



# The Valley Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Our Weekly Winners!

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!

### Stars of the Week



**Class 1: Violet and Jack**



**Class 2: Joel and Ethan S-K & Holly**



**Class 3: Emily and Ethan A**



**Our dojo winners are:**



**Class 1: Jack and Rocco**

**Class 2: Ricardo and Arthur**

**Class 3: Conrad and William**



**Our dojo runners up are:**

**Class 1: Ferne and Edi**



**Class 2: Ricardo and Wilf**

**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 1 - well done!**

## Race Night at Greatwood



Place your bets...

Great Wood School

Presents

# Race Night



Come and join us for a night of virtual horse racing on

Friday 10th February

Great Wood School 7pm—10pm

(bring your own drink and nibbles)

Adults (over 18) only

£3 Entry per person

Individual bets made at £1 per horse, per race.

## Academy Photography Reminder



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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## Bikeability





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On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Year 3 to Year 6 took part in Bikeability. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about bike and personal safety; and road awareness, having the chance to put these skills into practice. Our children had a lot to say about it as you can see below:

## William

"Bikeability was really fun and enjoyable. It's helped us to ride our bikes and get comfortable on the road. We learned how to get in and out of junctions."

## Harry

"I thought I wouldn't be able to do it but I did! It was exhausting when we had to go up the hill."

## Ester

"First, we cycled down School Drive – it was so fun! I was flying down as the wind was blowing against my face. It started raining so my helmet was soaking. Next, we went to Red Road because there was a junction and we were learning how to turn in and out of them."

## Scarlett

"The Bikeability training course was very constructive and fun. The instructor (who was called Andy) was experienced and funny, he knew many tips to help us."

## Edith

"One sunny Tuesday I had Bikeability. I had to check my bike so no accidents would happen. Then I had to ride my bike around the playground. I felt happy and excited because I was on the road."



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## NSPCC Number Day - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We would like to invite parents, family members and guardians into school for a morning of maths fun! You will be able to join your child in school between **9.30am and 10.30am** and take part in some fun maths activities in your child's class. We kindly request that one adult attends per child so that everyone can enjoy the fun together. Your child can also come to school in their own clothes for the day. We will be asking for a small voluntary donation per child, which will be donated to the NSPCC. We are really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

## Parking Signs

As you are very much aware, the safety of our children in school is paramount. Therefore, we have purchased some lovely, new parking signs. Please may we remind 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. From Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023, we will place the signs a short distance from the steps at the top of the pavement before the school and directly outside our double green gates, to ensure our children are kept safe. Here are some of our wonderful children looking very pleased with our purchase.





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## World Book Day



World Book Day Advanced Notice - On Thursday 2nd March, our children will have the opportunity to dress as their favourite character, from their favourite book. If they would prefer to come into school in their own clothes for the day, this is fine. We are launching a 'Fancy Dress Swap Shop' where you have the opportunity to bring in any unwanted dressing up clothes and parents have the chance to swap or buy (for a small donation) an outfit for their child to wear on World Book Day. This will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 3.30pm. If you have anything to donate, you can start sending this into school from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Thank you in advance.

## Lateness

Please may we remind you that our school day begins at 8.45am when the doors open to children. They remain open until 9.00am. Children should arrive at school between these times, to ensure that they are marked present and do not incur 'late' marks. Lateness is recorded on children's attendance and it is important that they are on time.

## 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)

[Valleyclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Valleyclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

[Valleyclass3@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Valleyclass3@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

## PTFA

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023, we had a productive PTFA meeting and began planning some very exciting upcoming events for our children. We would still really like to know if anyone else is willing to join us. If you are interested, we would like to know what suitable meeting time would benefit you as meeting straight after school may not be feasible. Please email Mrs Bould – [cbould@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:cbould@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk) or speak to a member of staff on the gate to let us know. Thank you in advance.



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## Valentines Disco



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm-7pm, we will be hosting a Valentines Disco for all our children. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at £2 and all monies raised will go to our school fund. We will keep a record of who has purchased a ticket and will give the ticket to your child once payment has been received (**CASH ONLY** to the class teacher and **not to be paid** through Arbor please). Please note that tickets are non-refundable.

We will also open up Class 2 to our parents to enjoy refreshments whilst your children are having a boogie!



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## Dates for your Diary.

- 30.01.23 – 9am Y3/4 Swimming Gala (chosen pupils will be informed by a separate letter) **\*\*THIS DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED\*\***
- 30.01.23 – 1pm PLT Y5/6 Basketball Tournament (chosen children will receive a 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
- 02.02.23 – 1.30pm CADSSA B League Netball (chosen children will receive a letter)
- 03.02.23 – 9.30am – 10.45am NSPCC Number Day (Parent's Invited – see letter)
- 07.02.23 – Safer Internet Day
- 08.02.23 – 3.30pm-6pm Parent's Evening – letter to follow.
- 09.02.23 – Y3/4 CADSSA Netball Development (chosen children will receive a letter)
- 10.02.23 – 6pm-7pm PTFA Valentines Disco £2 a ticket
- 13.02.23 **\*\*NEW DATE\*\*** Y3/4 Swimming Gala.
- 13.02.23 – Rent a Beast Assembly – launching 'Bug Club'
- 14.02.23 – Valentines Special Lunch
- 14.02.23 – 3.30pm PTFA Fancy Dress Swap Shop in preparation for World Book Day in Class 2.
- 15.02.23 – Y6 Transition Day to TCA
- 16.02.23 – Pancake Day Special Lunch
- 16.02.23 – Closing Date for anyone entering the 'Six-Word Story' Competition.
- 17.02.23 – Break up for half term
- 27.02.23 – Back to school for Spring Term 2
- 02.03.23 – World Book Day
- 02.03.23 – World Book Day Special Lunch
- 02.03.23 – PTFA Meeting (venue and time to be decided, once parent's views have been collected)
- 13.03.23 - Spanish Day
- 16.03.23 – Mother's Day Special Lunch
- 17.03.23 – Comic Relief – Red Nose Day
- 27.03.23 – 7pm Stoke's Gotta Sing (Y6 Choir Members)
- 30.03.23 – 2.30pm PTFA Easter Bonnet and Egg Parade