



Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Issue 22

Spring Term

Friday, 6th March 2020

DIARY DATES

9th March

Ducklings delivery for Reception

9th March

Year 2 SATs information for parents at 2.30pm

11th March

Year 3 trip to West Lodge Farm

13th March

Sports Relief Day

19th March

Year 3 Strings Concert

We all had a fabulous day yesterday for **World Book Day** and enjoyed a lot of exciting stories together.

You can share in some of the fun with our picture gallery, starting on page 6.

Why not download an audio book to share with your children this weekend? Details on page 6.



Parent Consultation evenings

Parent Consultations will take place on **Tuesday 17th March at 3.30 – 6.00pm** and **Thursday 19th March at 5.30 - 8.00pm**. We will be using Parent Evening Manager via ParentMail to book parent consultations. All appointments will need to be booked online so it is really important to register with ParentMail if you do not already have an account.

Time slots will be made available for you to book from 9th March 2019 at 5pm. For help with using Parent Evening Manager use the link below:-

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/applications/parents-evening-manager/> Letters with full details have been sent home today.

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Our children were amazing in the **Big Sing at the Derngate Theatre** last night, singing with other schools in the NMPAT production of **Joseph**. Thank you to everyone who took part and the families who came to support us.

Joseph from class 4A was given a special mention as, out of a thousand children, he was the only "Joseph" in the whole show! It also happened to be his birthday!

A full write up and more pictures in next week's newsletter.

Enjoy the weekend.

H. Scargill

Principal

Victoria Primary
Academy PTA



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	95.7
Miss Gent	RB	87.0
Mrs. Hill	1A	95.0
Mrs. Walmsley/Ms. Briscoe	1B	93.9
Mrs. Giles	2A	100
Mr. Tyson	2B	99.7
Ms. O'Mahoney	3A	98.0
Miss Cooper/Mrs. Spencer	3B	99.3
Mrs. Embling	4A	99.3
Miss Lees-Collier	4B	97.3
Miss Goodman	5A	97.9
Ms. Spencer	5B	98.0
Miss Costanzo	6A	98.7
Mrs. Wall	6B	96.0

KEY STAGE 1		
	1st place	Class 2A
★	2nd place	Class 2A
★	3rd place	Class 2A
KEY STAGE 2		
★	=1st place	Class 3B
★	"	Class 4A
★	3rd place	Class 6A

WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEKLY AVERAGE

96.9%



This week's
house point
winners



HOUSE POINTS		
House	Class	Points
Artists	RA, RB	1790 ★
Musicians	1A, 1B, 2A	1208
Explorers	2B, 3A, 3B	1282
Scientists	4A, 4B, 6B	1279
Inventors	5A, 5B, 6A	1220

Artists
Astonishing!

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.

MORNING ROUTINE



HAND GEL IN SCHOOL

A REMINDER THAT CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BRING HAND GEL IN TO SCHOOL. WE ARE AWARE THAT, IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH CORONAVIRUS, YOU MAY BE GIVING IT TO YOUR CHILD AS AN EXTRA PRECAUTION HOWEVER, THE ADVICE IS THAT HAND GEL SHOULD BE USED ONLY WHERE THERE IS NO ACCESS TO SOAP AND WATER.

ALL CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO SOAP AND WATER AT ALL TIMES AND SO DO NOT NEED TO USE

SEE PAGES 11 AND 12 FOR GOOD HYGIENE ADVISE AND ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS.

Impact of attendance on your child's learning:

100%	96%	95%	91%	90%	85%
GOOD Best chance of success		WORRYING Less chance of success		SERIOUS CONCERNS Not fair on your child	
Of pupils who miss less than 5% of school, 73% achieve five A* to Cs, GCSEs including English and Maths.		Of pupils who miss between 10% - 20% of school, only 35% manage to achieve five A* to C GCSEs, including English and Maths.			

Requests for Absence

HOLIDAYS – as a school we are **not permitted** to authorise any holidays taken outside of the term dates. The termly dates can be found on our website, newsletters or via the school office. These are published at the end and start of each school year. Any absence taken for holidays, will be coded as **UNAUTHORISED**.

If you require leave from school, for whatever reason, you must obtain a '**request form**' from the school office. It is appreciated if requests are made **prior** to any arrangements being made.

