



VALENCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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1. Generosity

Thank you for your donations which we have passed on to the charity. We raised £604 for Children in Need. This is in addition to the generous harvest food which was given to the Food Bank in October.



2. Let's be on time

AM: The playground 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. The class doors close at 8.55am.

PM: The playground gates open at 3.00pm. Reception and KS1 finish at 3.15pm, and KS2 finish at 3.20pm. After five minutes, pupils are escorted to the office, where they can be collected. If pupils are regularly collected late, the office will seek to identify ways that the school can support an improvement in punctuality.

3. Christmas hamper raffle – LAST CHANCE!

Fancy a big basket of Christmas goodies? Enter the raffle to win the Christmas hamper. Tickets are on sale in the office.



4. Seasonal activities

We have had a lot going on at school in December, including carol concerts, trips to the pantomime, class parties, Christmas dinner, raffles, etc. In fact, too many to include in this newsletter, so we have sent the list of events separately and posted them on the website.



We are also collecting good quality, unwanted Christmas jumpers and general clothing to support those in need.

5. School reminders

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

- School uniform requires **black** shoes – minimal stripes allowed.
- No riding of scooters or bikes in the playground.





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6. End of term

Last day for Nursery:

Wednesday 20th December

Last day for Reception – Y6:

Thursday 21st December 2.00pm



7. Don't stop.....

I am sure that when your children were very young, you did not hesitate to read books to them. Well, don't stop now that they can read for themselves. Why not choose an exciting story which is too difficult for them to read but which you can read to them? In this way, they will learn lots of new words and enjoy that special time with you.

8. Keep safe

Tips on keeping your children safe online, especially with all the free time during the holidays.

[Staying safe online | Childline](#)

[Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

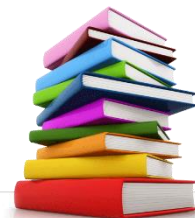
9. Incredible but true!

Do you know how many books you can borrow at a time from the local libraries? The answer is **12** per child for 3 weeks!! **Completely free**. What an amazing resource for families.....

- Valence library on Becontree Avenue
- Dagenham library at Dagenham Heathway

Why not pop along to see the range of quality books you can freely borrow and ask how to register. It's simple to register – you can even do it online.

[Online User Registration \(sirsidynix.net.uk\)](http://sirsidynix.net.uk)



10. 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. Grandparents welcome too!



Mr November

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Have a wonderful holiday.....see you on 8th January 2024.

P
Pride

R
Respect

A
Achievement

I
Independence

S
Success

E
Enjoyment