



## DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 7th January

Return to school

Friday, 10th January

Year 6 Trip to  
National Space  
Centre, Leicester

Thank you to everyone who made a donation on "Christmas Jumper" day for **Save the Children**.

We raised a very respectable **£173.00**

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**Y**ear 4 were absolutely incredible at the HAT Christmas concert last week. Super singing and fantastic behaviour. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Embling, Miss Lees-Collier and the rest of the year 4 team for getting the children ready. Great to see so many Victoria adults there too - in their Christmas jumpers!



"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to you all and I hope you have a peaceful and relaxing time with your family.

H. Scargill

Principal



The children were thrilled to meet Eve and Fergie this week, who have come all the way from the North Pole to visit us.

Did you know that, when they walk, a reindeer's feet 'click' so that they can stay in contact with other members of the herd when there are snowstorms or other poor weather conditions?

**O**ver the last 18 months our fabulous PTA has raised more than £2,000, over half of which has been spent on restocking the indoor games in each classroom, for "wet play" and there's been a lot of that recently!

They have 101 followers on Facebook and would love to increase that number, so please sign up!

Many thanks to everyone involved with the PTA and please look out for ways in which you can help at fundraising events in the new year.

# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	98.6
Miss Gent	RB	95.2
Mrs. Camozzi/Mrs. Hill	1A	93.2
Mrs Walmsley	1B	89.7
Mrs. Giles	2A	89.3
Mr. Tyson	2B	91.3
Miss Williams	3A	96.2
Miss Cooper/Mrs. Spencer	3B	95.3
Mrs. Embling	4A	88.7
Miss Lees-Collier	4B	95.9
Miss Goodman	5A	96.0
Mr. Wolfe	5B	95.3
Miss Costanzo	6A	87.8
Mrs. Wall	6B	97.2

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

WHOLE SCHOOL  
WEEKLY AVERAGE

93.5%



This week's  
house point  
winners



Artists  
*Amazing!*

## HOUSE POINTS

House	Class	Points
Artists	RA, RB	3631 ★
Musicians	1A, 1B, 2A	3496
Explorers	2B, 3A, 3B	3595
Scientists	4A, 4B, 6B	3525
Inventors	5A, 5B, 6A	3561

## 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.



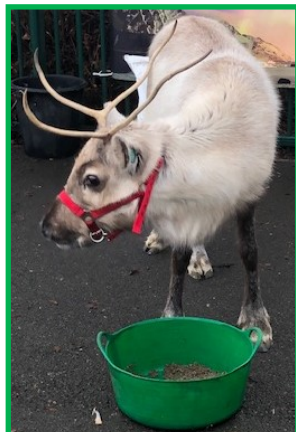
# FESTIVE FUN AT VICTORIA



## CHRISTMAS LUNCH ~ 17TH DECEMBER

The children enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch together on Tuesday this week. Colourful party hats and festive music completed the Christmas mood.

Thank you to the fabulous lunch team for their hard work and organisation, coping with the additional diners, and the members of staff (including Mr. Hardcastle) who waited on table and kept the children entertained!



## VISITORS FROM THE NORTH POLE

We loved meeting the reindeer and learning all about what they eat and where they come from! Ask us about the facts we learnt.

*Meet the reindeers, Eve and Fergie*





## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2019

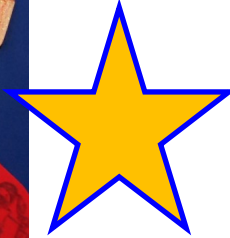


Wow, not only do you all look super Christmassy in your festive jumpers, you have helped raise money for Save the Children. Well done and a very merry Christmas.





Look at some of our super decorations in year 1. Keep looking out for our homemade Christmas cards. They are nearly ready!



Year 2 became explorers and investigated things they could find in the playground that were either alive, dead or never lived.



