



PARENT BULLETIN | 10TH JANUARY, 2025

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CLASS UPDATE

### Sixth Form – Ubuntu, Kuumba & Ikigai



Welcome back to all our wonderful students, we can't believe that we are already in the Spring term of our journey together. This term's theme is 'Going Places', which will be embedded into all areas of our curriculum as we access the community, explore safety in the home and community, create our CV's and Vocational profiles and explore our place in this world as global citizens. We often see greater levels of examples of experiential learning and independence in the Spring, which is always exciting!

We will also begin to explore Post 19 provisions, this could include specialist colleges, Talk Back, New Meaning and Social Care Routes for example – this helps give our young people the chance to explore what opportunities are there for them, and supports decisions for the future. We also encourage parents/carers to start looking at opportunities. If you would like any advice, please contact [hzerdzinska@thevalefederation.com](mailto:hzerdzinska@thevalefederation.com)

**Work Related Learning:** We are always on the lookout for shared expertise, so if you or someone you know has a musical talent, is a creative cook, decorating/building buff, or enterprise entrepreneur, or anything else please contact Sixth Form class staff as we would like to have some work related class visits.

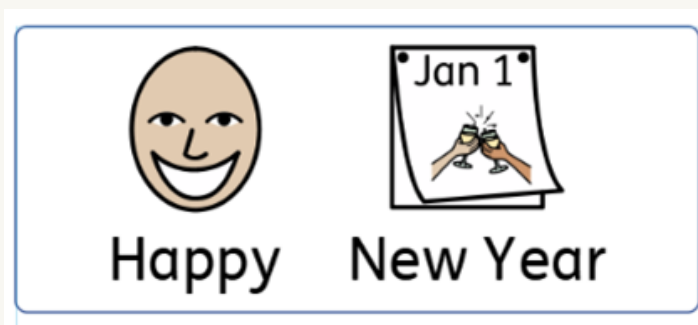
## MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Firstly, I wish you all a very happy new year.

It has been great to welcome the students back this week. I have seen really lovely interactions which have shown me that the students have missed the staff as much as we have missed them. School Council met in the last week before the end of term and have suggested some lunchtime clubs – we will be setting those up this term. There were lots of tired students by the end of the week after getting back into the swing of things! Enjoy your weekend.

**Rhonda Gosney**

## SYMBOL OF THE WEEK



## RSE TOP TIPS

## Relationships & Sex Education



### Self – Care

Encourage your child to participate in self-care. Use a self-care pack to have a morning/evening routine that becomes predictable and accessible. Do things in the same order, using songs to motivate if this is something that works for your child! Do it in front of a mirror (fixed or movable) and model the actions to encourage participation e.g. brush teeth together, brush hair together, use flannel to wash each other's faces.



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## SCHOOL CALENDAR



### **Tuesday 28th January**

RSE Parent Coffee Morning at Booker Park School

### **Wednesday 29th January**

Chinese New Year Activities

### **1st – 9th February**

Story Telling Week

### **3rd – 7th February**

Children's Mental Health Week

### **Tuesday 11th February**

Safer Internet Day

### **Friday 14th February**

Half-Term: 17th to 21st February

*(School closes Friday 14th February at 3.15pm and re-opens*

*Monday 24th February at 8.55am)*

### **Monday 24th February**

Students return to school

### **3rd – 7th March**

National Careers Week

### **Thursday 6th March**

World Book Day

### **7th – 16th March**

Science Week

### **Wednesday 12th March**

Parents' Evening

### **Monday 17th March**

St Patrick's Day

### **Friday 21st March**

Comic Relief

### **24th – 30th March**

Shakespeare Week

### **Wednesday 2nd April**

World Autism Awareness Day

### **Friday 4th April**

End of Term: Easter Holidays 7th to 22nd April

*(School closes Friday 4th April at 3.15pm and re-opens Wednesday*

*23rd April at 8.55am)*



**Have a great weekend.**

**Bradley Taylor, Principal**

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