

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is lovely to welcome back the students after our half-term break. As usual the old building is presenting us with its usual challenges; with mini floods in various areas, drains struggling and the wind whistling through the windows as if they weren't there. Despite this, the students behaviours and conduct around the building are excellent, the Year 7s are beginning to settle in to their new school, and the new build is progressing right on schedule.

## **EHCP Annual Review Day (November 10<sup>th</sup> 2022)**

Please note that students will only be coming in with you for their EHCP meetings on this day. Work will be set for students to be completed at home. Transport and lunch on this day will also be cancelled.

The reason why the day was so successful last year was because staff could be allocated students they knew well and could facilitate a high quality, informative and productive EHCP meeting. There was no way we could conduct 175 EHCP meetings to this standard and try and run the school day as normal. It also allows teams of external support to attend and speak to families when and where the need arises.

Please ensure you have put this date in your diaries. Amended draft EHCP plans should already be with you.

## **After School Clubs**

Our after school clubs are becoming more and more popular, and although this is wonderful for all concerned, it does create some logistical challenges, as many of our young people have far more complex travel and supervision arrangements that need to be taken into account.

To aid with the organisation, the list of students expected to attend clubs the following week will be published at the end of this newsletter. If your child is on this list then it means that we have received your permission and that arrangements regarding transport home for your child has been agreed with you. If this is not the case you need to contact [admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk) so we can address any anomalies well before the evening. We are hoping that this will help smooth out any confusion. Please let us know with as much notice as possible if your child is not able to attend a club so that we can adjust our records accordingly.



Students will not be able to join a club after this list has been published, until the following week, as organising transport and supervision is too complex to do well with very short notice.

### **Friends of the Valley School Launch (Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm)**

It has been several years since The Valley has had a PTA and a group of parents are keen to relaunch as Friends of the Valley School (FoVS), to help support the school and the students by fundraising to buy additional resources for the benefit of our children. This is the same as a PTA but allows wider access and membership and is inclusive of extended family and the wider community.

We are delighted to invite you to a meeting to create the Friends of the Valley School. This setup meeting will take place on Tuesday 15 November at 7pm and will be online to hopefully allow a greater attendance.

<https://meet.google.com/ynh-gthm-gpv?hs=122&authuser=0>

A more detailed letter containing the agenda etc. is attached with this newsletter.

### **Year 10 Enterprise Halloween Event**

Today the students held a Spooky Halloween Event. This took the form of a Disco and a Halloween themed fayre, during which they sold their products.

This Disco was held between 1.30pm-3pm. We also had a non-uniform day and all students and staff were invited to dress for the occasion in appropriate Halloween costumes. There was a prize for the best spooky outfit. A contribution of £2 was made for the non-uniform day, entrance to the disco and fayre. The students were able to convert some of their reward money into special raffle tickets that they could then spend during the afternoon. A really enjoyable time was had by all and the event was extremely well run and coordinated by the Year 10 Enterprise students. Thank you to all of the staff that supported them. We will hopefully have plenty of photographs to share with you by next week.

### **Cinema Trip**

We have the opportunity for the whole school to attend free screenings of a couple of films at Cineworld Stevenage. Years 7 and 8 and the Year 11 Sky Form would be able to see an autism friendly version of Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG) on 18th November between 10.00 and 11.45 and Years 9, 10 and 11 to The Croods 2 (U) on 17th November between 10.00 and 11.45.



We will be walking down to Cineworld, unless this is not viable for specific students and staff, who would then be given a lift.

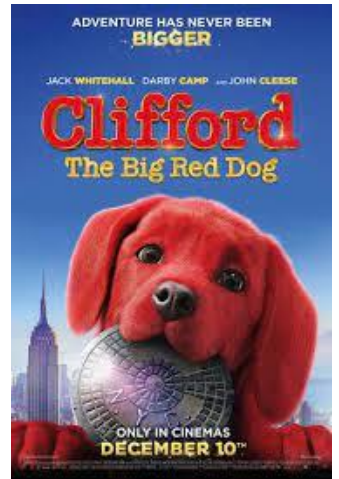
Arrangements will be made in school for any students who would struggle to access this opportunity.

