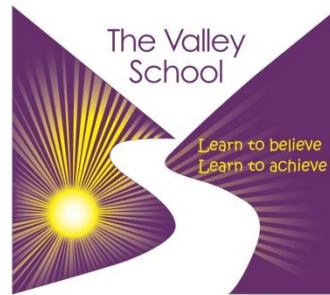


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## **The Valley Newsletter** **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

On Thursday we had a visit from our School Improvement Partner, Declan McCarthy. He is a practising Ofsted Inspector who evaluates where the school is at regarding standards, and offers us advice on how we can improve further.

He looked at our culture of reading, literacy development, safeguarding and governance. He also walked the school and interacted with a number of our students.

Declan was overwhelming positive in his feedback and was mightily impressed with the students and their interactions with him.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole team of staff who absolutely deserve the praise directed towards them, and all parents for their continued support.



### **School Meal Pricing**

Please be aware that due to increased costs Hertfordshire Catering Limited are having to increase their price by 40p per meal. This means the new price per meal will be £3.40 per day. If your child has a school meal every day the weekly cost will be £17.00 per week.

This price increase will take effect on Monday 15th May.



Students are able to select from 4 meal options per day, and from a selection of desserts. Salad and fruit are also available in addition to their main selections.

School meals can be paid for via Arbor, and we ask that they are paid for in advance.

Depending on your circumstances you may be eligible for Free School Meals. You can find further details on the link below.

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx#year3>

If you require any support with payment or free school meals please contact the school office.

### **KS4 Football Fixture**

A thoroughly entertaining game of football unfortunately resulted in The Valley School narrowly losing 2-0 against Brandles School on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

Dominating the game for large periods of time, we were very unlucky not to convert the possession into goals, with their goalkeeper having to make save after save from our attacks.

Mr Russell was proud of how the boys conducted themselves during the fixture and the way they applied themselves within the game.

### **ASHE Donation of footballs**

The Valley School would like to thank Ashe for donating eight footballs from their recent football tournament to the school.

The Key Stage 4 football team enjoyed training with the footballs ahead of their fixture against Brandles School.



### **Lion King Tickets**

A Google Form has been shared with parents, governors and staff allowing them to book Lion King Tickets.

Please select one date. Tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you would to attend more than one day, once all requested tickets have been allocated, we will inform you of any spare tickets.

We will be offering tea, coffee, biscuits & squash to purchase on the evening of the productions.

Hot food will need to be pre-ordered. Cash only, please provide the correct change if possible.



### Lion King Rehearsal

The cast and crew of the Lion King worked incredibly hard on Thursday afternoon running the first half of the show. It was fantastic to see all their hard work coming together. We were also able to try out some of the makeup designs that Miss Duffy has created for the different animals.



### 2023 Parent Governor

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Governing Body of The Valley School as one of our Parent Governors.

In its strategic role, the Governing Body enjoys a close working relationship with the SLT in this warm and welcoming learning environment, and is involved in all aspects of school life.

If you are looking for a rewarding experience and are interested in finding out more about our friendly team and how you can support our school community, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:

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Chair of Governors

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### Volunteer Readers

With our literacy drive across the school and us celebrating a culture of reading, we are always on the lookout for volunteers who would be willing to listen to children read and/or read to them. If you have a couple of hours to spare and think that this is something you would like to do, then please contact us for more information through the school office.



### Year 11 Students Leaving Arrangements

Our Year 11 students leave us on Friday 9th June 2023 although transport will run until Friday 16th June.

The students and staff will plan a number of trips and visits in the first few days after half-term, in celebration of their time at the school.

All of the Year 11 students will be provided with a sign off sheet, which when complete will allow them to leave school. Every member of staff that teaches a Year 11 will identify the work that needs to be completed for them to finish their course. The teachers will sign these when the work is completed to an appropriate standard.



When all the teachers have signed the sheets off, Miss Heller will check and counter-sign them, allowing the student to finish their education at The Valley School.

The dates between Monday 12th June and Friday 16th June will be used to mop up any incomplete work and support students until they are done.

If you have any questions about the Year 11 leavers' dates, then please contact us to seek clarification.

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Thursday 22nd June at Stevenage Football Club. This will be an opportunity for students to dress up in formal wear, have a meal, music, speeches and celebrations of their time at The Valley School.

### After School Clubs

Performing Arts Club 17 May

For the last week, we will be using the time during Performing Arts Club as rehearsals for the principals in the Lion King. Therefore, if your child does not have a principal role in the show they will not be required to come. Performing Arts Club will recommence as usual after the show and students who usually attend will NOT need to reapply. Please see the attached list which confirms those students who should be there on Wednesday.

<b>Rafiki</b>	Miami	P	7 Gold
<b>Mufasa</b>	Byron	H	9 Silver
<b>Sarabi</b>	Chloe	S	11 Yellow
<b>Zazu</b>	Megan	G	9 Silver
<b>Scar</b>	Lou	F	11 Green
<b>Young Simba</b>	Kyle	R	8 Teal
<b>Adult Simba</b>	Ankit	C	11 Green
<b>Young Nala</b>	Bessie	V	7 Gold
<b>Adult Nala</b>	Gwen	R	11 Green
<b>Shenzi</b>	Alfie	W	10 Maroon
<b>Banzai</b>	Cody	H	9 Orange
<b>Ed</b>	Milo	C	9 Violet
<b>Timone</b>	Samuel	B	8 Teal
<b>Pumba</b>	Immy	D	8 Purple



In addition to the above, the list of students expected to attend clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 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](mailto: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.  
We wish you a safe, relaxing and enjoyable weekend

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DP', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

David Pearce