



19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

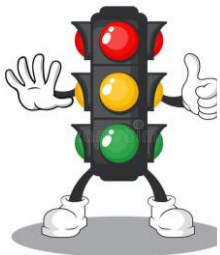
### Message from Mr Green

Happy Friday!

It's been a cold and frosty one this week ❄️ reaching -4 degrees on Thursday morning when I set off in my car! However, we've had plenty to keep us warm this week here at **VPA!** We had our Interfaith Week assembly with Miss Smith on Monday; our Spring Clubs began this week and as always were well attended; 5ES had their first swimming session; we had our Extreme Readers trip on Wednesday; and of course, we have had children who are getting into their rhythm with their new topics and creating some fantastic outcomes! The topic of choice this week has definitely been Henry VIII and his wives! Year 3 and 4 have been bringing me their work non-stop, and if I didn't already know the rhyme about their fate before, I certainly do now! In other parts of school, I have seen some future artists, with their water colour designs emulating David Hockney!

Have a fantastic weekend and I'll see you all on Monday!

### Attendance



This week:	<b>93.03%</b>
So far this year:	<b>92.3%</b>
EYFS/KS1 winner:	<b>95.94%</b>
KS2 winner:	<b>97%</b>

Well done to **2MH** and **4LP** who will be spending next week with **Biscuit Bear!**

### Reminders PE - Kit

Black, Navy, or white T-Shirt; Black or Navy shorts or joggers. Long hair to be tied back with a bobble. Earrings – stud earrings only to be worn for health and safety reasons.

#### Monday to Thursday

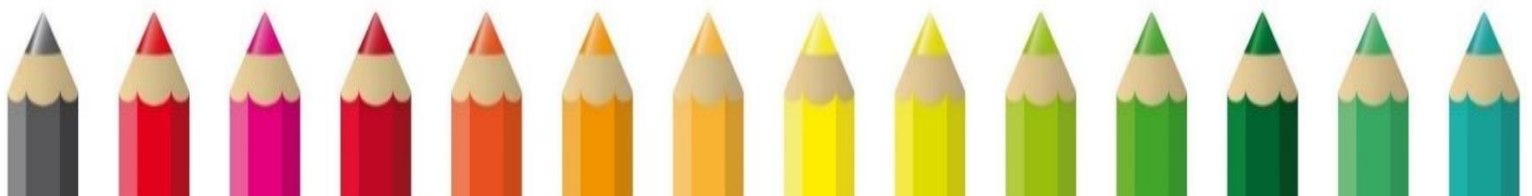
Community Pantry, Uniform / Clothing Exchange  
**3.15pm - 3.45pm**

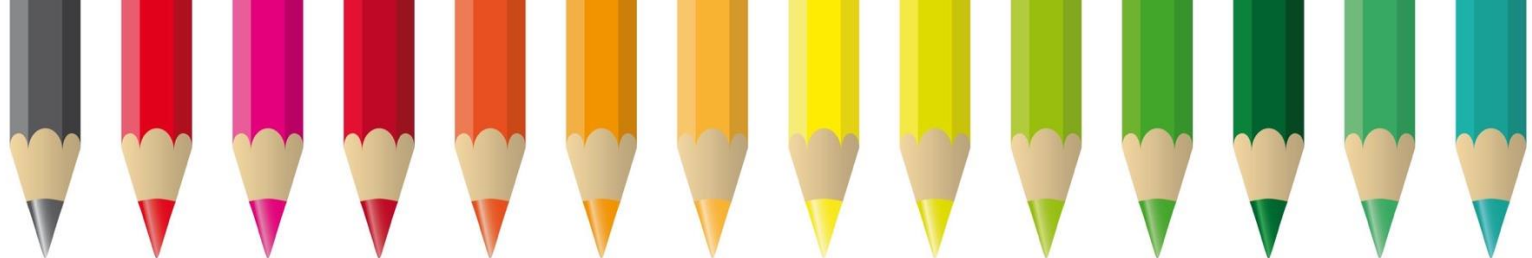
#### Thursday

Parent coffee and crafting sessions with Julie Parker Leeds Learning Hub  
**1.15pm - 3.15pm**

#### Friday

Coffee mornings with Miss Dooley & Mrs. Connolly in the staffroom - all welcome! Please call in and join us!  
**8.45am - 9.30am**





## Extreme Readers Rewards

Each half term a child from each class wins the Extreme Readers Award and is treated to a three-course meal at Pizza Express. Children are chosen by their class teacher for going above and beyond in their reading – at home, in class, or possibly both! Last half term's lucky winners jetted off for their meal on Wednesday and they had a wonderful time!

