

# **Victoria Primary Academy** Neekly Newsletter

### Autumn Term

# It's a rather blustery day

Friday, 25th September 2020

We've certainly had some cold and blustery days this week!

Don't forget to label all items of clothing the children bring in to school, including hats, coats, scarves and gloves.

Lunch boxes and water bottles should also be named please.

Our school catering provider is



Ask at the school office if you are not registered to book your child's meals online or if you think you might be entitled to free school meals.

## Free school meals - what is it and can I get it?

If you have children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to free school meals, regardless of your household income.

From year 3 onwards your children could get free lunches at school if you are receiving certain benefits. Ask at the school office for details.

School meals are a great choice, but if you do make a packed lunch for your child then we have some great ideas for you on page 8. There are more recipes and tips on the "Change for Life" website. https:// www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthierlunchboxes





### **Diary Dates**

Once again this year the Fluenz nasal vaccination is being offered to all primary age children from Reception through to and including Year 6.

Information and guidance will be sent to parents and parental consent will be gained electronically.

Our confirmed date of immunisation sessions is Wednesday 18/11

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## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	
Miss Gent	RB	
Mrs Walmsley/Mrs Hensman	1A	
Miss Proctor	1B	
Mrs Giles	2A	
Mr. Tyson	2B	
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	
Mrs Chauhan	3B	
Miss Newell	4A	100%
Miss Huckin/Mrs Harding	4B	
Mrs Embling	5A	
Miss Cox	5B	
Mrs Wall	6A	
Mrs Stevenson	6B	

	Gold award	Class 4A
$\sum_{i=1}^{n}$	Silver award	Class RB
	Bronze award	Class 2B

# whole school weekly average **95.3%**



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## **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.

If your child is not able to attend school, please telephone to inform us by 9.00am

01933 223323.

YEAR	SCHOOL TIMES	
Year 1 and 2	9:00-3:00	
Year 3 and 4	9:15-3:15	
Year 5 and 6	8:45-2:45	

If you have children in both Year 3 or 4 and in Year 5 or 6 this means your children are starting and finishing school 30 minutes apart from each other.

To help you with this we are providing supervision for your children before and after school if you require it. This is only available for those families who have children in both Year 3 or 4 and in Year 5 or 6.

Ask at the office if you would like more information.

## **COVID-19 GUIDANCE**

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

#### **Main symptoms**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What will happen if my child is unwell at school with COVID-19 symptoms?

- If your child is exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, they will be isolated from the rest of the school as a precautionary measure.
- A member of staff will stay with them the member of staff will wear PPE.
- The school will use a touch-free thermometer to measure your child's body temperature.
- You will be called and instructed to collect your child immediately.
- All areas used by your child will be thoroughly cleaned.

You will be instructed to follow government guidance <u>Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed</u> <u>coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u>

You should arrange for your child to have a test to confirm whether they have COVID-19. Information on how to get a test is available on the NHS website <u>Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus</u>

- You will need to provide evidence of the test result to the school.
- Your child will be able to return to school once it is safe for them to do so, in accordance with Government guidance.

What will happen if my child or someone in my family contracts COVID-19?

If your child or a member of your household has COVID-19 symptoms, your child MUST NOT come to school and you must follow the government guidance as above.

The member of the household with symptoms MUST get tested. Information on how to get a test is available on the NHS website <u>Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus</u>

If they test positive, then the Government's Test and Trace rules MUST be followed. Information on the Test and Trace system is available on the NHS website - <u>Testing and Tracing for coronavirus</u>

• If they test negative, then the child may return to school if they no longer have a temperature and are well enough to be at school.

Your child <u>does not need a test</u> if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss or change in sense of smell or taste.

Get a test online on GOV.UK or you can call 119 to book a test if you are not able to use the internet.

USE THE 111 ONLINE SERVICE IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT SYMPTOMS OR NOT SURE WHAT TO DO. Do not go to a GP surgery, hospital or pharmacy.

