



# Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term

Friday, 2nd October 2020

## Diary Dates

### 5th October

Reception children in school from 9.00am— 12.45pm, including lunch

### 12th October

Reception children in school from 9.00am—3.00pm

### 18th November

Fluenz nasal immunization session

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**Thank you to the many families whose children arrive at school on time every day.**

**Being on time is a GREAT START to the day, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning.**

You must arrive at school at the correct times. **You cannot be early or late.**

Our system of staggered starts and finishes enables us to keep you and your children safe by limiting contact with those outside their bubble.

It is essential you and your children arrive and leave at the right time.

*If you arrive at school with your child in the morning after their class allotted time, please bring them to the school office to sign them in. If your child walks to school on their own, please discuss late arrivals with them.*

## Children in classes RA and RB

We are so pleased that our Reception children have settled in to their new classrooms and routines really well. We've been investigating bugs this week!

From next week, all of RA and RB will arrive at school for 9.00am and will stay to spend their lunch time together.

The children are entitled to a universal free school meal, which can be booked in advance on the School Grid website; a link has been sent. Ask at the office if you need help with this.

Alternatively, you can supply a packed lunch—no sweets, nuts or fizzy drinks please.

**Keep well and have a great weekend**

H. Scargill

**Hayley Scargill  
Principal**



The School Aged Immunisation Team will be visiting our school on Wednesday 18th November 2020.

We have sent a letter by Parent Mail regarding the flu programme, including the link to give consent for your child.

***The live consent form will close 7 days before the planned immunisation session so it is important that you complete and submit your form ASAP if you wish for your child to receive the flu vaccination in school.***

We also attached a leaflet explaining in detail the flu vaccination that will be offered to your child. See page 4

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	92.5
Miss Gent	RB	98.7
Mrs Walmsley/Mrs Hensman	1A	97.2
Miss Proctor	1B	97.3
Mrs Giles	2A	95.7
Mr. Tyson	2B	100
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	93.9
Mrs Chauhan	3B	98.6
Miss Newell	4A	96.9
Miss Huckin/Mrs Harding	4B	98.0
Mrs Embling	5A	96.6
Miss Cox	5B	96.6
Mrs Wall	6A	95.3
Mrs Stevenson	6B	98.3

★	Gold award	Class 2B
★	Silver award	Class RB
★	Bronze award	Class 3B

### WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

**96.9**



## 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.

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 your child is not able to attend school, please telephone to inform us by 9.00am  
01933 223323.

If your child arrives late to school, please make sure that they come in through the front office entrance.

### It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school.

There are government guidelines that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

*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.

### Here are some of the most common queries.

#### Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

#### Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore.

Encourage them not to touch the blister while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

#### Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis.

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

#### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cold. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

#### Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

#### Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school for 2 days (48 hours) after their symptoms have gone.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**Your child's annual flu vaccination is now due**

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS.

The vaccination is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, the type of flu can vary each winter so it is recommended to have the flu vaccine again this year or they won't be protected.

**Your child's flu vaccination will be given in school between now and December.**

For specific dates please refer to your school communications.

Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/> for further advice about the vaccination programme and details about the small number of children for whom the nasal vaccine is not appropriate. A leaflet explaining the vaccination programme is also attached.

While COVID-19 is in circulation, the healthcare team and school will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine.

**Please follow the link below to complete the consent form for your child.**

**<https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/flu>**

**Please ensure you submit your form prior to the deadline to ensure your child receives their vaccination in school. Once the deadline closes you will only be able to access the vaccination from a community catch up clinic. If you do not want your child to receive the flu vaccination you are not required to submit the consent form.**

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools had the immunisation

If you have any queries please contact the School Aged Immunisation Team on

**0300 111 1022 (option 4).**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**Please inform us immediately if any of the following occurs:**

- If your child is unwell or has been off school in the 48 hours prior to vaccination.
- If your child has a temperature the day before or on the day of vaccination.
- If your child has been wheezy in the 48 hours prior to the vaccination session or they have had their asthma medication increased.
- If your child has taken or been commenced on oral steroids in the 2 weeks prior to the vaccination session.
- If your child has been given the vaccination elsewhere.

