



Valley Views

The Red Cross

With the new School Council representatives duly elected, their first duty was to hold class votes to choose this year's nominated charity.

I can announce that during the academic year 2016-17, Valley Primary School will be supporting the work of The Red Cross.



Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to the new school year!

Thank you to all those who came along to the recent Meet the Teacher event – it was lovely to see you all.

For those who were unable to attend, all the handouts have now been sent home and the Powerpoint presentations are available to view on the school website.

Pictured above are the winners of this year's Shortlands Fun Day drawing competition. Soley received 1st Place, Marcus 2nd and Fjona 3rd – a huge well done to you all!

This week we celebrate harvest together so please come along to the assemblies and the WORLD FOOD FESTIVAL on Friday.

Dates for the Diary

October 5th

Yrs 3-6 Harvest
Assembly at 9.30am

October 5th

Reception and Yrs
1&2 Harvest
Assembly at 3pm

October 7th

PTA World Food
Festival in the Main
Hall 3.30 – 5 pm

Summer Works

It was a busy summer! The holiday period saw the beginning of an ongoing programme of refurbishment at Valley. The lighting in the Victorian part of the building was upgraded meaning we now have lighter, brighter classrooms. All classrooms have had new touchscreens installed replacing the old Smart whiteboards and both the Family Worker and Play Therapist rooms were redecorated.



PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit consisting of a plain white T-shirt, navy shorts and, when the weather turns colder, a plain navy tracksuit.

Many thanks



PTA AGM

Many of you will have attended one of the numerous successful PTA events held throughout the school year. These events are co-ordinated by a small, willing band of parent volunteers. The large sums of money raised at these events is spent on enhancing the school experience for your children.

Thank you to all those who attended this year's AGM where new members were recruited and fundraising projects were discussed.

If every parent committed to helping at one event a year or pledged to support the work of the PTA for one whole academic year, it would bring real meaning to the saying, 'Many hands make light work.'

Please speak to one of the PTA members to find out more.





STARS OF THE DAY

By now, some of you will have shared in your child's 'Star of the Day' success by adding your congratulatory comment to the newly introduced Star of the Day certificates. Now, when a pupil has been chosen as Star of the Day, they will bring home a small certificate which outlines why they have been given the award. There is space on the certificate for the pupil and parent to add their comments and, once these comments have been added, the pupils are encouraged to bring their certificate back to school to hang on the celebration trees around the school building. Next time you visit the Main Office, please take a few minutes to read the growing collection of certificates and share in our pupils' successes.

The Healthy Bite!

A balanced packed lunch should contain:

- ✓ starchy foods – these are bread, rice, potatoes, pasta and others.
- ✓ protein foods – including meat, fish, eggs, beans and others.
- ✓ a dairy item – this could be cheese or a yoghurt.
- ✓ vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit.



New Website

Valley Primary School now has a new website but can be found using the old internet address. The site became live a little ahead of schedule so we are busy finalising some of the new content. In the months ahead, we hope to have the class pages up and running with continual updates on the learning taking place across the school.



Swimming

After 90% of parents voted to keep swimming on the curriculum at Valley, I am delighted to announce that pupils in Years 3 and 4 will receive a 10 week course of swimming lessons this year.

A very special THANK YOU must go to Mr Goakes (a parent at the school) who has worked tirelessly to finalise a deal with a coach company to transport our pupils to and from the swimming pool.



Zig-Zag Reminder

Unfortunately, there are still a very small number of parents who insist on stopping on the yellow zig-zag lines to drop off or collect their children. These lines are painted for the safety of the whole school community and should be kept clear at all times. Please do not stop on the zig-zags in future.



Sporting Success

The number of Valley pupils who keep themselves fit by participating in sport outside of school is impressive. A very special WELL DONE goes to Finley, Buster, Matilda and Mia for taking part in last week's junior triathlon event at Hever Castle – we are all very proud of you.

Our congratulations also go to Olivia and Eva who have been selected for the girls' London FA Development Squad – a super effort!

