



## October 2018 Newsletter

### 1. Amazing effort

Over £700 was raised during the cake sales on both sites. Thank you for your support and generosity to this most worthy cause.



### 2. Science challenge

Autumn Science Challenge.....find the 'Biggest and the Best' conker. If you think you have a winner, please bring your conker into school in a bag labelled with your full name and class by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Conkers will be judged by weight and volume.

### 3. Our school values

At Valence, we talk to the children a lot about values that we would all agree are essential in life. These values are summed up in our PRAISE logo. You are encouraged to discuss these with your child and think about how they can be applied in everyday situations.



### 4. Sport and PE at Valence

As an indication of our total commitment to encouraging health and fitness at Valence, we topped the league last year in the number of borough competitions that we entered. Out of the 17 borough competitions, we entered 16. We are also one of the three borough schools to have achieved the GOLD School Games Mark Award.

### 5. No smoking policy

Please do not smoke outside the school gates.



### 6. Meetings

You are all invited to meet with your child's class teacher the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. By now you should have been able to arrange an appointment. If not, please contact the school office.





## 7. 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. You are welcome to hand in your name to the offices or attend one of the coffee and cake meetings:



- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am St. George Performing Arts hall
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9.00am Bonham dining hall

If you would like to be involved in developing the use of the Bonham house for the benefit of the whole school community, please come along to find out what we can offer.

## 8. Harvest collection

It is traditional at this time of year to collect food items in celebration of Harvest time. As a school, we support the local community by collecting for the Food Bank. Please send in your donations **after** half term. These must be **non-perishable** items such as tinned food, cereals, rice and pasta. No fresh produce please.



## 9. 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.



## 10. DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!!

If you have any unwanted, good quality children's reading books, comics, annuals, we can re-use them...please bring them to the offices.

### Key events:

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| • 16 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> October | Parent/carer & Teacher meetings            |
| • week beginning 15 <sup>th</sup> October                        | Year 3 Rainforest Productions              |
| • Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October                                | School closed to pupils for staff training |
| • 22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October                    | School closed for half term holiday        |
| • week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> October                        | Harvest collection                         |

