

# Valley End C of E (VC) Infant School

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Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents

## **Welcome to the Autumn Term.**

Welcome back to school and an especially warm welcome to the many new families whose children have just started their exciting school journey with us at Valley End. I hope you had a relaxing summer break and that you were able to enjoy the sunshine and some time with family and friends.

The children have all returned happily to school and are settling well into their new classes and year groups. As ever, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities this term. I would like to take this opportunity to remind and update you about a few important issues and matters.

### **Building work.**

Over the summer break we have had new catering and kitchen facilities fitted. Although, this is due to be completed shortly, please be assured that freshly cooked hot lunches will still be provided for the children each day.

### **Parking**

Thank you for your continued support when driving and parking near the school. It is very important that we continue to park and drive safely, carefully and thoughtfully near the school in order to avoid any unnecessary accidents or problems. We had a few unfortunate incidents last academic year, some of which involved the police and other parking enforcement procedures and so I would like to think that the parking will continue to improve this year.

### **Uniform**

The children all look very smart in their uniforms. We are very proud of our uniform and we would ask that you adhere to the uniform details as listed on our school website. Until the October half term holiday, the children can wear either their summer or winter uniform. After the half term holiday, we would like the children to wear their winter uniform. I would also be grateful if girls could only wear red and/or white coloured hairbands in order to match our uniform.

Please also remember not to attach any key rings or small toys to the book bags as they can cause an unnecessary distraction. The children also struggle to fit their bags into the drawers in the classroom. Many thanks.

### **INSET days**

The INSET days for the academic year 2017-18 are as follows:-

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017      Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018          Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

### **Birthdays and sweets.**

We love to celebrate birthdays at Valley End and will continue to do so every Friday afternoon during Celebration Assembly. However, please can birthday sweets **not** be given out before or after school as we have a number of pupils with different food allergies. I would also be grateful if party invitations and thankyou letters could be given out after school by yourselves or your child. Many thanks.

### **Year group meetings.**

Please note the following times and dates for year group meetings as detailed in previous letters home:-

**Reception meetings (Frog and Mole classes) – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00am and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.30pm in Owl Classroom.**

**Year 1 meeting (Squirrel and Rabbit classes) – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the hall.**

**Year 2 meeting (Badger and Fox classes) – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the hall.**

Please note that further dates for the Autumn Term will be posted on the school website and will be sent out via Parentmail in due course.

With very many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Mead

Headteacher



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