



# VPA Newsletter



8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Message from Mr Green

Good Friday Afternoon!!!

I do hope that you've had a great summer break and that you are all ready and excited to return to school! It has been extremely busy here at VPA over the last 7 weeks, and the building work is due to continue for the entirety of the first half term. The transformation, when all the works have finished, will be incredible I am sure, and we can't wait to see the results. However, access to the building will be limited, so there will be plenty of staff outside to direct you around the site on Monday morning. Please read through this issue of our newsletter carefully, as it contains updates and important information that will support a smooth transition into the new academic year for you and your child. Also attached this week is your phase newsletters, so that you are aware of what your child will be learning as well as any important dates for the first half term.

Have a great weekend and I can't wait to see you all on Monday!

## The school day

**Breakfast club:** 7.30 - 8.30am (FS2-Y6 pupils)

**School opens:** 8.30 - 8.40 arrival and registration.

**Classroom doors close:** 8.45am – arrival via the school office after this time, your child will be marked as late (L).

**Registers close:** 9.15am – arrival via the school office and from this time your child will be marked as unauthorised absence (U) for the morning session.

**School closes:** collection at 3.15pm

**After school clubs:** 3.15 - 4.00pm

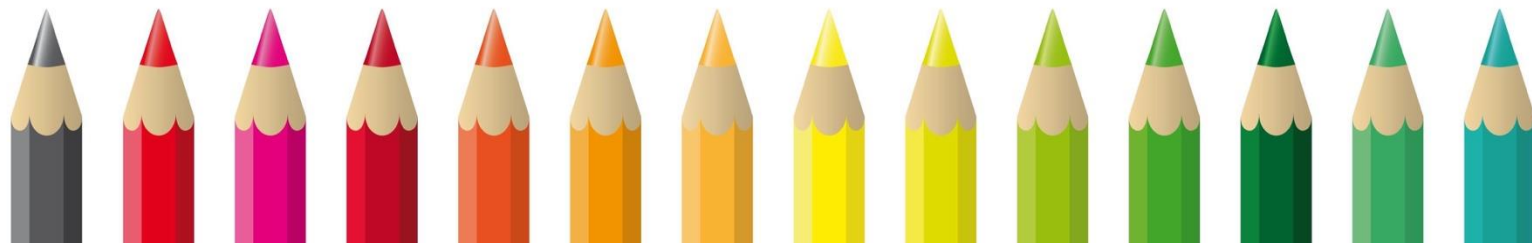
**Nursery morning:** 8.30 -11.30am

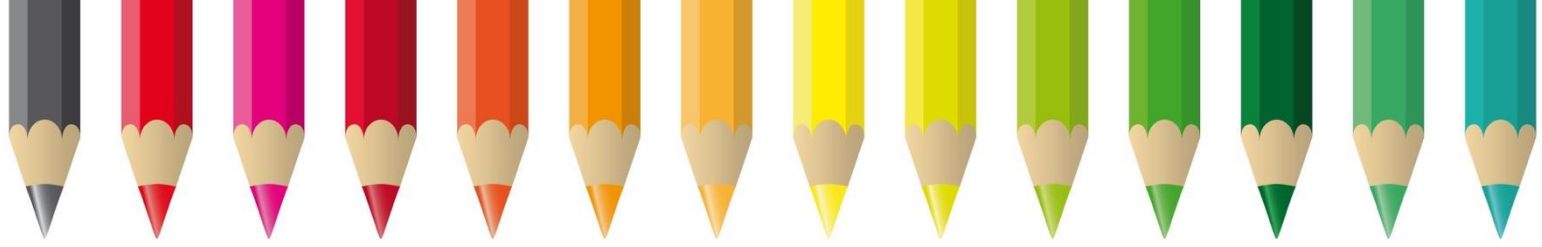
**Nursery afternoon:** 12.15 - 3.15pm

## Morning Snacks / Drinks

Snacks can be provided for your child to eat during the morning for KS2 children – EYFS and KS1 children all receive their milk and fruit **so they do not** need to bring a snack. Any snacks being brought into school should fit the 'Healthy Eating' bill - so no crisps, chocolate, biscuits etc.

All children should also be provided with a water bottle so that they can drink throughout the day – but no juice or pop.  
Thank you.





## Welcome back from Buddy!



Buddy is so excited to see you all!  
He has missed you over the holidays  
so don't be late!



**WOOF!!** Please  
remember to put your  
names on your coats  
and uniform so that  
any lost things can be  
returned to you.  
**WOOF!!**

## After school clubs

Our after-school clubs will begin week commencing the 18th of September. You will receive a letter on Monday which explains the clubs on offer - these will be available to sign up for on Monday from 3pm onwards.

Make sure you have access to your Arbor app so that you can sign your child up!

## School dinners

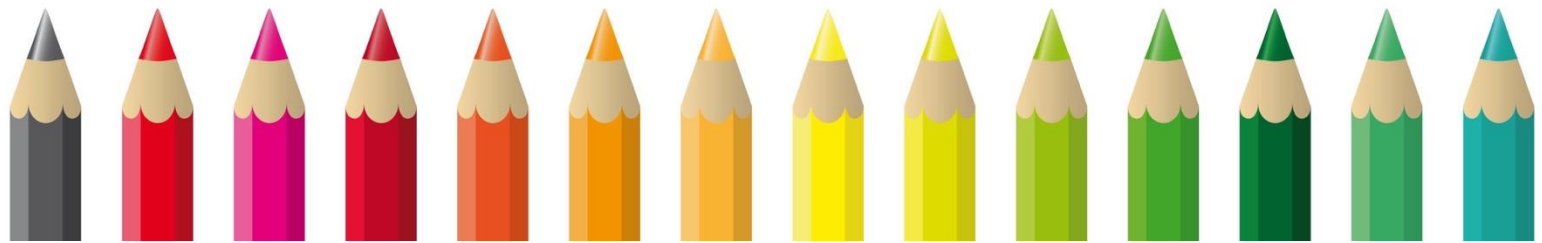
All pupils in FS2, Year 1 and 2 continue to receive a free school dinner.

