

VPA News

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Happy Friday!

As another fabulous Victoria week draws to a close, we are delighted to share how brilliantly we have got down to business this week. Every day has been crammed full of phonics, reading, writing and maths and we have even seen our KS1 children loving their work with clay as their art projects have got underway.

Messy—but great fun!

You should now be receiving a reading book for your child and we are asking you to read with your child as many times per week as possible—even just a few pages each night is so important in building your child's confidence and reading fluency. We spent A LOT of money on glorious new books this year so please take advantage of them. We also have online reading through Bug Club—so there is no limit to what your child can be reading.... Please encourage it as much as you can, and remember to sign your child's reading record or bookmark so that they can reap the rewards in school.

It has also been wonderful this week to see children walking home with some ENORMOUS prizes from the Dojo shop. Your children earn rewards in school for their learning and for following our Victoria Values—**being honest, safe, respectful and responsible**. They are earning hundreds of points and there is nothing better than seeing them spend them in our beautiful shop. Ask your child how many they've got, what they got them for and what they plan to spend them on!

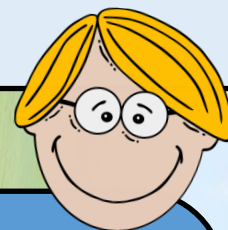
Playtimes and lunchtimes have been FAB-U-LOUS this week with some wonderful sharing, team work and cooperation on show. Our lunch team are doing a brilliant job and we are working like a well-oiled machine, 8 days into our new school year. What's not to love about Victoria? See you all next week!

Mrs Bailey & Mrs Chojnowski

Mr McHale has posted an important survey to all parents this week (via Arbor app and Facebook). Please complete this as it is important we know about the devices and broadband you have available for your child at home. The government are offering free devices to schools to help us get everyone connected in case of a local lockdown. Please help us get a laptop in your child's hands!!!!



You should have received your child's usernames and passwords for all our online learning platforms this week. Please tell us if you can't make them work—there are some fantastic resources for your child to use!



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is XXX. Lower than last but we are celebrating achieving 100% first day of absence contact with all our families - thank you! Biscuit Bear will be very busy delivering winners biscuits on Monday!!

FS1 100%	FS2 JR 98%	FS2 KH 99%	Y1 AB 100%	Y1 JR 100%
Y2 HD 100%	Y2 HG 96%	Y3 GL 97%	Y3 LP 97%	Y4 MC 96%
Y4 GG 98%	Y5 RM 99%	Y5 OM 100%	Y6 BC 94%	Y6 RK 95%





Goodbye and thank you...



Today, we bid farewell to Mrs Herd, our wonderful lunchtime supervisor who has worked at Victoria a staggering 18 years! During that time, Mrs Herd has helped children over lunchtime for over 700 school weeks— over 3,500 days!! She will have met over 7,500 children—and will be remembered by many for her kindness.. A wonderful legacy to leave behind. Mrs Herd has been a beloved member of the team at Victoria and she will be missed by us all. Our very best wishes for a long, happy and healthy retirement, Angela. On behalf of the whole community All our love and



THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING !!!!!

Stay Safe

As we move into the Autumn term and get back together under one roof, many parents are asking about when they should be worried about Coronavirus in their household and when it is OK for their child to be in school. The well publicised signs of COVID-19 are:



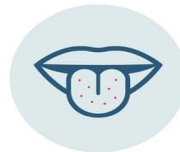
**HIGH
TEMPERATURE**



**NEW
PERSISTENT
COUGH**



**LOSS OF
SMELL**



**LOSS OF
TASTE**

If your child or anyone within your household experiences these symptoms—government advice remains that you stay home, book a test and self-isolate (10 days for the person showing symptoms, and 14 days for all other members of the household).

Children with our common ailments at this time of year (colds, sore throats etc.) can still come to school if they are well enough to do so, and those with diarrhoea and vomiting should return within 48 hours of their symptoms ending. If you're not sure—call us!

More information can be found: [https:// www.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). The Department for Education has also launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID19 related to education: 0800 046 8687.

Thank you to parents for ringing school in the morning to let us know about their child's absence from school. This is even more important now than ever and we are very thankful to you. Our team are making home visits from 9.30 each morning to anyone who we haven't heard from by that time—so please make sure you call us before 9am. Thanks.



For those parents who are awaiting and receiving test results—please remember to contact school and notify us of the test outcome as soon as possible. This is important so that we can work with Public Health England to keep Vic safe and well.

Have a great weekend - see you Monday!



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Secondary school place applications are now open.



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My child is starting Year 6 when do I need to apply for a Secondary school place?

If they are due to start Secondary school in September 2021 then you should apply for a place from 1st August 2020. Deadline for applying is 31st October 2020.

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How do I apply for a place?

You need to make your application online at:
www.leeds.gov.uk/apply
For further information contact 0113 222 4414.

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