

VPA News

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Happy Friday!

It has been a supersonic Week 2 at Victoria with our children getting stuck into some fantastic new learning in their curriculum. Our EYFS children are loving their 'Party Time' topic, finding out about how and why we celebrate different events each year, and their Kandinsky art work is just gorgeous! In KS1—children are enjoying learning about seasons in Geography, have begun their planning for their BIG DT sewing project this half term, and are also loving their music lessons and Spanish. In LKS2, we've started looking at Rivers and Mountains whilst UKS2 have begun to get their heads around biomes and climates. Year 5 and 6 have also enjoyed daily PE lessons this week led by Mr Cook and Miss Harrison—the children have really enjoyed these brilliant lessons and the chance to get physical every day. We are enjoying our very busy wonderful school weeks jam packed with learning right across a very rich curriculum. Lots of children are very proud of themselves right now. If you haven't asked your child what's been their best bit about school this week—ask them now and see if you can find out which particular subjects they are loving... You might be surprised by what they've been up to in their 25 hours of education, this week!

A huge shout out to our two classes who have done their bubble closures so brilliantly—Y6RK returned to school on Monday this week and Y5OM will be back with us on Tuesday next. Both classes have continued to work their socks off during their class lockdowns, and I am so proud of them, Miss Kaye and Mr May for switching to their virtual classrooms overnight. Fingers crossed we can all be together again with no more pesky COVID for a few weeks now. Have a great weekend, all.

Mrs Bailey

Parent Consults

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for a telephone conversation with their child's class teacher during this week and next. This week, parents of pupils with SEND have enjoyed their phone calls with some dedicated time to talk about their child and our ambitions for them in the half term ahead. Next week, we are hoping to speak with all of you about the learning and achievement of your child, and again about our ambitions for them in the next term. Our next parent consults are not until Easter—a very long time away—so please don't miss out. If you haven't signed up for an appointment yet—it's not too late. Please use your Arbor app to book an appointment, or call us in the school office on 0113 2482449 and we'll be happy to book a time slot for you.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is

94.4%

FS1 87.01%	FS2 88.4JR %	FS2 95.17KH %	Y1 94.36AB %	Y1 96.03JR %
Y2 93.99HD %	Y2 97.2HG %	Y3 88.36GL %	Y3 99.56 LP %	Y4 97.49MC %
Y4 99.21GG %	Y5 92.64RM %	Y5 N/AOM %	Y6 95.44BC %	Y6 96.55RK %



School Photos

Don't forget that the deadline for ordering school photos is November 24th. If you have any problems ordering or haven't seen your child's proof yet—please contact us so that we can help.



Fridays

Many thanks to all parents / carers for your support with our new Friday timetable. Children finishing school at midday each Friday is allowing us to maintain better consistency in classrooms, as all children are taught solely by their own class teaching teams with no need to release staff for planning and preparation time throughout the rest of the week. Less movement between staff increases our chances of staying open and continuing with our learning—every bubble closure is a lost 14 days of learning and we aim to keep them as low as possible for our children during this school year. This arrangement is all the way through to Christmas, and I will review the position for January once Boris confirms his position re: Clinically Extremely Vulnerable staff and National Lockdown rules at the beginning of December. Please remember that school is open from 8.30am every day and learning starts promptly at this time. The sooner your child arrives in school, the sooner they can be catching up on lost learning.



Gorgeous to see everyone looking so bright and cheery today in their non-uniform in support of Children in Need. Thank you to all parents who made a donation via Arbor—your donation will be passed on to this wonderful cause.

Christmas

The time for festive cheer is almost upon us and as always, Victoria will be celebrating it in style. Unfortunately, due to Covid—19, we won't be able to facilitate our Christmas fare as usual, however, that won't stop us from spreading Christmas cheer.

Our festive journey begins on December the 1st with the delivery of the Victoria Tree. Children will be creating decorations and wonderful masterpieces to bring it to life. Keep your eye out on Facebook for that one! On December 11th, we will be showing off our Christmas Swagger with seasonal jumpers. We are looking forward to seeing a few in a Christmas fashion parade in the playground. On the 14th, Victoria will be welcoming in our first virtual panto. Interactive renditions of our favourites will be played in our classes and cries of 'he's behind you' will echo in the corridors.

Finally, we will be creating Christmas cards and having a Covid safe Christmas party on the final few days. No food will need to be brought in for these events.

So lots of festive shenanigans going on over the next few weeks at Victoria, after all, there are only 42 days left until Christmas !



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