Pupils in KS2 who are not eligible for Free School Meals can still order a meal – but meals should be paid for in advance via the Arbor app. Please speak to the school office if you believe your child is entitled to Free School Meals but you have not yet received confirmation. School meals for 2023-24 cost £2.60 per day.

Parents in all year groups can opt to provide a healthy packed lunch. Please do not include fizzy drinks, sweets, or chocolate.

## Attendance

Please remember to contact school to provide a reason for your child's absence **before 9am**. The school opens at 8.30am and children should be in school no later than 8.45am, after which time they will be recorded as Late via the school office. Let's get everyone in class, on time, and ready to learn this year!



## New spaces at VPA!

Wellspring have been very busy this Summer completing part of Phase 2 of our three-year building project! **How Exciting!**



### Reminders

Swap shop uniform shop and the school pantry open daily from 3.30pm ask any of the staff on duty at the schoolhouse if you would like support with any items.

### Swimming

All year 5 pupils complete a series of swimming sessions during the year. Swimming kit each week is a costume / trunk and a towel. Swimming aids are provided at the pool.

### Autumn 1

12th September is the turn of Y5 SW class.

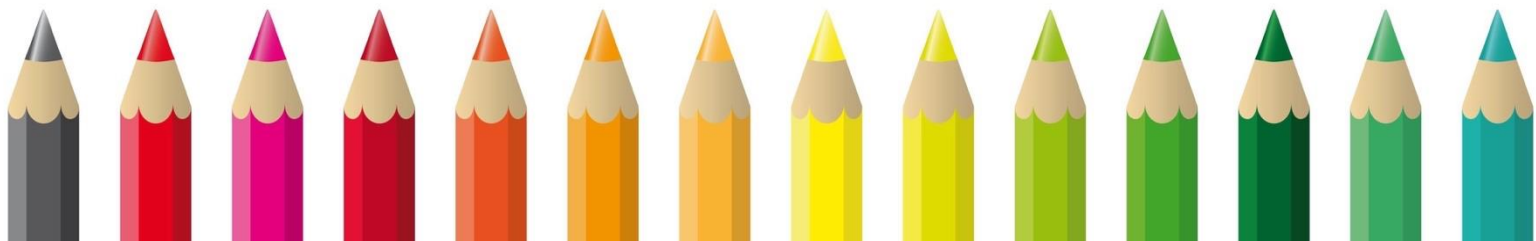
### PE days

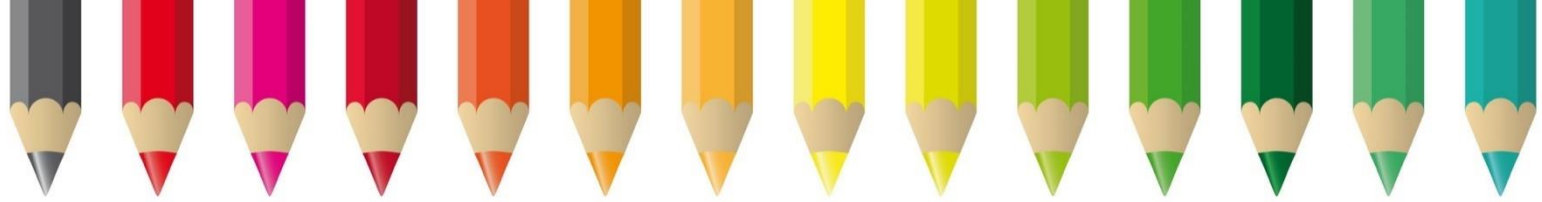
PE days for the year are listed below.

<b>Monday</b>	RECEPTION / Y1GG / Y4LP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Y1/2JR Y3RK Y3MC Y5OM Y5ES Y6RM Y6LB
<b>Wednesday</b>	Y2MH Y3RK Y3MC Y4LP Y4OK Y5OM Y5ES Y5SW
<b>Thursday</b>	Y1GG Y1/2JR Y2MH Y6RM Y6LB
<b>Friday</b>	RECEPTION / Y4OK

\*\*PE kit is a plain white, navy, or black t-shirt, navy or black shorts, joggers, pumps, or trainers. No items with logo or football kits.

Children should wear uniform even on PE days, bringing their kit to change into on the day.





### Diary Dates for Autumn 1:

1	11 <sup>th</sup> September school opens welcome back	
2	11 <sup>th</sup> September visit from Leeds Rhinos	
3	18 <sup>th</sup> September Clubs start	
4	29 <sup>th</sup> September Leeds City Museum trip Y3	
5	29 <sup>th</sup> September Macmillan Coffee Morning	
6	6 <sup>th</sup> October Leeds City Museum trip Y4	
7	6 <sup>th</sup> October Eco trip	
8	10 <sup>th</sup> October School Nurse in Flu vaccine	
9	18 <sup>th</sup> October Harvest Celebration	
10	24 <sup>th</sup> October Parents Consultations	
11	25 <sup>th</sup> October Parents Consultations	
12	27 <sup>th</sup> October school closes for half term	
13	6 <sup>th</sup> November school opens for Autumn 2	

