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Dear Parents and Carers

HEADTEACHER'S WEEKLY LETTER

EHCP update

EHCP annual review meetings are to be in a different format after being reviewed by the Senior Leadership Team. The 10th February 2022 has been allocated as the day for the majority of reviews to take place. You will receive a letter in the usual way with confirmation of the date and time of the review meeting. Look out for a factsheet from the EHCP team that will answer any questions you might have.

School photographs

A school communication was sent out earlier today with information on how to order copies of the photograph. A photo proof has been given to your child this afternoon.

Keeping all children safe online

Social media has now become an intrinsic part of the lives of ourselves and of our children and on the whole, can enrich the lives of its users if it is used safely and with some caution. At The Valley School we support our pupils to understand how to use social media and the internet safely through our e-safety learning. We strive to work together with you to ensure that all students are kept safe when online.

To support with this, there are a few links below:

<https://parentinfo.org/article/the-6-apps-and-services-that-every-parent-should-know-about>

Information explaining what the various social media sites do.

<https://parentinfo.org/article/the-5-digital-parenting-rules-that-really-matter>

5 tips to keep children and adults safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

A range of resources provided by the NSPCC.



Christmas Extravaganza

We know that it is still September but please put a date in your diary for The Valley School Christmas Extravaganza which will take place at the school on Thursday 16th December between 6pm and 8pm. This will be a great evening for the whole family that will include a number of stalls, a magician, BBQ, a tree lighting ceremony and a student performance.

We are planning to include a raffle and lucky dip stall. If you have any appropriate contributions for these, we would appreciate your donations. Please do not donate soft toys or furnishings, in line with Covid safe practice. Further information regarding drop off times will be in a future letter.

Open Mornings

As mentioned in the letter last week, we will be holding two Open Mornings next month. One will be on the 6th October and the other on the 13th October. There will be an opportunity to spend some time touring the school, visiting the Year 7 team in their learning area and having coffee and cake with the Senior Leadership Team. If your child is in Year 7 then we hope that you will join us.

We wish you all a relaxing, safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce
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