

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After the success of World Book Day, students were very much looking forward to the next opportunity to dress-up and have fun. Consequently, Ms Heller saw an opportunity to contribute to Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March.

Red Nose Day (Friday 18th March)

We are encouraging students to contribute food for our foodbank to dress up. There is no restriction to the amount of food donated, other than it has to be unopened and in date. We have also been lucky enough to secure a performance of The Jungle Book by Happy Days Theatre Company on Friday afternoon which should be a lovely end to the week.

Governors

We were sad to say goodbye to Helen Holford, who decided to step down as a Governor after 10 Years of committed service to the school. On a happier note, we have welcomed Venetia Bentley into the fold, who attended her first Governors' Meeting on Wednesday this week. If you have any interest in becoming a Governor of The Valley School, there are still vacancies and we would love to hear from you. Please contact Kellie Ransom on (01438) 747274.

Swimming

We are really excited that swimming will start over the next few weeks and the response from the students has been extremely positive. Thank you for all the consent forms and questionnaires, if you have not already sent them in please do this as soon as possible.

Football

Starting next week we have our first round of inter-school fixtures, playing against other local Hertfordshire Special Needs schools. We are hosting Senior football Thursday 17th March and Junior football Thursday 24th March. If your child has been selected to play you will receive a letter early next week.



Year 8 and 10 - Parents' Evening

On Thursday 17th March, the Years 8 and 10 will have a Parents' Evening. Please remember that parents' evenings are completed on rotation to allow staff to invest a decent amount of time in every student they teach.

Information about how to book appointments online has been distributed but if you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact reception on (01438) 747274 and ask for Lindsay, who will help you.

Coffee Mornings

We had our first coffee morning on Wednesday 2nd March, which will now happen every fortnight to share information about SEND, supporting children with various needs, online safety and much more. The morning will run from 10am to 11am in the dining room. Our Enterprise group and Hospitality group in Years 10 and 11 hosted the morning, providing coffee, cake and biscuits. Our hope is that parents will continue to find the sessions, relaxed, comfortable, informative and supportive. Our next coffee morning will be on Thursday 17th March. To book a place for catering purposes we will use the same booking systems as we do for parents' evenings, School Cloud. Please use the following link:

<https://valleyschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Easter Extravaganza

Again a brief reminder that the new date for our Easter Extravaganza is Thursday 31st March 2022 between 6pm and 8pm. We have rebooked the Mayor, Fire Service, Police and a Magician.

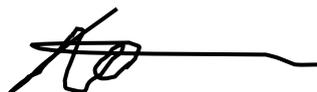
The students that have been rehearsing and practising are very excited about their performance and we hope you can keep the date free to join us.

Hirings

If you are a member of a club or society that are looking for a space to perform, practice or rehearse then please contact our Business Manager Paula Frost by calling (01438) 747274. We have a hall and a gym which we would like to hire out at £30 per hour each. The money accrued would be directed back in to the school to improve the learning experiences of our young people.

Wishing you a relaxing, safe and enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

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David Pearce
Headteacher