		FANTASTIC VICTASTIC AWARDS		
Mrs Holmes	RA	Hannah Mahara for settling into school so well and for confidently beginning to form friendships with her peers. Kaenan Taylor for having a fantastic week at school, adjusting to routines and making friends!		
Miss Gent	RB	<ul> <li>Happy Mahara for growing in confidence and adjusting to school life over the past few days of school.</li> <li>Ofelia Maszkowska for following instructions and seeking out to support her friends in class to practice mindfulness!</li> </ul>		
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Hensman	ıА	Kornelia Bendyk for her lovely writing in her growing up book. She took great care to make sure it was well presented. David Iordache for his amazing work in phonics. He has spotted special friends and explained what two letters make the special friend.		
Miss Proctor	1B	<ul> <li>Paulina Przyplot for helping our new friend settle into the class and for showing kindness and compassion.</li> <li>Kuba Kosz for outstanding work in English, demonstrating concentration and determination when completing our Zig Zag books.</li> </ul>		
Mrs Giles	2A	<b>Izabela Jabaji</b> for demonstrating good listening skills and always trying her best. <b>Habiba Khanom</b> for paying special attention to detail whilst using pastels to create an excellent picture in Art.		
Mr. Tyson	2B	<b>Gloria Pop</b> for being an excellent role model and always trying her best. <b>Pippa Parke</b> for taking lots of pride in her work and challenging herself to learn new skills.		
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	Roza Stankiewicz for being an excellent role model and showing perseverance in class. Kacper Kaminski for being ready to learn and supporting his peers.		
Mrs Chauhan	зВ	<b>Phoebe Maxwell and Tobias Moreton,</b> both for great listening and participation in class.		
Miss Newell	4A	Laila Maple for showing perseverance with place value in Maths this week. Mason Bibby for sharing lots of interesting information with the class throughout the week, including facts about monks during RE.		
Miss Huckin Mrs Harding	4B	Ruby Maple for showing perseverance and not giving up when she has found things challenging this week. Jessica Gent for showing perseverance with her maths this week and taking responsibility for her learning.		
Mrs Embling	5A	<b>Can Ucer</b> for his fantastic effort in both maths and English. <b>Costance Mastroianni</b> for always listening carefully and trying her best.		
Miss Cox	5B	Ellie Reynolds for always working hard in every subject. Icon Adjei for being incredibly helpful in the classroom.		
Mrs Wall	6A	Safa Ali and Farhad Iddriss both for being great class experts and helping others in RE this week.		
Mrs Stevenson	6B	<b>Joshua Russell and Charlie Stewart</b> for learning their times tables and regularly achieving 100% in "Beat your Score".		

## P.T.A. NEWS

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## PUMPKIN DECORATING COMPETITION

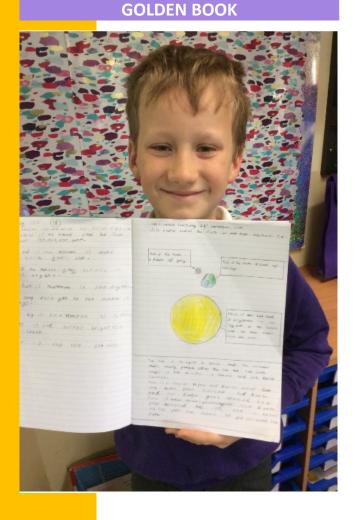


Once again this year we will be asking you to get Creative with a pumpkin!

You Can paint in, Carve it, use googly eyes and glitter, make it into an alien or a Cute little Creature —the possibilities are endless!

The winning entry from each year group will get a fabulous Hallowe'en Hamper!

More information to follow.....



# Mrs Scargill's GOLDEN BOOK

## Emils Bazely, Class 6A

Emils has worked very hard and has independently produced a piece of work for which he has not only thought about the information he's gathered, but also how to present it.

Well done Emils!

# Children First Northamptonshire

## **COUNTYWIDE NEWS**

## Strong Start Team – brand new webpages

The Strong Start team is a group of qualified and experienced early years professionals contracted by Public Health to deliver universal services to families with babies and children under 5. We work closely with the Health Visiting and Infant Feeding teams across Northamptonshire to support families and also signpost to local services and interventions for more targeted support.

In September 2019 we started delivering a selection of programmes for families with children under five across the county which stopped when the UK went into lockdown in March. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Strong Start team have transformed the way we work with families. We now offer low level family support on an individual basis and help with subjects including sleep, toilet training, behaviour management, speech delay and introducing solids.

Families can contact us directly and we receive referrals from Northamptonshire Health Visiting Team, Early Help and other local agencies who work with pre-school children. We can work with any family with a child under five living in Northamptonshire.

You can visit our brand new web pages at <u>Strong Start</u> <u>Northamptonshire</u> which includes links to two new online video series, covering School Readiness and Keeping your child safe. There will be more added in the near future, the next ones are about keeping healthy and active with your family.

