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The Valley Newsletter

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You may have noticed a slight change in the format of this Newsletter. In response to feedback from staff, we have stopped addressing this document as a letter to parents and carers in preference to a newsletter that is applicable to our whole school community.

Year 7 Rewards Trip – McDonald's & Hitchin Snowman Trail

The Year 7 team are very excited to provide the opportunity to visit the Stevenage branch of McDonald's to spend some of their reward money/points on breakfast. After this they will drive to Hitchin and attempt to complete the Hitchin Snowman Trail. Dates for the trip will be as follows:



Red Class – Monday 12th December

Lime Class – Tuesday 13th December

Gold Class – Thursday 15th December

The Year 7s will be leaving school promptly at 9:10am in school vehicles. They will return in time for lunch.

Year 7 parents/carers, please ensure students wear suitable shoes and have a warm coat. There is no need for students to bring any money as their McDonald's breakfast will be purchased with their reward points. Staff have talked through the menu in class and have practised ordering. If you would like to support your child with this over the weekend with some role play, please do.

If there are adverse weather conditions or it is too cold to be comfortable the trip will be reviewed.

Christmas Dinner (13th December)

We will be holding our annual Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 13th December. Students will not be charged for this meal which will be a traditional turkey roast or Quorn fillet with all the trimmings.



Christmas Jumper Day

This year we will be holding our Christmas Jumper day on Tuesday 13th December as part of our Christmas Dinner celebrations. We will not be asking for money donations as part of the Christmas Jumper day. However, if you would like to help us support the local 'Feed Up Warm Up' charity, you can send in a food item (packet or tinned only please) as we will be making food parcels to help support those in need.

Cinderella Pantomime Trip (Wednesday 14 December)

We are running a school trip to see the pantomime 'Cinderella' at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage, on the afternoon of Wednesday 14th December. For those students that have chosen to go, they will be driven to the theatre after lunch to see a matinee performance. Your child is welcome to bring a small appropriate snack or some sweets to eat in the interval. There will be nothing available to purchase at the theatre as this is not a public performance. Students should also have a water bottle with them and bring a coat for the walk to the theatre from the car park.

This will finish at approximately 4.00pm, therefore later than the usual end of the school day. As this is a school trip we have asked parents to support us by **collecting their children from The Leisure Park near the footbridge. We will walk the students from the Gordon Craig Theatre to you.**



We are able to bring a very limited number of students back to the school, but as we are using all our vehicles to do this, we will not have the capacity to drop them home. Thank you for your support with this.

End of term arrangements (Wednesday 21st December 2022)

Our last day of term is Wednesday 21st December.

The plan for the day will be as follows:

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:20	Registration and Breakfast
9:20 - 11:00	Periods 1, 2 and 3 as normal
11:00 – 11:20	Break
11:20 - 11:35	Form time
11:40 – 12:00	Assembly in the theatre
12:00 – 12:35	Lunchtime
12:35 – 12:40	Form time
12:40 – 12:50	Departure

The first day back will be Friday 6th January where taxis will pick up students and the school will be open at the normal time.

WinterFest '23, Thursday 19 January, 6.00pm - 8.00pm

You should have received a letter home about this event. Please put the date in your diary. All KS3 students will have the opportunity to perform which will include many of the students who have had instrumental lessons with Matthew and Jim.

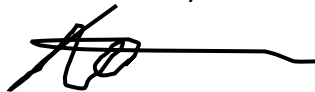
After School Clubs

The list of students expected to attend clubs next week is attached to 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 have been agreed with you. If this is not the case you need to contact admin@thevalley.herts.sch.uk so we can address any anomalies well before the evening. 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

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