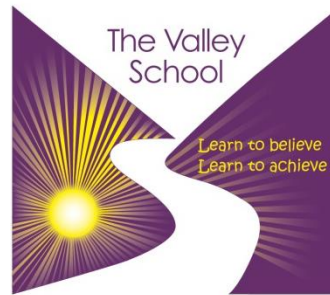


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## **The Valley Newsletter** **Friday 7th July 2023**

Despite a week disrupted by strike action, we have continued to juggle our day-to-day activities with preparing in earnest for September 2023. This week we have had a Year 6 into 7 Transition Evening, Full Governing Body meeting, and a Key Stage Three into Four Transition Evening.

You will be pleased to know that in these challenging times we are fully staffed with regards to teachers next academic year, and we have interviews to fill our last couple of Learning Partner positions in the next few days

### **Duke of Edinburgh**

Both Silver and Violet class in their Duke of Edinburgh lessons have been working on planning a trip. They planned the route, how long it would take to get there, how much time we would have there and what we could do whilst we were there. Silver class chose Hampson Park and Violet class chose Shephalbury Park. We had lunch there and played in the park, it was great fun and they all worked fantastically well as a team! Well done to both classes!



## Science

In Teal class we have been learning about light, shadows and reflections from the sun. So far we have drawn around shadows to see how the sun moves, made our own shadow puppet show to understand how shadows work and also made a solar oven to cook our s'mores. They have all done amazingly well and enjoyed learning along the way. Well done Teal class!



## Year 10 Enterprise Activity Day

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July the Year 10 students will be going to Gravity, Bowling and McDonald's in Stevenage. Please can all parents and carers who have not given consent on Arbor do so before the trip. The weather forecast for Monday is cloudy with some light showers. Students are advised to wear suitable clothing as we will be walking to the venues.

## End of term arrangements (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

Our last day of term is Friday 21st July 2023.

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 hall
12:00 – 12:35	Lunchtime
12:35 – 12:40	Form time
12:40 – 12:50	Departure

The first day back for staff will be **Friday 1st September** as it is an Inset Day, as is **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

The first day back for our new **Year 7 students** will be **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** where taxis will pick them up to be in for 9:00am. Parents are invited to lunch with the students on this day and then take them home, as there will be an early finish.

The rest of the school will start at 9:00am on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** and finish at the normal time.





### Performing Arts Club

Performing Arts Club will not be running this week. However, there WILL be a session on Wednesday 19 July, the last week of term. We will be having an end of term Performing Arts Party for all regular members where we'll be celebrating all the amazing performances that students have been involved in this year. Here's a glimpse of what we've been up to recently; our new favourite song, 'Here Comes Sally'.



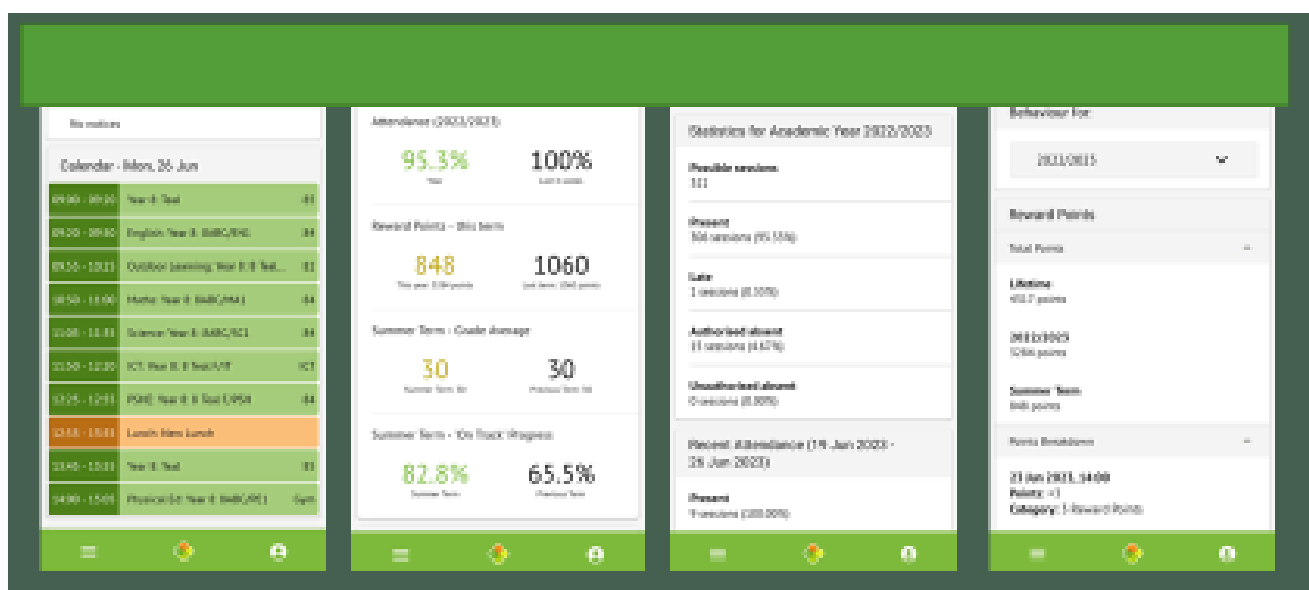
### New School Branding and Logo

In advance of the move to the new school we will be using our new logo and launching our new website in September 2023. A copy of the design can be seen below. From September 1<sup>st</sup> all letters home will have our new letter heading.



### Arbor App

After receiving feedback from parents we have been exploring better ways of keeping parents informed about the progress their children are making at the school.



From September we will be opening up the 'Arbor App' which will mean you will have access to key information, at any time, at the touch of a button. Information will include attendance, progress and rewards points.

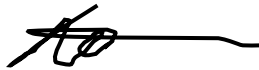
### **After School Clubs**

The list of students expected to attend clubs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 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

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David Pearce