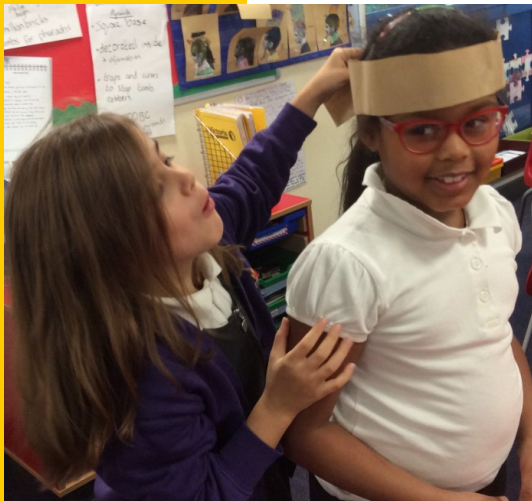




**Mrs. Scargill**

I am not sure I like being the terrifying head teacher though!

Year 6 experienced a lesson in a Victorian classroom. Mrs Scargill even joined in and 'terrified' some of the children. We decided that we're glad we go to school in 2019!!



Demonstrating team work to make some festive headwear.



Class 3A noticed there are lots of reindeer in our classroom!



## 'FAREWELL'

We are sad to be saying goodbye to two members of our teaching team at the end of term.

Miss Williams, class 3A, will be teaching elsewhere in the local area and Mr Wolfe, class 5B has made the decision to spend more time with his young family.

I'm sure you will join the staff and children from Victoria in sending them both our very best wishes and wishing them well for the future.



## COMPETITION NEWS

Congratulations to  
our Christmas card  
competition winners!

Kornelia Bendyk,  
Class 2A

Milan Torkoly,  
Class 5A

They will both  
receive a Christmas  
stocking with  
goodies inside and  
their designs will be  
on the front of our  
family cards.



The runners up are:

Mateusz Barchan, Class 2B

Jamie Timpson, Class 2A

Natalia Barchan, Class 4A

William Timpson, Class 4B

They will also receive some  
Christmas goodies!







**Do more.  
Share more.  
Be more.**



## Wellingborough District

Each week, we help over 460,000 young people develop the skills to succeed in life.

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Cubs aged 8-10  
Scouts aged 10 - 14  
Explorer Scouts aged 14 - 18



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[www.facebook.com/WellingboroughDistrictScouts](https://www.facebook.com/WellingboroughDistrictScouts)





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OR VISIT US ONLINE @ [WWW.WASC.INFO](http://WWW.WASC.INFO)**

Sunday evening - Beginners/Improvers \* Monday evening - Advanced Improvers



## SAFETY MATTERS: Christmas edition



Christmas is coming and many families across Northamptonshire already have preparations under way. The lead up to the big day can be a busy time, packed with distractions, so it is often too easy to forget safety. We are publishing this seasonal safety newsletter to ask people to spare a thought for fire safety this Christmas.

### Fairy lights not fairy frights

By now, many of us have transformed our homes into tinsel wonderlands packed with sparkling lights and garlands of festive foliage. But are your decorations safe?

If you are using fairy lights, make sure they are not old and worn. They need to be in good repair. They should also conform to the British Standard BS EN 60598.

Going out or off up to bed? Make sure your fairy lights are switched off and unplugged. Remember that Christmas decorations can set alight easily, so please don't attach them to lights or heaters.



Christmas trees and decorations can catch light easily so keep candles well away from them.



If having visitors over this Christmas, make sure they and your family know what the escape plan is in case of fire. In the event of a fire, you should get out, stay out and call 999.

## 'Tis the season for shiny new gadgets

New phones, computers, pads, hair straighteners, karaoke machines, TVs, walking, talking toys to be charged...the list goes on.

Many people's list of gifts can rely quite heavily on electrical supply. Unfortunately, electrical fires are common and one cause can be overloaded electrical sockets.

Remember:

-  Do not overload multi-plug adaptors. Use one plug to one socket.
-  Electrical goods use different amounts of power/amps so make sure you are not running too many amps through your adaptor or extension lead.
-  Look at the plug for each of your goods to see how many amps it uses. Then check the info written on the back of your adaptor to find out the maximum number of amps you can run through it. NEVER exceed that amount.
-  Never 'daisy chain' - that is link one extension lead to another as this can cause fire.
-  Remember to unplug electrical goods when you are not using them or when you go to bed.



Makes sure you always keep candles, lighters and matches out of the reach of children.

Do something good this Christmas. Test the smoke alarms of someone you know who may need help, such as an older relative or neighbour, to ensure their safety.

