

VPA News

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Happy Friday!

What a week!!! We are definitely going into the home stretch now and our first half term back in school is just two weeks away from mission accomplished. This half term, we've all settled back into school life wonderfully well and we have so much to be proud of, collectively. We are busy now completing our baseline assessments with all our children and getting ready to share news with you all in our COVID-style parent consultations soon after half term. We are also about to do our first SEND review of the year, with plans afoot to meet with parents of all pupils with SEND as soon as possible. Mrs Nuttall—our new SENCO who joined us in September — is very busy getting to know all our children and families and is keen to assist our teaching teams in making SEND practice at Victoria the best it can be. I am really delighted with the high quality conversations which are happening all over school at the moment between staff determined to be brilliant—we have a great team.

This week, we welcomed Hywel Roberts into school to work with children in Y2, Y4 and Y6. Hywel is a 'Travelling Teacher' who has written many books about teaching and learning and is a bit of a superstar in teaching circles—so we were very lucky to welcome him at Victoria. He has been working with us since March to perfect our History and Geography curriculum, and is now helping us bring those plans to life. Your children were fabulous and loved the chance to work in a completely new way. Exciting times at Victoria!

Mrs Bailey

Ivy Avenue

Thank you to those parents who have parked beyond the school gate this week, to allow our children to leave school safely via the vehicle gate at school. Please keep this up.

Last week I also asked you to be more careful in practising your social distancing on site, especially as you exit at Ivy Avenue. I am very grateful to all of you for following the advice. With Leeds cases now up to almost 400 per 100,000 people, now is the right time to be looking out for each other.

School Photos

We have confirmed dates for our photographer to come in to take individual photos of your children. This will be happening across 2 days on the 19th and 20th October, with photos available to buy soon after.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance is

94.2%

FS1 83.8%	FS2 JR 96.3%	FS2 KH96.3%	Y1 AB 97.9%	Y1 JR 98.9%
Y2 HD 93.2%	Y2 HG 96.5%	Y3 GL 85.8%	Y3 LP 93.2%	Y4 MC 92.1%
Y4 GG 94.4%	Y5 RM 94.8%	Y5 OM 94.6%	Y6 BC 94.4%	Y6 RK 97.0%



October Attendance Extravaganza!!!

On Monday, Mr McHale shared news of our Attendance Awards throughout October in our virtual assembly. Throughout October, there are prizes galore to be won, from biscuits and dojos to certificates and scooters. To win these fantastic prizes, all you have to do is come to school! Each day you come to school, your name will be placed into a class raffle bag. At the end of the month, one person in each class will win a scooter, via a raffle. If your name is pulled out of the bag, you win! Remember, the more times you come to school, the more times your name will be in the bag.

The second prize you can win is for your class. If your class has 100% attendance any day in October, you will receive a delicious pack of biscuits to share AND an entire extra playtime to be taken at your leisure!!!

As always, the biscuit bear will visit the class with the best attendance each week! More delicious biscuits to share – yum!

If your whole class gets 100% attendance any week during October, each child will receive 30 dojos to spend at our dojo shop! That's a lot of prizes to be had and those 30 extra dojos will be allll yours to add to your personal total. I really, really, really hope this special month is gonna cost me LOTS!

Flu Vaccinations

The government are promoting the childhood nasal flu vaccination programme. We have been allocated a date of 1st December for the nurses to come into school and give the flu nasal vaccination spray. This is available to all children from Reception up to Year 6.

Please note that your child will only be able to have the nasal vaccination if you have signed a consent form. The consent forms will be sent home with your child the week of 9th November, please sign and return the form to school.

The immunisation Service that carry out the vaccinations have carried out a thorough Risk Assessments and will be wearing the full PPE equipment at all times.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact the school office on 0113 2482449 or email info@vpaleeds.co.uk

Reading

The most important gift you can give your child is the gift of reading. We have so many wonderful new books in school with more arriving most days—your child should be bringing home a lovely book to share with you every day. Please read to your child, and let them read to you—ideally EVERY SINGLE DAY!! Encourage them to read aloud, and talk to them about what's happening in the pictures and in the story. Remember to fill in their reading record book or complete their reading bookmark so that they can earn their dojos in school. Reading is the area we have most catching up to do—please do your bit to help your child recover from the lockdown effect by making the most of all of our new books!

Have a great weekend - see you Monday!



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