

VALLEY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



We look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on Thursday 3rd September. Please read the letter on our website to familiarise yourself with revised procedures at school.

Friends of Valley would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support especially in the spectacular efforts in raising £1206 when our much loved Summer Fair had to be cancelled this year.

Stockport Family School Age Plus workers are available to issue **Foodbank vouchers** over the summer holidays for anyone who needs them. They can be contacted on the following numbers:
Tel: 07800 617928 / 07800617893



New uniforms are available to purchase from the school office. Please pay using ParentPay online.

We continue to have a great response to our **preloved uniform** sales. We have a variety of **preloved uniforms** items for sale.

Jumpers/Cardigans £4
T-shirts £3

All funds raised go to Friends of Valley. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase any items.



There are limited facilities outside of school reopened at the moment. These include **Simply Cycling** and **Jump Space**. Please contact directly to prebook sessions.
Live Music Now At Home
Free Online Video Library for Schools
www.livemusicnow.org.uk/lmnathomeschools

You can **contact the school** during the holidays. The office will be staffed some days – please telephone on the usual number. To contact us by email, please send messages to headteacher@valley.stockport.sch.uk.

SUMMER 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Colleagues and Friends

As we approach the last few days of a very unexpected and challenging term, I want to continue the tradition of sending out an end of term message to you all even though this a shortened version of our usual fun packed newsletter.

It is hard to describe how different school has been without all of our children and staff and not being able to go ahead with our regular events and routines. Throughout the last four months however we have been shown a huge amount of kindness including gifts and card, food packs and even PPE from families, friends of the school and even people who we do not know. The fundraising donations to school in lieu of the summer fair has been astounding.

I want to thank you all for the support, patience and kind words you have shown - this has been very much appreciated by those of us in school. Thank you to parents for your time to speak to teachers in the weekly telephone calls and to all of you who have joined Class Dojo. I hope you have enjoyed the activities and ideas the teachers have posted on Dojo - we have certainly loved seeing what children have been doing at home.

At the end of this term we are 'handing over' our Overdale children and many of the staff to Lisburne School. It has been a privilege to get to know the 25 children and their families over the last two years and to be a part the progress of the children in Beech, Elm and Oak classes. Well done to everyone and a huge thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly to make sure the satellite provision has been an extension of Valley in Bramhall. They have given the children an outstanding start in their first years in school and I know the teachers and TAs will continue to give their very best support as they continue in their work at Overdale. It has been a pleasure to have you on the Valley team.

This week are saying 'happy retirement' and 'goodbye' to staff including some very long serving members of the team - Lesley Sellars, Anna Clyne, Ernesto de la Fuente and Jennie Freeman from the teaching team along with teaching assistants Jane Bennett, Sheila Buckley, Jane Watson and Linda Gordon (*Jane and Sheila started working here in the last century!*) The combined service of these staff is a total of 105 years! This reflects a tremendous amount of care, support, dedication, experience and expertise which has been given to the pupils at Valley over many years. We thank them for all of their hard work, we will miss them all but they go with the very best wishes from all their friends and colleagues at Valley.

Please would families of children coming back to Valley in September take the time to carefully read a letter explaining our return to school next term. This letter is available on the school website along with a letter from the nursing service.

Our love and very best wishes go to all the children who move on in July. We wish all our leavers happiness and success in their new schools and hope they take with them fond memories of their time here. We will miss every single one of you.

As for those children and families who are staying with us, we look forward to a safe, happy and successful year. I am quite certain that all our pupils will continue to make many small steps and more than a few GIANT STRIDES!

I hope you all have a safe and peaceful August.
Take care everyone.

Debbie Thompson