



September 2018 Newsletter

1. Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to all our returning families and those who are joining us this term. We trust that you have had a relaxing break and that the pupils are ready for the new term. Lots of building work and refurbishing has gone on at both sites over the summer break and the site team have been very busy.

2. Year 6 parents

A reminder that you need to apply online for a secondary school place for your year 6 child.



3. Sport and PE

Most pupils are remembering to bring in their PE kits and this ensures that the children are able to participate fully in sport. No jewellery is allowed at school except stud earrings, which must be removed prior to the PE lesson. If the ear piercing is very recent, parents can cover the studs with a small plaster.

4. Celebrating effort, good behaviour and hard work

At Valence, we place a high value on developing children's sense of worth and self-esteem. We love to celebrate both effort and achievement in academic and social settings. We have an approach where we support pupils to "Stay on Green" based on the following school rules:

1. *Listen to and co-operate with each other.*
2. *Follow adults' instructions.*
3. *Treat everyone with politeness, kindness, courtesy and respect.*
4. *Work to the best of our ability.*
5. *Move safely and calmly around school.*
6. *Respect our school environment.*

Children who consistently follow the school rules, who set a positive example for others to follow and who demonstrate a positive attitude to others can achieve a GOLD reward.

At the end of each term, pupils who have **consistently** followed the school rules at all times will be considered for an invitation to the Headteacher's Tea Party. (It is no longer the case that pupils who have received three GOLDS will **automatically** go to the Tea Party). Parents will be informed if your child is to be invited.





5. Healthy school

We are continuing to work with families and pupils in the promotion of a healthy diet and lifestyle. One area we have been recommended to follow by the Department of Health is the *reduction of sugar* in children's diets. In the light of this, it is school policy to allow pupils to have only **plain water** with their packed lunches. Please do not send in smoothies, yoghurt drinks or squash. The school provides water for all pupils.



6. Show your support

Get your baking skills going this term and send in a cake for the Macmillan morning. All families are invited to come along to the cake and coffee mornings on Thursday 27th September at 9.00am on both sites. All proceeds will be donated to the Macmillan charity, which supports cancer research

7. New development

I am sure that Bonham parents have noticed the work done on the house that used to be the caretaker's residence. We have re-furbished the house and garden and are very excited about the opportunity we have to use it as a place to support families. We envisage the house and garden being used to run courses, provide a place for closer interaction and strengthen our community.

If you would like to be involved in developing the use of the house for the benefit of the whole school community, please leave your name at the office and we will be in touch soon.



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. 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:

- Thursday 27th September 9.00am Macmillan coffee morning
- Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th October Parent & Teacher meetings

