



# Date Valley Chair's Newsletter

## **Exciting Updates!**

Alhumdulillah this has been a very busy and productive half term for Date Valley School. Lots of exciting things are either taking place or in the pipeline to take place soon, in shaa Allah!

- New laptops have been purchased (by the PTFC) for the school. These will be set up in our relocated IT room during the first few weeks of the summer term, in shaa Allah. (The room is being relocated for additional security)
- Interactive smartboards are due to go into every classroom in June, in shaa Allah. A site visit is due to take place next week to finalise product and contract details, in shaa Allah.
- Through trying to find a suitable place for an interactive smartboard in every classroom, we have taken the opportunity to give the school a bit of a freshen up and have had a lot of fun reorganising every classroom, putting up notice boards galore to display our children's lovely work.
- The children will be able to fill their water bottles courtesy of a water fountain installation in the playground. The installation is due to take place over the coming few weeks, in shaa Allah.

**Jazakumullahu Khayrun to our lovely PTFC, without whom the above-mentioned purchases would not be possible.**

## **Ofsted Action Plan updates**

- A recent visit from Merton Early Years was very reassuring, with the team leader expressing pleasure at what she saw and commending the school on the relationships between the staff and children, Alhumdulillah.
- An advisory visit from Merton Borough, for Primary, is due to take place next term, in shaa Allah. We hope to hear similarly positive feedback from this team as our staff have worked very hard to meet the action points detailed in the Ofsted action plan.
- Teaching and learning continues to be a focus at school with Year 6 and Year 2 teachers recently attending an external moderation visit to help them to assess the children's work. Alhumdulillah, our teachers returned from this visit feeling very positive and were able to see that our children compared favourably with other children in the Borough.
- Monitoring the teaching and learning continues to be a priority for the senior management team and myself. Further observations of the teaching (by myself) are due to take place in the summer term and I look forward to seeing progress that I am sure has been made.
- Alhumdulillah an assessment of all Quran teachers has taken place. Following on from the results, continuous professional development will be organised for our Quran teachers to assist them in meeting targets. In shaa Allah the teaching of Quran will continue to be monitored.
- To meet compliance with the Equality Act 2010, hand railings have been commissioned at the front of the property. In an attempt to keep costs minimal and meet the requirements of this legislation, hand railings together with portable disability ramps have been purchased.

## **Date Valley School Open Day**

**The Open Day is due to take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April from 10a.m. to 2.00p.m.. This a perfect opportunity for existing parents and new parents to see the school, meet the staff and meet our incoming Headteacher, in shaa Allah. We look forward to seeing you and hope that you will spread the word encouraging friends and family to attend, in shaa Allah**