

Valley Primary School

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Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the Spring Term and I sincerely hope you all had a restful break with family and friends.

At the end of this week, each year group will share with you the Knowledge Organisers and Homework Menus for this half term. As we look to further develop the curriculum at Valley, we will celebrate the pupils' learning for this half-term with an open afternoon event which will be held on **Thursday 13th February at 2.30pm**. Due to limited storage facilities at school, I kindly request that any larger homework pieces are not brought in to school until **Monday 10th February**.

As part of the Shortlands regeneration project, I am delighted to announce that Valley Primary School will once again welcome the Sustrans Team to host two public co-design meetings. The first of these will take place in the Main Hall on Saturday 11th January between 2pm and 4pm. The second event will take place on Wednesday 15th January between 6pm and 8pm. Please do come along and have your say on how our local community will be developed.

In addition to the INSET days that have already taken place, the staff will continue their programme of training with two twilight staff meeting sessions this term. These are longer staff meetings which allow the whole staff team to come together to work on whole-school development priorities. To that end, the school **will not** be able to run an After School Club on **Tuesday 28th January or Tuesday 17th March**.

As the majority of you are aware, Parentmail is the home-school communication platform used at Valley. All communications and the majority payments are operated via this system. Additionally, from a safeguarding perspective all communications relating to emergency school closures or lockdowns would be communicated via Parentmail. It is essential that all families have registered an account on Parentmail and I kindly request that anyone who hasn't yet set up their account do so within the coming days.

Finally, our congratulations go to Miss Berry who got married over the holidays – she will now be known as Mrs. Appleton and we offer a warm welcome back to Ms Garrod who returns after her maternity leave.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jackson
Head Teacher