

VPA News

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Happy Friday!

With just one more week to go before our half term break, we are coming to the end of a very different first half term of the school year! Ordinarily, we would be looking forward next week to a Harvest church service, a Halloween disco and some of the other fun events we had planned in. Being COVID safe has meant that we haven't been able to do the things we'd love to be doing right now—which is very sad. We are looking ahead, though, to our Christmas plans and will be carefully planning events so that we can do as much as possible to celebrate in style, despite the pandemic. Watch this space.

Also this week, we shared news of our first positive COVID result in our school community, amongst a member of our contracted staff team. Whilst this did not lead to a bubble closure as the staff member has not worked closely with Victoria staff or pupils, it is obviously a worrying time for us all. We have been very fortunate, at Victoria, to avoid bubble closures thus far—the vast majority of schools have certainly had this experience within this first half term. Fingers crossed that we continue this good fortune next week and into the next half term. My thanks to you all for your support throughout this half term—together we are clearly doing something right. The Victoria community is a wonderful one to be a part of and I have thoroughly enjoyed my first half term based in school—thanks to all of you who have made me feel so welcome and are taking the time to tell me where we are getting it right—and where we can improve. I am lucky to have a very dedicated team at Victoria and we are up to our necks in some very ambitious plans for the future. Much to do and much going on—my favourite kind of school!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you all next week for week 7 of 7!

Mrs Bailey

Training Days

A reminder of the four training days we have left this school year, when school is closed to all pupils for staff training:

Monday 4th January 2021

Friday 12th February 2021

Monday 26th July 2021

Tuesday 27th July 2021

We return to school after half term on **Monday 2nd November** and break up for Christmas at lunchtime on **Friday 18th December**—unless Boris tells us otherwise, next week!

Note to Year 1 & 2 parents

If your child is 5 or over and you would like them to receive milk in school please register with Fresh Pastures

WWW.schoolmilkuk.co.uk

Milk cannot be ordered through the school office.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is

95.3%

FS1 91.2%	FS2 JR 91.6%	FS2 KH 100%	Y1 AB 96.5%	Y1 JR 94.7%
Y2 HD 95.1%	Y2 HG 99.6%	Y3 GL 85.6%	Y3 LP 99.1%	Y4 MC 94%
Y4 GG 98.4%	Y5 RM 95.6%	Y5 OM 92.2%	Y6 BC 96.6%	Y6 RK 97.4%



School Photos

Individual school photos will take place on Monday and Tuesday next week. We have tried to schedule photos so that they can be taken on days when your child is wearing their school uniform (ie. not a PE day!) so on Monday Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6 children will be visiting the photographer, and on Tuesday it is the turn of Nursery pupils, Reception pupils and Year 4.



We plan to take siblings photos on both days but have found it impossible to organise all sibling photos on days when neither have PE, in all cases. If your child has PE on one of those days and will be having a sibling photograph please send a school jumper in their bag for the purpose of the photo.

We cannot confirm which day your siblings are having their photos taken at this point but we aim to complete all the sibling photos on each day by 3.15pm, although we ask for your patience with this should it run over slightly. Please wait for your child by their usual classroom exit and we will get them to you as quickly as possible. Nothing is easy, in COVID times!

Magic Breakfast

We are now delivering the offer of Breakfast Bagels to all children in our school.

This has been funded by The National Schools Breakfast Programme supported by Magic Breakfast.

The kids love them so much we have had to increase our weekly delivery by a further 100 bagels from after half term.

A huge 'Thank You' to our dedicated Breakfast club team who currently toast, butter and deliver around 400 bagels to all of the children as they arrive in class each morning—Mrs Knight, Mrs Wood and Mrs Clark are real life heroes and we all love them very much for their early morning stoic efforts to make sure we are ready to learn each morning.

Remember—if your child is in Year 1 or 2 they can attend our free Breakfast club from 7.30am each morning, with all other year groups welcome to arrive from 8.30am each day.



Have a great weekend - see you Monday!



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