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Dear Parents and Carers,

Initially I would like to thank everyone for their support during our EHCP day. Once again the feedback from parents and carers has been overwhelmingly positive and this is very much appreciated. I am sure you all understand the volume of work that goes into preparing for the day, and the follow-up administration afterwards. Seeing the children thrive and flourish, and your continued support makes it all worthwhile.

Celebrating 30 Years of Service

We took great pleasure in celebrating Hugh Sheridan's 30 Years of Service this morning. We would like to thank him for his hard work, loyalty to the school and most importantly for being a very decent, thoughtful and caring human being.

Hugh started working as a caretaker at The Valley School 30 years ago and is still as punctual, reliable and industrious as ever. In recent years he has been supporting the school as a cleaner to enable him to spend time with his young grandchildren. We hope he has had a good day and feels very much appreciated.



Medical Support Plans

As part of Ms Casey's role as the Family Engagement Worker at The Valley School she has been updating all of our Medical Support Plans. The plans are in place to help us support the students with their medical needs. In order to do this effectively we need the most recent information available.

Could we please request that you let us know if there are any changes to medication or a new diagnosis.

For students who use an inhaler we should have a spare in school, clearly labelled for them to access when required.

You can contact Ms Casey directly on 07413153911

Please remember that as part of our 360° wrap around care we can support families with any queries or concerns you may have.

Friends of the Valley School Launch (Tuesday 15th 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>

Year 10 Enterprise Halloween Event

On Friday 4th November we had our Year 10 Enterprise event in which the staff and students dressed up and enjoyed an afternoon of fun activities.

Please see some photos below:



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.

After School Clubs

As explained last week the list of students expected to attend clubs the following week will be published alongside 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

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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.

Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you a relaxing, safe and very enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Pearce', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David Pearce
Headteacher

