



Victoria Primary Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 15

Spring Term

Friday, 10th January 2020

DIARY DATES

13/1

After school choir begins for the "Big Sing"

16/1

Italian Experience themed lunch

16/1

Yr 3 Strings project

28/1

Class 1A class assembly

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Welcome back to the academy for the start of a new term, a new year and a new decade! I hope you all had a relaxing break.

I'd also like to say a very warm Victoria welcome to our new members of staff—class teachers, Ms Spencer (5B), Mrs O'Mahoney (3A), and Mrs Briscow (1B) and Miss Connelly, 1:1 support in year 1.

This week our year 3 children have started a 'Strings Project' with Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts. This is a 10 week course where the children will be provided with a violin, a cello or a viola and have the opportunity to learn as a group for 45 minutes a week. Look out for a performance at the end of the course.



We are also involved with another NMPAT project called the 'Big Sing'. Children from years 3—6 have been invited to join our choir to learn chorus numbers from the show "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat", which we will perform on the evening of Thursday, 5th March at the Derngate Theatre in Northampton, along with children from other local primary and secondary school.

Details have been sent home with the children this week—the first rehearsal starts after school next week on Monday 13th January.



Next week we are looking forward to ***an Italian Experience themed lunch***, provided by Dolce, our school caterers. This will be an exciting lunch time for the children to choose one of their Italian favourites—pizza, pasta and ice cream! All the children can join in on this day, even if they do not usually have a school lunch. Simply sign in to School Grid and make your booking. Speak to the office ladies if you need help with this.

All children who take a hot lunch on this day will have their names entered into a prize draw to **win a voucher for £30.00** to spend at a supermarket of your choice.

See page 9 for menu choices.

Have a great weekend

H. Scargill

Principal

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	98.8
Miss Gent	RB	94.6
Mrs. Camozzi/Mrs. Hill	1A	93.3
Mrs Walmsley	1B	93.1
Mrs. Giles	2A	94.8
Mr. Tyson	2B	95.8
Miss Williams	3A	94.0
Miss Cooper/Mrs. Spencer	3B	96.7
Mrs. Embling	4A	97.5
Miss Lees-Collier	4B	96.7
Miss Goodman	5A	95.8
Mr. Wolfe	5B	99.2
Miss Costanzo	6A	95.8
Mrs. Wall	6B	99.1

KEY STAGE 1		
	1st place	Class RA
★	2nd place	Class 2B
★	3rd place	Class -
KEY STAGE 2		
★	1st place	Class 5B
★	2nd place	Class 6B
★	3rd place	Class 4A

WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEKLY AVERAGE

96.1%



This week's
house point
winners



Artists

Admirable!

HOUSE POINTS

House	Class	Points
Artists	RA, RB	328 ★
Musicians	1A, 1B, 2A	131
Explorers	2B, 3A, 3B	133
Scientists	4A, 4B, 6B	120
Inventors	5A, 5B, 6A	124

Absence

If your child is not able to attend school, please telephone to let us know by 9.00am each morning of absence.

01933 223323

Medicines

Medicines prescribed by a doctor can be administered at school by a member of staff. The label with the child's name and dosage instructions must be intact and legible. An adult must bring in and collect the medication from the office.



Being late for school reduces learning time.

Please make sure your children are in school, on time, every day.

8.40am	There is staff supervision on the playground from this time. Please do not leave your child unattended until then.
8.45am	Whistle blows! Children come inside and go to their classroom. GATE CLOSES
8.50am	Registers are taken in the classroom
8.55am	Children move to their first lesson.

The winter weather is here to stay for the next few months. Please allow extra time for your journey to school, so that you are in the school playground by 8.45am.

Taking children on holiday during term time

Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Any applications for leave of absence must be in exceptional circumstances and the Head Teacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave.

Should a parent/carer decide to take a holiday during term time they must apply in writing to the school explaining the exceptional circumstances for the leave of absence.

If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and the school will decide if a **Fixed Penalty Notice** should be issued and will inform the Local Authority who will then issue the notice on their behalf.

Where both parents have responsibility for their child, each parent will receive a Fixed Penalty Notice. The definition of "parent" includes all natural parents, whether they are married or not and includes any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility and/or care for a child or young person.

Make every minute count

If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss three days of learning each year.

If your child is 15 minutes late every day, they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year.

Have a set time to go to bed each night

Have a set time to get out of bed in the morning.