If you would like to hear more about the service and how we could support families you work with please contact the team on 07880136070 or email <u>strongstartteam@northamptonshire.gov.uk</u> you can also follow us on Facebook or Instagram.



## Esol Courses Online (English to Speakers of Other Languages)

Adult learning have a 'register your interest' link up and running. Potential learners will be asked to do an initial assessment before being offered the best groups for them and the courses will start w/b 7<sup>th</sup> September. Just as a reminder, the course is free for those with income under £17,004 per year.

Please visit <u>Northamptonshire Adult</u> Learning Register Your Interest - ESOL

## Living and Working in the UK

This course is designed to help you to understand the key elements of the British society and will teach you the core aspects of living in the UK. To register your interest please visit Northamptonshire Adult Learning Register your interest Living and Working in the UK

## Keeping Families Safe Online

Are your children active online more and more? Want to learn about how to keep them safe online? Then this course is for you, learn ways to report concerns, how to use parental controls and lots more to help keep your family safe online. To register your interest please visit <u>Northamptonshire Adult learning Register</u> Your Interest Keeping Families safe Online

## **NOTICEBOARD**

**Parents / carers of pupils in year 6** who are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2021 are reminded that the closing date for applications is **5pm on 31st October 2020**. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you apply for a secondary school place for your child and that this is received before the closing date. A late application will mean that the chance of getting one of your preferred schools is greatly reduced.

## How to apply:

PREMIER LEAGUE

By using the Northamptonshire Citizen Portal at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions where you will also find all information needed when applying for a secondary school place.

If you need help to apply, speak to our school office.

School places are **not** automatically allocated to a child even if there is an older brother or sister attending a secondary school or you live in an area linked to a particular school.

Prospectuses from Hatton, Wren and Huxlow Science College have been sent home with our Year 6 students this week and we will deliver others as we get them.

Please note: the deadline for applying for the Hatton ICT aptitude test is next Friday 2nd October, with the test taking place on from 4.00pm on Thursday 8th October.

**FREE FOOTBALL COACHING!** 

Are you interested in coming to play football and receive football coaching free of charge?

We will soon be re-starting our Premier League Kicks site in Wellingborough! Make sure you come and join us from the 10th September!

Every Thursday from 5:00pm to 7:00pm we will be at:

MUGA on Nest Farm Cresent, Hemmingwell Estate, Wellingborough, NN8 4TU

#### SCHOOL YEARS 5-6 IS 5:00pm - 6:00pm SCHOOL YEARS 7-13 IS 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Due to COVID-19 regulations, participants **MUST** register in advance at: ntfccommunity.co.uk/pl-kicks

For any Premier League Kicks enquiries please call us on 07848473528.





Wellingborough



An urgent reminder to families that cars, including taxis, must not come through the barrier onto the school site when bringing in and collecting children each day.

Please park sensibly and safely on the streets, remembering that families and some unaccompanied older children will be using the walkways.

## Packed lunch ideas and top tips.

Thinking of exciting and healthy packed lunches can be a daily challenge, so here are some simple and yummy ideas to see your children through their school day!

Delicious pasta salads



Favourite Filled wraps

Tasty pitta pockets

Perfect Pizza





Super Sandwiches



Add some fruit or salad





Top Tips Plan your weekly packed lunch ideas

- in advance.
- Get your children involved in helping to prepare their lunch.

Add something else such as popcorn, rice cakes or yoghurt









Finish with a drink such as water or pure fruit juice.

If you would like some support or more suggestions for providing a healthy lunch box for your child, please contact our Inclusion Team via the school office.

## PE Timetable—2020/21

	YEAR	PLAYGROUND	MUGA
MONDAY	Year 1 Year 2	11:20—12:05	1:45—2:30
	Year 6	1:45—2:30	
TUESDAY	Year 3		11:20—12:05
	Year 4	1:45—2:30	
WEDNESDAY	Year 3	1:45—2:30	
	Year 5		1:45—2.30
THURSDAY	Year2	11:20—12:05	
	Year 6		1:45—2:30
FRIDAY	Year 1		1:45—2:30
	Year 4		11:20—12.05
	Year 5	1:45—2:30	

Please make sure that your child has their full kit in school on the days they are scheduled to do PE.

It is a good idea for children to bring PE kit to school on Mondays and leave it in their classrooms until Friday, when they may take it home to be washed, bringing it back again on the Monday.

*Please note the addition of Year 5 on Wednesday afternoons*