### New Build Progress

The build team has installed a time-lapse camera that looks across the rebuild site and takes a picture every three minutes.

Some of the students had an opportunity to sit in some of the big machinery and operate the levers.

<https://api.t-lap.se/5b2136/>



### The Valley Tuck Shop

The Valley tuck shop will be open from Monday and it will run every break time. Students will be able to use their rewards money to purchase items.

The tuckshop is being run by the Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh students to raise money for their Prom.

Wishing you a relaxing, safe and very enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D Pearce', written over a horizontal line.

David Pearce  
Headteacher

Tuesday: **Ball Sports- Mr Russell**

<b>Student</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Transport/Collected</b>
Kieron E	7	Independent – with Charlie Howells
Taylor S	7	Collected
Ewan B	7	Collected
Blake B	8	Collected
Samuel B	8	Collected
Laurence D	8	Collected
Molly H	8	Collected
Sam S	8	Collected
Karnell M	8	<b>Transport</b>
Charlie H	9	<i>Independent</i>
Oliver J	9	Collected
Milo C	9	<b>Transport</b>
Callum R H	9	<b>Transport</b>
Oscar N	10	Collected
Jake B	10	Collected
Joe B	10	Collected
Ben H	11	Collected
Aaliyah M	11	Collected

Wednesday: **Trampolining with Miss Mole**

<b>Student</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Transport/Collected</b>
Jacob C	7	Collected
Ezra D	7	Collected
Callum T	7	Collected
Lulu T	8	<b>Transport</b>
Jaydn P	8	<b>Transport</b>
Molly H	8	Collected
Karnell M	8	<b>Transport</b>
Charlie H	9	<i>Independent</i>
Adam L	9	Collected
Gullian G-S	9	Collected
Milo C	9	<b>Transport</b>
Sophia H D	9	Collected
Callum RI-H	9	<b>Transport</b>
Nancy P	10	Collected
Nathan T	10	Collected
Kian W	10	Collected
Ben H	11	Collected
Aaliyah M	11	Collected
Lucas B	11	Independent - Bike

Wednesday: **Performing Arts Club- Mrs Crosby**

<b>Student</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Transport/Collected</b>
Daniel L	7	Collected – by Ezra's parent unless specified
Miami P	7	Collected
Louie P	7	<b>Transport</b>
Sinead W	7	Collected
Bessie V	7	Collected
Judah V	8	Collected
Laurence D	8	Collected
James D	8	Collected
Samuel B	8	Collected
Kyle R	8	<b>Transport</b>
Wiktor S	8	Collected
Ruby A	9	Collected
Rebecca J S	9	Collected
Megan G	9	<b>Transport</b>
Alfie W	10	Collected
Lou F	11	Collected
Lucas B	11	Independent - Bike
Gwen R	11	Collected
Chloe S	11	Collected

Thursday: **Bike Riding with Mr Walker**

<b>Student</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Transport/Collected</b>
Ezra D	7	Collected
Daniel L	7	Collected – By Ezra's parent unless specified
Samuel B	8	Collected
Gullian G S	9	Collected
Tobi S	10	<b>Transport</b>
Nathan T	10	Collected
Kian W	10	Collected
Ben H	11	Collected

Thursday: **Art Club - Mr Hawkins**

<b>Student</b>	<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Transport/Collected</b>
Nahaniel K	7	<b>Transport</b>
James D	8	Collected
Molly H	8	Collected
Oliver J	9	Collected
Megan G	9	<b>Transport</b>
Alyssa C	9	Collected
Rebecca J S	9	Collected
Izzy P	10	Collected
Lucas B	11	Independent - Bike
Maxine Ki	11	Collected
Aaliyah M	11	Collected