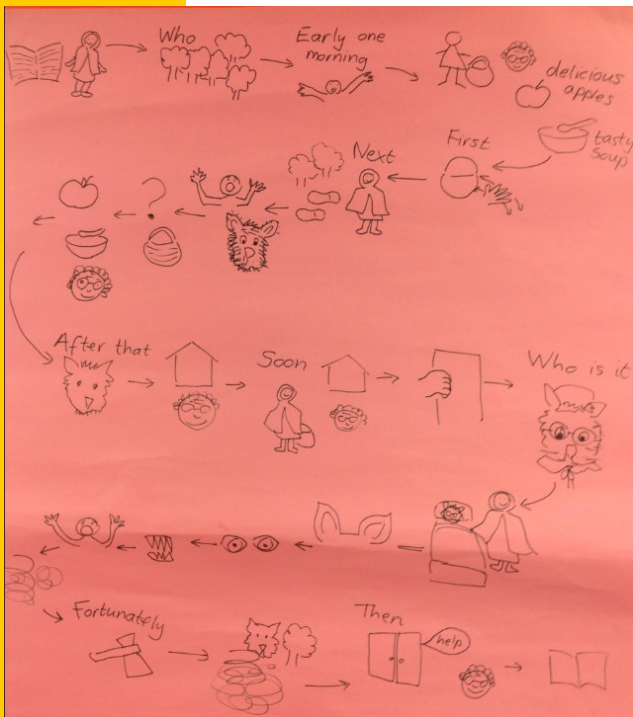
Have school uniform and bag ready the night before.

FANTASTIC VICTASTIC AWARDS

Mrs Holmes	RA	Alexandru Petre for his super effort this week in Maths ordering numbers independently! Dominik Caban for his fantastic participation this week when talking about different zoo animals.
Miss Gent	RB	Kornelia Bijak for an impressive letter to the zoo this week and for being a lovely member of the class, with beautiful manners and helping others. Gabriela Lamsa for her overall enthusiasm to our new topic animals and her attention to learning.
Mrs Hill	1A	Bartosz Wierciak for some good work using the Cuisenaire rods with an adult. Laima Gimboire for trying hard in phonics.
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Briscow	1B	Alice Raines for great investigation skills during our inspirational maths week. Amelia Zawadzka for a super retelling of Little Red Riding Hood with great enthusiasm.
Mrs Giles	2A	Kenzie Robertson for showing superb cooperation in our dance lesson. Kacper Kaminski for fantastic effort and resilience and demonstrating excellent problem solving skills in our maths investigations.
Mr. Tyson	2B	Chelston Meade for working hard to improve his attitude towards learning. Luana Aires for showing aspiration to improve her problem solving skills in Maths.
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	Izabela Savu for showing respect towards her peers and listening well Amelia Gathercole for showing responsibility by supporting others.
Miss Cooper Mrs J. Spencer	3B	Ruby Cooper for developing problem solving skills in Maths and challenging herself. Edijs Bahvalovs for working hard to concentrate and listen carefully to instructions.
Mrs Embling	4A	Cassius Monroe for confidently engaging in group discussions. Constance Johnson for trying extremely hard recently with all her work.
Miss Lees-Collier	4B	Kyla Dorsett Fredrick for showing resilience and always working hard to improve her handwriting. Costance Mastroianni for showing all the Victoria values and making an excellent start at Victoria.
Miss Goodman	5A	Humza Ali for showing brilliant patience and perseverance with his reading. James Standing for showing aspiration with his handwriting.
Mrs E. Spencer	5B	David Catana for showing perseverance in his Maths investigations. Georgia Ekins for being an enthusiastic learner every day.
Miss Costanzo	6A	Liam Brown for brilliant skills in netball. Joseph Christian for his enthusiasm talking about space.
Mrs Wall	6B	Rio Glenn for great participation in English. Nashe Takavadii for working hard in every lesson.



In year one we have been learning the value of the cuisenaire rods, we then made staircases and trains using the rods.



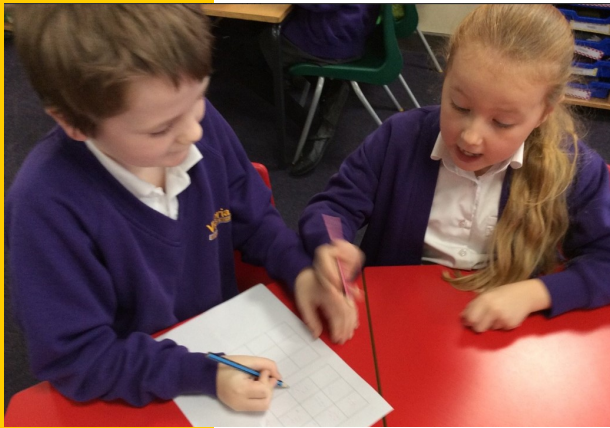
We retold the story of Little Red Riding Hood in class 1B, using story actions to remember important phrases.



Year 4 are enjoying their week of inspirational maths!