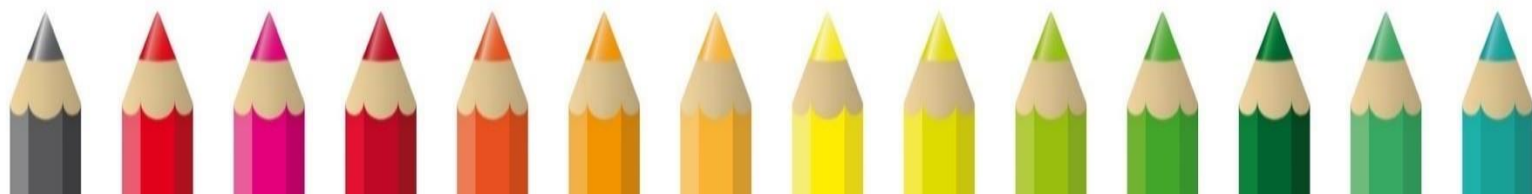


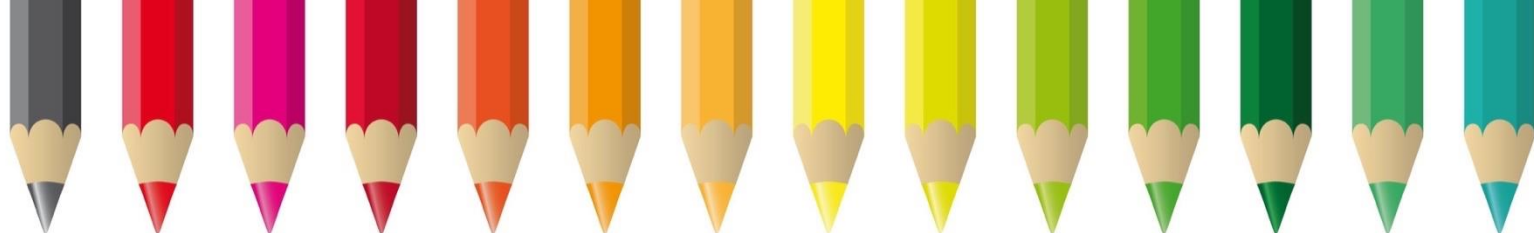
We wonder who will be **Dining out** next half term 👁️ ??

## Absence calls

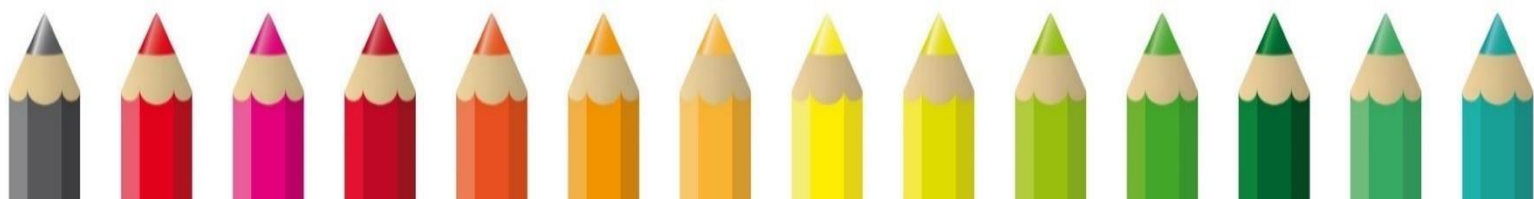
Can I politely remind parents how important it is to ring school on a morning when your child is going to be absent from school? Every day, we must ensure we know where each child is, it is our duty to keep them all safe, and if we haven't had a phone call by 9am we will have to make home visits to establish this. This week, we have had to be making up to 10 home visits a day as parents have not made that simple phone call. This takes around 2 hours of time and is time that the staff could be working with children in school.

**Please ring us!!!**





<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Events</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School opens Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January for Spring 1
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Spring Clubs begin
<b>17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Extreme Readers Event – Pizza Express
<b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Parents Craft/Maths classes begin in the schoolhouse (1.15pm)
<b>24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Reception Visit to St Phillips Church
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 Visit to Mosque
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Fire Brigade Visiting EYFS
<b>31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Year 6 Parents consultations
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Year 6 Parents consultations
<b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Wellbeing Warrior Trip to Sculpture Park
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	Nursery dress up day (Topic Related)
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Maths City Trip
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Young Voices Choir Sheffield
<b>8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School closes Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February for Half Term
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Wellspring Festival of Learning - school closed
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School opens Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February for Spring 2





FREE  
COURSE

**projecthope**



**7 Week Parenting Programme**  
(for parents of children aged 5-15 yrs)

**starting Thurs 25th January**  
**at The Vinery Centre**  
20 Vinery Terrace, Leeds, LS9 9LU  
**from 9:30am - 11:30am**

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# WHAT CAN A PARENT DO?



Whether you encounter some behaviours you don't like, or you would like to learn how to be more encouraging and spend some quality time with your children, this simple yet very effective course is for you.

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