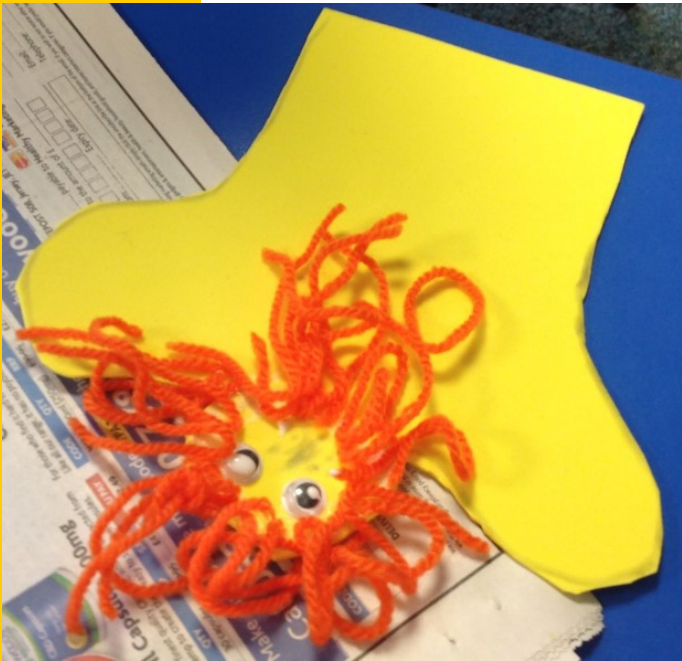


Year 3 made interesting shapes for their dance.



Mrs. Scargill says,
"How did you measure using your feet?" :)"





This week in class 1 we made our story character puppets from all the different stories that we have shared in our topic of stories from round the world.



Class 5B have written some letters regarding climate change, using persuasive language. A special mention goes to Klaudia, Logan, David and Nicola. Here are some examples.

.....“Why are you still using plastic bags? Why are you so cruel to our nature and animals? We urge you to invest in using paper bags just like Morrison’s or Primark.

We are hoping to get a response to this letter and we hope we persuaded you to change from plastic to cardboard or paper. Hopefully you will try to help us.”

“We are Year 5 at Victoria Primary Academy in Wellingborough.

As part of our learning in English we have been researching about climate change and we are aware that our future will be destroyed, so stop using plastic.

Our class has started to understand the effects of plastic upon our environment and we are willing to change! Are you?”



“Every child, no matter their educational background or their personal experiences should have the chance to enjoy reading. Sadly, not every child does. World Book Day is an amazing initiative, ensuring that every child can feel included and have a book of their own.”

Matthew Syed



AMAZING AUDIOBOOKS—FREE TO STREAM!

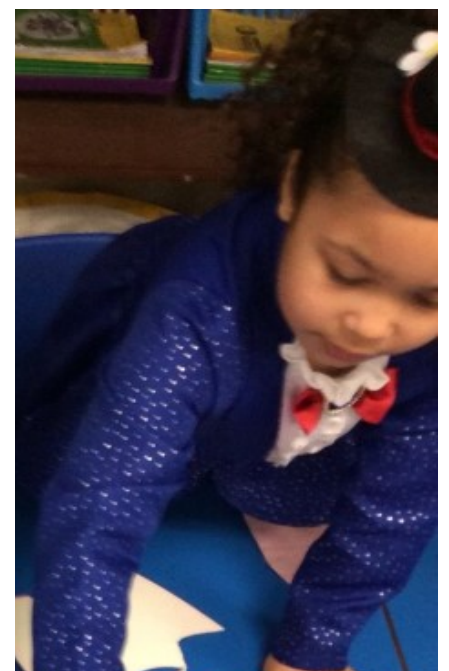
Encourage children to **listen to stories being read aloud**—even for just 10 minutes a day, to **positively affect** their own reading skills, allow them to access a wider variety of books and **bring the characters to life**.

From 27th February—29th March, these marvellous stories will be available for teachers, parents and carers to stream for **FREE**.

worldbookday.com/world-of-stories



Even World Book Day characters need to practice their violins and cellos!





Can you guess some of our costumes?



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

5 MARCH 2020



HAND HYGIENE

Good hand and respiratory hygiene include:

Coughing and Sneezing

- Encourage your children to sneeze into a tissue
- Dispose of dirty tissues in the bin and
- Wash their hands with soap and water thoroughly

Hand Hygiene

- Wash hands with soap and water or a hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available
- Wash hands with soap and water before cooking and eating
- Wash hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser on arrival to school
- Wash hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser after using the toilet
- Wash hands with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser before leaving school

What is the school doing to improve hygiene?

All academies have increased their hygiene regimes with their cleaning contractors and schools are briefing all students on good hygiene.

- **PHE Guidance on Specified countries and areas with implications for returning travellers or visitors arriving in the UK** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas-with-implications-for-returning-travellers-or-visitors-arriving-in-the-uk#italy>
- **GOV UK – Latest information and advice COVID 19** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public#number-of-cases>
- **NHS Common Questions FAQ's** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/common-questions/>

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Frequently Asked Questions

- **I have a relative staying from an affected area, do I need to keep my child off school?**

We have had numerous enquiries regarding this situation and the current advice is for you to carry on as normal unless your child has been in direct contact with a confirmed case. Where this may be the case, Public Health England will provide advice and guidance. If you have any concerns, please call NHS 111, or seek guidance from the government agencies.