RB were really focused in cosmic yoga, creating different animals that we would find down on the farm!



In RA this week we have been looking in detail at the numbers 1-10. We have ordered them, matched them to the correct Numicon and counted out the correct amount of objects to match, We are Fantastic like Victastic!



3B enjoyed playing a dice game, which involved them thinking about number bonds, for inspirational maths week.





On Thursday next week Dolce, our school caterers, are treating us to an **Italian Experience**, with a choice of Italian inspired dishes and sides that children love, including pizza, macaroni cheese and garlic bread!

Why not give our hot lunches a try on this special day?

You can book via School Grid online, or ask at the school office for help to get you started if you have never booked before.

All children who take a hot lunch on this day will have their names entered into a prize draw to **win a voucher for £30.00** to spend at a supermarket of your choice.



If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please remember that we are a **nut free school**.

We have children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy; if they come

into contact with a nut product, they could suffer life threatening consequences.

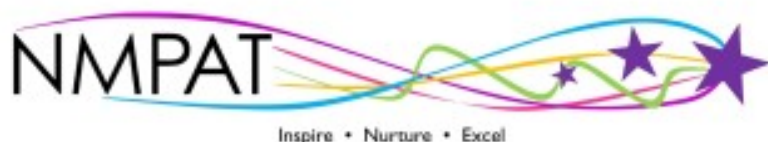
Please check the packaging of products closely as it is not always obvious that nuts are included. There are nuts in many chocolate spreads, cereal bars and chocolate bars such as Kinder Bueno.

It is vital that we do not have nuts in school in any form, either in lunch boxes or brought in as treats.

SNOWMAN COMPETITION WINNER



The winner of the Snowman competition, Jack Huxley, aged 10 from Newfield Park Primary School was over the moon when he was told he had won the competition. Tony from Dolce presented him with a Nintendo Switch and a pack of Christmas cards with his picture on to send to his family and friends. The winning picture also features on the Dolce Christmas card that was sent to all schools.



NMPAT Saturday Music and Arts Centres



Brackley and Cheney
Corby
Daventry
Duston (Northampton)
Fenner
Guldborough (Thursday evenings)
Halloway (Northampton)
Kettering
Nene Valley
Towcester
Queen's Cross (Northampton)
Wellingborough
County Youth Theatre

**Open Day: Saturday
18th January 2020**



There's a Centre for you!

www.NMPAT.co.uk/centres

Contact us to find your local centre.

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

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On SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY (Thursday 16th January for Guldborough Centre) we will be opening our doors to anyone who would like to take part in music and performing arts activities to come and try what's on offer. We have 12, all access centres across the county as well as a County Youth Theatre that meets at our building on Kettering Rd, Northampton. All activities are suitable for Primary age students, and some centres offer early years or even adult classes.

www.NMPAT.co.uk/centres

Attendance at this promotional morning is free.

To attend regularly there is a termly subscription fee that works out as approx. £2.60 for an hour's tuition. Students eligible for free school meals are able to access a subsidised rate.

Repair Cafes are community events that match people who need things fixing with people who like fixing things. There are no promises and no guarantees but, if something can be saved, the repairers will give their best efforts and there is no charge for entry or repair, but donations are gratefully received and help pay for costs.

You can bring anything you can carry that will not make a mess in the venue.



We will try to fix your broken items for free!

REPAIR CAFE

Saturday 11th January 9:00-12:00
at **Glamis Hall Indoor Car Boot Sale**

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**WELLINGTON
ECO GROUP**



P.T.A. News

Chair: Wendy Timpson, **Vice Chair:** Krissy Rumsby, **Treasurer:** Jessica Moreton, **Secretary:** Carole Westrep

Minutes of the PTA meetings can be sent to your email address on request.

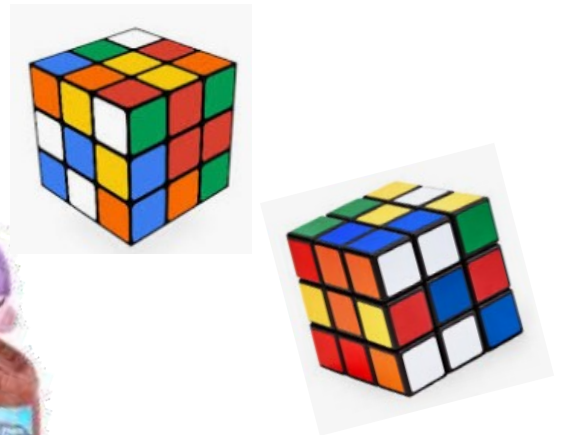
Last term we had quite a few wet days when the children had to stay in at break and lunch times.

