography (Class Photos, Year 6 Leavers, Eco and School Council, Sports and Head Boy/Head Girl)**
- 01.02.23 – Stoke City 7’s assembly**
- 03.02.23 – 9.30am – 10.45am NSPCC Number Day (Parent’s Invited)**
- 08.02.23 – 3.30pm-6pm Parent’s Evening**
- 13.02.23 – Rent a Beast Assembly – launching ‘Bug Club’**
- 17.02.23 – Break up for half term**
- 27.02.23 – Back to school for Spring Term 2**
- 02.03.23 – World Book Day**
- 13.03.23 - Language Day**
- 17.03.23 – Comic Relief – Red Nose Day**

## Curriculum Newsletters

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, we sent home curriculum information for this half term and each class sent out spelling overviews. These are also available to view on the website under the ‘Our Learning’ tab.

## 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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