



The Valley Primary School Newsletter



Welcome to the new academic year 2020-21. We hope this school year will be a little less eventful than the last one! We are trying a new format for our newsletters to make them a little more reader friendly, we would love to hear your feedback.

SCHOOL MEALS

You will find the dinner menu on our website.

The children are asked to choose their lunch in the morning on arrival.

School meals cost £2.30 for children in nursery, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 receive free school meals.

Welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us at The Valley this year.

Welcome also to our new members of staff; Mrs Foxall who will be working in Class One and Mr Day who teaches Spanish and some PE sessions across school. We are also delighted to welcome two Associate Teachers into our school Miss Jewell and Mr. Middleton.

We hope you all settle into our school family quickly.



Need to speak to a member of staff?

We are still using our class email addresses, these are checked daily.

Class One – valleyclass1@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Class Two – valleyclass2@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk

Class Three – valleyclass3@tmpf.staffs.sch.uk



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

Diary Dates

31st October 2020– Y6 High School Applications closing date!

16th October – Harvest Celebration (details to follow)

23rd October – Finish for half term

2nd November – Return to School

15th January 2021– Applications for Reception closing date

Reminder - Please ensure your child's name is clearly written in all items of clothing and footwear.

Have we got your most up to date email address?

Reminder – Only one family member in the Reception area at a time please.



September Birthdays

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

Ethan, Ceithin, Freya, Henry, Oscar and Harry, Mr Harvey & Mr Day.

All of whom have a birthday during September.

We hope you had a fantastic day!



Reminder – Please put the wooden bar over the main gate if you use it outside of drop off and collection times.

Spelling homework can be found on the school website.

Congratulations to our newly appointed School Council.

Each year group has two school council representatives.

- Year 1 – Millie & Seb
- Year 2 – Reuben & Arthur
- Year 3 – Scarlett & William
- Year 4 – Preston & Ethan
- Year 5 – Maisy & Ruben
- Year 6 - Roxy & Oscar

Their first task is to help name the chickens!

Please be aware that Oakamoor Road is closed from Monday 28th September for a week – diversions are in place, thank you.

Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club – daily 8am-8.45am
Just care £2.00 or with breakfast £2.50

Monday – **Multi-Sports** – led by ASM - £3.00

Tuesday – **Dodgeball** – led by Mr Day - £2.00

Wednesday – **Football** – led by Mark - £3.00

Thursday – **Eco Club** – led by school staff - £2.00

Friday – **Dance** – led by ASM - £3.00

We will review our clubs after half term to reflect the change in weather/ darker nights.

It is vital that your child is booked in by 9am on the day of the club. This will enable us to monitor group sizes.

Maximum numbers per club 20

Coronavirus/Covid-19

Below is the latest NHS list of possible Covid-19/ coronavirus symptoms... remember that you only need to display **one or more**:

High temperature (feel hot to touch on the chest or back);

A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hours – if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);

A loss of, or change to your sense of smell or taste – you've noticed that you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal,

Most people with coronavirus have **at least** one of the symptoms.

If your child does have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible;

Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay home until you get your result.

If you are worried about your symptoms, or are unsure what to do, please use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service (<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>). If your child is under 5 years old, please call 111 straight away.

Self-isolating

You'll usually need to self-isolate for 14 days if:

Someone you live with, or in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive;

You've been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace.

If your child has undertaken a test, please do not return to school until the results are known and shared with us.

Although this may seem a little frustrating, it is essential that we follow this as it is to protect our children, your families, our staff and our families. As you know, For further (regularly updated) information on the virus, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>