



## VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### November 2021 Newsletter 3



#### 1. Special celebrations

To all our families who have celebrated Diwali recently, we hope that you have had a wonderful occasion.

#### 2. Harvest produce

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone for your donations this year. The response was wonderful to see, and your generosity is to be applauded. Many local families will benefit from your kindness. The food is being distributed by a local charity.



#### 3. COVID-19 reminders

- sadly, COVID-19 has not disappeared from the UK, and we must remain vigilant and continue to play our part in restricting its spread
- if you or your child feel unwell with COVID-19 symptoms, **do not come to school** but inform the office, take a PCR test and wait for the results
- you are encouraged to have the vaccine if you are eligible

#### 4. Wraparound provision

Our before and after school provision (GEMS) is operating on both sites, and we have spaces. Please enquire at the offices should you wish to know more details. The provision is run by our highly experienced school staff.



#### 5. Playground safety

- Please **do not** ride scooters, electric scooters, skateboards or bicycles in the school playgrounds.
- And no dogs please (except guide dogs and the school dog!)



#### 6. Support your local school with your Christmas shopping!

Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to Valence Primary School for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. You can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more!

These donations really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

This means more than gifts for loved ones. It means donations that help make a difference! Sign up today:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/valenceprimaryschool/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-chtsms21-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/valenceprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-chtsms21-e1)



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### 7. Be on time!

A reminder that the gates open at 8.30am and the class doors open at 8.45am. The pupils are straight to work with their morning tasks, so even if they are a few minutes late, they are missing valuable learning time.



### 8. Don't throw them away!

We are on the lookout for good quality items you may be tempted to throw away:

- unwanted rolls of wallpaper
- quality books and comics
- uniform
- houseplants



### 9. School reminders

Our website is a source of up-to-date information. Here are a few items:

- School uniform requires completely black shoes – no stripes
- No dangly earrings for safety reasons
- Don't park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates as this endangers pupils and may result in a fine from the LA
- Also, avoid doing U-Turns up onto the pavements as this is dangerous for pedestrians



### 10. Packed lunches

I have the privilege of walking around at lunchtime and glancing into the pupils' packed lunches. I have seen so many mouth-watering delicacies that you provide for your children – jollof rice, paninis, fruit, healthy sandwiches, wraps, raw carrots.....



Please remember:

- No nuts of any type
- Only water or milk to drink – the school provides these freely too
- Minimise the number of foods with chocolate or high sugar content

This website has really good ideas: [Lunchbox Ideas](#) | [Recipes](#) | [Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

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