The class teachers told us that there was a desperate need to renew and update the toys and games for wet play so, at the last PTA meeting, we voted unanimously to donate £75.00 per class for indoor games and resources, totalling £1050. Here are some examples of what we bought.



Top Trumps

Rubix cubes



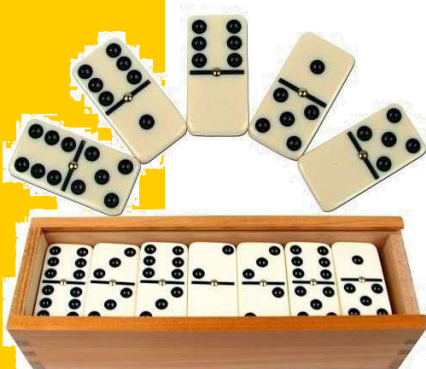
Monkey Puzzle



Pop up Pirate



K'nex budding builders



Dominoes



Connect 4



Parents and Carers, please come in to school and join us for your child's class assembly!

Tuesday	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Class assemblies	10.00am	10.15am
Spring Term		
28th January 2020	Class 1A	
4th February 2020	Class RA	
3rd March 2020	Class RB	
10th March 2020	Class 2B	Class 5A
Summer Term		
28th April 2020		Class 4B
5th May 2020		Class 3B
23rd June 2020		Class 5B
30th June 2020	Class 1B	Class 4B

P.E. NEWS



Starting next week, each class teacher is going to nominate one of their children to receive a certificate for "Sporting Champion of the Week" in the celebration assembly.

They will be looking for examples of excellence in sport and P.E., great sportsmanship, which means someone who is fair and generous to others in a sporting contest and determination and perseverance to do well.

Who will be our first winners?

Mixed Football Club

Monday After school 3:15pm – 4:30pm.
Years 3 - 6

[All Star Sports will be running a football club at Victoria Primary Academy!](#)

The sessions will run on a weekly basis and be packed with fun development games, shootouts, challenges along with matches, tournaments and much more! Our sessions are tailored to ensure each child develops their ability in terms of skills and techniques, along with self-confidence and social skills. During the sessions children will get the opportunity to work towards winning our "Player of the Term" and "Player of the Year" awards.

Club Information

Spaces: 20

Slips Collection (please hand into the school office): **9:00am Monday 13th January 2020**

First Session: **Monday 13th January 2020**

Last Session: **Monday 10th February 2020**

Cost & Payment

Cost: £10.00 (5 sessions @ £2.00 per session)

Payment Deadline: Monday 13th January 2020

Payment Method: Cash or Cheque (Handed directly school office).

Basketball Club

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First Session: **Tuesday 14th January 2020**

Last Session: **Tuesday 11th February 2020**

Cost & Payment

Cost: £10.00 (5 sessions @ £2.00 per session)

Payment Deadline: Monday 13th January 2020

Payment Method: Cash or Cheque (Handed directly school office).

Friday: Gymnastic Club (3.15pm – 4.30pm)

Clubs will start: **Friday 17th January 2020** for 5 weeks at £10.00

There is a fee of £2.00 per session.

Limited spaces available! Priority will be given to those who have not been before.

SPACES WILL NOT BE HELD. FULL PAYMENT TO BE MADE WHEN YOU RETURN THE SLIP. *Thank you.*

All other after school clubs will be released on parent mail tonight and must be booked online.



Spring Term Clubs at Victoria Primary Academy

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running a range of clubs this autumn term at the academy, for boys and girls of all abilities, after school!

These clubs must be booked and paid for on ParentMail.

Monday:	Junk Modelling	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Tuesday:	Lego	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Wednesday:	Team Games (P.E Kits needed)	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Thursday:	Free Play	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Friday:	Cooking	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)

Clubs will start week beginning Monday 13th for 5 weeks at £12.50

There is a fee of £2.50 per session, per club, which should be paid in full when booking please.

Limited spaces available! Priority will be given to those who have not been before.

A MAXIMUM OF 2 CLUBS ONLY PER CHILD WILL BE ALLOWED

After School Club Activities

Monday- Junk modelling	Tuesday- Lego	Wednesday- Team games	Thursday- Free play	Friday- Cooking
Egg carton craft	Coding a Lego maze	Hoop games	Junk modelling crafts	Pepper pizza's
Paper cup craft	Lego with instructions	Cone games	Cooking- pepper pizza's	Blueberry cupcakes
Yoghurt pot craft	Lego transport	Move as a team	Lego- create a city	Cheese puff shapes
Paper roll craft	Create a Lego zoo together	Team obstacle course	Board games	Choc chip oat cookies
Make your own creation	Free play	Sports day games	Painting using kitchen utensils	Veg pasta

