

The Valley Primary School

Newsletter



We hope this months newsletter finds you well.

There is lots of information enclosed please read it carefully.

Diary Dates

December

8th December - All Day Breakfast for Lunch

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

10th December – Autumn Term Reports will be sent home

14th December – Pantomime Performance for the children (in school)

16th December – Christmas Dinner

18th December – School closes for Christmas

January

5th January – School re-opens for the Spring Term 15th January – Applications for Reception closing date January – Y5/6 Bikeability



Reminder - The gate closes at 9.15am prompt in the mornings to enable maximum teaching time.

Children arriving after this time will receive a late mark.

Need to speak to a member of staff?

We are still using our class email addresses. Staff do their best to check these emails on a daily basis.

We do ask that you are mindful of the times which emails/ messages are sent to staff.

Class One – <u>valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk</u> Class Two – <u>valleyclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk</u> Class Three – <u>valleyclass3@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk</u>

You can also contact the school office by phone or email and a message will be sent to the relevant staff member.



November Birthdays

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

Lydia, Charlie & Poppy

All of whom have a birthday during November.

We hope you had a fantastic day.



Need Support?

We all need a little help and support at times, here are a few useful website which may be useful.

Childline – A counselling service for parents, children and young people - <u>www.childline.org.uk</u> Tel: 0800 1111

Hub of Hope – Free national database which helps users to locate the nearest source of support for mental health issues. www.hubofhope.co.uk

Mind – National mental health charity which offers a range of materials on all aspects of mental health – <u>www.mind.org.uk</u>

Young Minds – National charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people – www.youngminds.org.uk

Mental Health Training

During the autumn term...

Mrs Bailey has completed a 2 day accredited Mental Health First Aid Course.

Miss Ainsworth & Mr Eccles have both completed a Youth Mental Health Aware Training Course.

Children in Need

We raised **£64.00** for Children in Need. Thank you to everyone that made a donation. The children had a great time taking part in a Joe Wicks PE session.





Christmas



Our Christmas celebrations will be very different this year due to the current restrictions, however staff are already looking at ways we can ensure we all enjoy the festive season in a fun and safe way.

We have booked a pantomime workshop in school on Monday 14th December (government restrictions allowing)

Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 16th December.

We will be doing a virtual Christmas performance – details to follow.

We have even asked if Santa is passing could he pop in!

REMINDER!

Please note that the deadline to vote for new parent Trustee is next **Friday 4th December**.

An email was sent out on 23rd November with the Parent Trustee information letter attached.

If you wish to vote, the proforma is attached within the letter with guidance on where to send to.

Many thanks for your support.

Forest School

Remember to send in spare clothes and socks if your child is doing a forest school session as the weather is wet and cold now.

Reminder - Spelling homework can be found on the school website.

Warning - Road Closure

Signs have gone up stating that Oakamoor Road will be closed from 30th November for five days. You can find alternative routes using this link: <u>B5417 Oakamoor Road</u>, Cheadle - Staffordshire County Council



If you are able to display a copy of the below poster in your workplace or any other local noticeboard please contact the school office.

The Valley Primary School & Nursery



School Drive, Oakamoor, Staffordshire. ST10 3DQ. Tel.: 01538 702355 (opt 2) e-mail: office@valley.staffs.sch.uk



Nursery & Reception places available for September 2021



- We believe our strongest asset about our lovely school is our amazing pupils. The children
 generate a happy and warm atmosphere that makes learning fun!
- Our stunning rural location of Oakamoor complements our onsite Forest School.
- Our fabulous teaching and learning team is experienced and caring, providing our children
 with 'a great start' (Ofsted, June 2018).
- "What really stands out for me is the caring approach the staff have and how they set boundaries in a really positive way" (A parent at the school).
- We welcome families in receipt of 15 and 30 hours 3-year old funding.
- We offer a flexible approach when arranging how nursery hours are delivered.





We would love to welcome you into our family.

Call us on 01538 702355 (opt 2) to arrange a visit.

www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk



As many of you will be aware Mr. Chell has been the Chair of Trustees for The Moorlands Primary Federation for a number of years. After many dedicated years Mr. Chell decided to step down from this role at the start of this academic year to pursue other interests. We are delighted to announce that Mr. Chesters has now been appointed as Chair of Trustees for our trust, we look forward to working with him.

Mr. Chell has also been the cleaner here at The Valley for some time. It is fair to say we have the cleanest school probably in the country! Mr. Chell will end this role on Monday 30th November and we will welcome our new cleaner Ros Williams.

We would like to thank Mr. Chell for all his dedication and support here at The Valley over the years. It has meant an awful lot to us. We wish him all the very best for the future and we know we will continue to see him around school from time to time!