- **My child has visited a country where there are confirmed cases but has no symptoms. Do I need to keep my child off school?**

As this information is updating daily you need to consult the government website listed below for advice on whether self-isolation is required. Please call NHS 111 should you have further concerns.

- **Can I send my child into school wearing a face mask?**

No. Face masks play a very important role in places like hospitals, but there is very little evidence of widespread benefit for members of the public.

- **My child has been in direct contact with a confirmed case, do I need to keep them at home?**

The current guidance is to immediately isolate your child and call NHS 111.

- **My child is due to go on a school trip, should I still let them go?**

Please speak to your individual academy for further advice on upcoming trips.

- **My child has been in direct contact with a suspected or unconfirmed case, do I need to keep them at home?**

Please call NHS 111 for advice as the recommendations are changing daily.

- **Is the academy able to provide advice and guidance on how the virus could impact my child who has asthma or another pre-existing medical condition?**

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any medical advice. Each individual child will need to seek medical advice by calling NHS 111. Parents should be aware advice given to one child may differ to another child with the same medical condition.

- **Is there any guidance on handwashing that I can teach my child at home?**

Yes, the DfE have provided a useful poster which is available on the following link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/869250/Coronavirus_advice_for_educational_settings_poster.pdf

Year 2 SATs information meeting for parents.

Monday, 9th March
2.30 – 3.00pm

Letters have been sent home with full details



Friday
13th March

We will be holding our Sport Relief day and the children can come to school in sport related clothes.

We are now selling Sport Relief wristbands, which cost £1 each.



Year 3

Trip to West Lodge Farm

Wednesday, 11th March 2020

Please return consent forms and payment if you haven't already done so.



Please return your sponsorship form with donations to the school office by Friday 13th March.

If you are not able to fundraise in advance, please make a donation on the day of £1.00 or more.

Year 3

Strings Concert

You are invited to come and watch your child perform in a concert on

Thursday, 19th March 2020

at 2.15pm

The children have been working extremely hard and are very excited to share their musical learning with you.



HOT DINNER BOOKINGS

If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel their lunch booking if you have pre-booked. If a meal is ordered but not taken, you will still be charged.

3.15—4.30pm

Code Club	Monday, 9th March	Scratch—rock band
Free Play	Tuesday, 10th March	Making a puppet
Cooking	Wednesday, 11th March	Pizza
Gardening	Thursday, 12th March	Growing a sunflower
Craft and sewing	Friday, 13th March	Making a bookmark



**MIXED
FOOTBALL
CLUB**

MONDAY

3.15—4.30

From 2nd March

For 5 weeks

**BASKETBALL
CLUB**

TUESDAY

3.15—4.30

From 3rd March

For 5 weeks

**SKIPPING
CLUB**

THURSDAY

3.15- 4.30

From 27th Feb

For 6 weeks

**GYMNASTICS
CLUB**

FRIDAY

3.15- 4.30

From 5th March

For 5 weeks

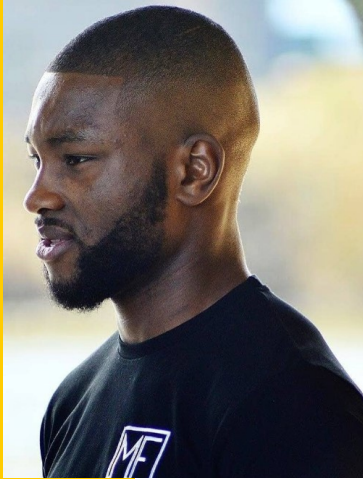
High praise for our **after-school basketball team**, as the coach from All Star Sports, James Biel, said they had all been **superb** during this week's club.

"They played extremely well together and demonstrated excellent behaviour. This meant we all thoroughly enjoyed the session.

A special mention went to Julia and Janet for determination and great team work. Well done!

There are still spaces available for Basketball Club after school on Tuesdays from 3.15—4.30pm. Also for Football Club on Mondays from 3.15—4.30pm.





We welcomed Derrick 'Delboy' Osaze to our school today.

As an amateur, Derrick won 2 national titles and 1 East Midlands title. He narrowly missed out on becoming a member of the England squad due to injury. He was also in contention to represent Nigeria and attempt to qualify for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, after receiving a call up from the national head coach. He had to pass on this opportunity to concentrate on finishing his Master's degree first!

He has since turned professional and holds a boxing record of 10-0-0.

Prior to the visit Derrick said "I am excited to meet and inspire your school". The children had a fantastic time working with Derrick who completed an inspirational assembly and later completed a Fitness Circuit and Growth Mind set workshop with each year group.

