

Valley End C of E (VC) Infant School

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Friday 11th January 2019.

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and welcome back!

Happy New Year from all the staff at Valley End. I hope that you have had a peaceful and restful Christmas and that you are looking forward to the year ahead. The children have arrived back in school well rested after their Christmas holiday and are ready to learn lots of new and exciting things this term.

As we start the new term, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on several important issues.

Staffing news.

Mrs Louise Hardiman will be returning from maternity leave to teach in Squirrel Class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Hardiman hopes to return to Valley End on Thursday 21st March. Sadly, Mrs Murphy will then be leaving Valley End as she has been covering Mrs Hardiman's maternity leave. I will write to parents nearer the time with any further details.

Christmas play donations to the Children with Special Needs Foundation.

I would like to thank you for your generous donations to the above charity during the Christmas play period. Ticket sales and further donations totalled a fantastic £1000.69!

Uniform

The governors of Valley End have recently agreed that grey trousers and grey skorts can now be added to the girls' winter uniform. These items will soon be available to purchase on the Kidz-Biz website and are an additional (not compulsory) option to the grey skirt that is currently part of our winter uniform. Kidz-Biz offer the facility to buy online or a trying on service in their store as well as free delivery and exchanges via the unit or school. Please see below pictures of the style of skorts and trousers that have been agreed by governors. **I would be grateful if you keep to the style of skorts and trousers as shown in the photograph.**



Skort



Alternative front view of Skort



Girl's Trousers

School Council.

As mentioned in my letter at the end of the Autumn term, there will be a new School Council elected this term. Councillors will be democratically elected and chosen by their classmates.

If your child is in **Year 1 or Year 2, has not been a school councillor before** and would like to apply to be a school councillor for the Spring term, please read the attached job description and application form. The application form must be returned to the class teacher no later than **Monday 14th January 2019 by 9.15am**. All applications will be read to classmates and prospective applicants will have an opportunity to discuss why they think they would make a good school councillor. There is a copy of the application form at the end of this letter. **Children in Frog and Mole Class will have an opportunity to apply to be a school councillor in the Summer Term.**

Please be assured that the election process will be handled very sensitively. Furthermore, those children who apply, but are not elected, will receive a Headteacher's Award during Celebration Assembly in recognition of their effort and commitment.

Sport activities day.

On Thursday 17th January, the children will be enjoying a day of different sporting, co-ordination and movement activities. The day will start at 9am and so please can your child arrive at school in good time in order to make a prompt start. Pupils should wear their normal school uniform to school that day and will then change into their PE kits once in school. Please note that this day is for children only. It is not an alternative 'Sports Day'!

With many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr. R Mead

Headteacher

Valley End Church of England Infant School

School Council

Job Description

A School Council Representative

- ✓ Is willing to listen to others
 - ✓ Attends meetings regularly
 - ✓ Reports ideas to the class and the Council accurately
 - ✓ Can accept responsibility for completing tasks
 - ✓ Is willing to meet visitors to the school, represent the school for special occasions
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Application Form to be a School Council Representative for the Autumn Term

NAME:.....Class.....

I would make a good School Councillor because:

Please return to class teacher by Monday 14th January 2019 at 9.15am.