



November 2018 Newsletter

1. Pupil information

We acknowledge that certain information that we have to collect about pupils is sensitive, and we endeavour to handle such matters with due care. For example, it is beneficial for the school to know if pupils have been in the care of the local authority (e.g. through fostering) as this attracts additional funding.



In addition, parents who are in receipt of certain benefits can help the school by declaring this. The school will then in turn receive additional funds called **Pupil Premium** funding. We use this additional funding to employ extra staff to support our pupils and subsidise trips. Please talk to the offices if you have any questions about these matters, or if you wish to update our records.

2. Packed lunches

It is wonderful to walk around the dining halls at lunchtimes and see the array of healthy delights that many pupils have: rice salad, savoury sandwiches, fruit, pasta, water, etc. We would encourage you **not** to overload your children with food that contain a lot of sugar. Did you know that some children's yoghurts have over **four** cubes of sugar in **one** pot? (*Public Health Liverpool*) Also, a reminder that we are a nut-free school.....no **Nutella** please.



**magic
breakfast**
fuel for learning

3. What's so magic about breakfast?

Something new is coming to Valence and will be of great benefit to all our pupils.....keep your eyes open for news about breakfast fuel.

4. Parent concerns

At times, there are incidents that arise between pupils and, naturally, parents are very eager to sort them out. Please report any concerns you have to a senior member of staff, as we have the opportunity to fully investigate and speak to everyone involved. This can be carried out discreetly and away from the open forum of the playground.





5. Reminders

A polite reminder that pupil footwear should be black with sensible flat soles. Also, the pupils are doing a lot of PE so they need their kit in school.

6. Friends of Valence

This group is open to parents, carers and friends of Valence who are eager to support the school in a variety of creative ways, such as helping to organise a summer fete, arranging a Christmas disco, helping in the libraries, suggesting fund-raising ideas, etc. Our focus for fund-raising this year is the **development of the playgrounds** for the enjoyment of the pupils. You are welcome to hand in your name to the offices or attend one of the coffee and cake meetings.



7. November Science competition

Longest list of items in your home that need electricity.....send your entries in before 30th November.

8. Come and help us

If you would like to volunteer at school, please give your name to the offices. It may be that you can help in class with your cooking, art, design or creative skills. Or, if you would like to hear pupils read, this is a great help to those children who need a little extra adult time.

9. Parenting tips

Babies are born with around 100 billion brain cells (neurons) with relatively little connections. These connections create our thoughts, drive our actions, shape our personalities and basically determine who we are. They are created, strengthened and “sculpted” through experiences across our lives. Give your child positive experiences. They will have the ability to experience positive experiences themselves and offer them to others.



If you would like to learn more parenting tips, please look out for our Parent Gym sessions that will be running in the spring term. Contact Mrs Clare Berry at the office for more information.

Key events:

- 16th November
- from 22nd November
- 5th/6th December

Children in Need



Book Fairs

Winter Disco (years 3 – 6)