**If you need to inform us of any changes on the day of vaccination please contact your child's school.**

**Yours sincerely**

**School Aged Immunisation Team**

## FANTASTIC VICTASTIC AWARDS

Mrs Holmes	RA	<p><b>Alexandra Mutu</b> for her attitude towards learning and her peers. Alexandra always try's her best in all activities and is a fantastic friend to others.</p> <p><b>Joel Maxwell</b> for his effort and enthusiasm in phonics this week. Joel always joins in with a smile on his face and he helps and supports his peers.</p>
Miss Gent	RB	<p><b>James Telford</b> for his enthusiasm for school and his learning this week, showing great co-operation, following adult instructions and beginning to listen to the thoughts of his peers.</p> <p><b>Jennifer Loasby-Rice</b> for always having a smile on her face! Jennifer is also beginning to communicate with her peers and supporting adults with increasing confidence.</p>
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Hensman	1A	<p><b>Ismaeel Ali</b> has done some fantastic reading this week. He read all the names of his class and read some green words that were being used in a different group.</p> <p><b>Vanesa Jurlovaite</b> for Fred talking and then writing words in her phonics group.</p>
Miss Proctor	1B	<p><b>Dawid Hulboj</b> for outstanding contribution in R.E, both answering and asking brilliant questions.</p> <p><b>Vivien Runiewicz-Mika</b> for fantastic independent work in Mathematics this week and for challenging herself with our greater than, less than and equal too concepts.</p>
Mrs Giles	2A	<p><b>Alyssa Alexis</b> for excellent reading and writing in Phonics.</p> <p><b>Martyna Twardowska</b> for showing increasing confidence towards participation in lessons.</p>
Mr. Tyson	2B	<p><b>Arjun Ashar</b> for thinking of some excellent suggestions when participating in our group discussions.</p> <p><b>Anabia Syeda</b> for being an excellent role model and supporting other children to make positive choices.</p>
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	<p><b>Vitalie Bivol</b> for working really hard and showing great friendship.</p> <p><b>Wendy Amofah</b> for trying hard to improve in all areas and showing the school values.</p>
Mrs Chauhan	3B	<p><b>Jagoda Maszkowska</b> for settling in really well in her new class.</p> <p><b>Jessie Dwane</b> for always doing the right thing and following instructions.</p>
Miss Newell	4A	<p><b>Freddie Garcia Davis</b> for showing perseverance with his writing and showing initiative by creating independent sentences using proper nouns.</p> <p><b>Izabela Savu</b> for consistently showing patience and cooperation with her classmates. You are a great role model for your peers.</p>
Miss Huckin Mrs Harding	4B	<p><b>Alenei Deja</b> for an amazing attitude to her maths work – it's been great to see you working so hard!</p> <p><b>Adam Peach</b> for his boundless enthusiasm in all he does – your positivity is infectious!</p>
Mrs Embling	5A	<p><b>Mary Masanzu</b> for always working hard and trying her best.</p> <p><b>Kyla Dorsett-Frederick</b> for showing perseverance with learning to round numbers up to one million.</p>
Miss Cox	5B	<p><b>Emily Moore</b> for her positive attitude and determination in English and maths.</p> <p><b>Kacper Styczynski</b> for showing good behaviours for learning.</p>
Mrs Wall	6A	<p><b>David Catana</b> for working hard in maths lessons and improving his reasoning skills.</p> <p><b>Zuzanna Radlo</b> for having a great attitude to her learning and always trying her best.</p>
Mrs Stevenson	6B	<p><b>Oliver Glebecki</b> for working hard on his maths reasoning skills.</p> <p><b>Amira Uddin</b> for engaging in the home learning tasks and trying her best.</p>





# PTA

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND JOIN OUR PTA

Why not join the PTA Facebook group to keep up to date with the latest school and fundraising activities?

Search for Victoria Primary Academy PTA and answer the questions to get added to the group!

### Why should I join the school PTA?

- **Make a difference**—the money we raise benefits the children at the school by providing them with resources, equipment and experiences
- **Help your child to achieve**—The more involvement you have with your child's education, the better.
- **Use your skills**—Whether you can, bake cakes, manage money or come up with new fundraising ideas, your skills are valuable to our school.
- **Have fun!** - It really can be great fun helping with



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/293177747955365/>

## P.T.A. 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. . . . .

**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**.

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.

Information from Weavers Academy and Wollaston School regarding tours and open events has been sent via Parent Mail this week.

**IF YOU ARE NOT SURE HOW TO APPLY OR NEED SOME SUPPORT, SPEAK TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

The application process for starting primary/infant school, or transferring from infant to junior school, in September 2021 is now open.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on 15 January 2021.

## Warm clothing.

The colder weather is definitely here to stay! The children should now be coming to school in warm coats and winter shoes—they will all be going out at break and lunch times.

They also need warm jogging bottoms for P.E.—all lessons are outside.

Please name each item of clothing. Thank you.



## Nut free school

Peanut allergy is one of the most common food allergies in children.

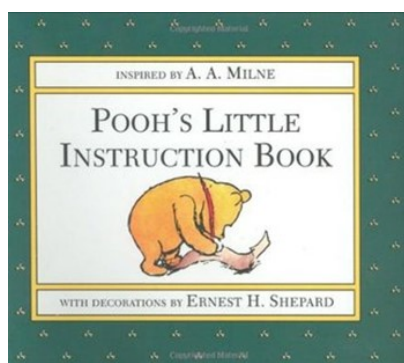
We have children in school who suffer from severe nut allergy and so **it is vital that we do not have nuts in school in any form, either in lunch boxes or brought in as treats.**

Some examples of products containing nuts and therefore not allowed in lunch boxes are:

- Peanut butter
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars/Muesli bars
- Some granola bars
- Some cakes, cookies and biscuits
- Some Asian food, including satay
- Baklava
- All types of nut

The list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We are making regular checks on the children's lunches to ensure these rules are being followed.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to share out boxes of chocolates brought in to celebrate birthdays if any of the sweets inside contain nuts, and these will have to be returned home unopened. Thank you for your support.



## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference."

~ A. A. Milne, Pooh's Little Instruction Book

# PE Timetable—2020/21

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES- DAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Year 1</b>	11:20—12:05				1:45—2:20
<b>Year 2</b>	1:45—2:30			11:20—12:05	
<b>Year 3</b>		11:20—12:05	1:45—2:30		
<b>Year 4</b>		1:45—2:30			11:20—12:05
<b>Year 5</b>			1:45—2:30		1:45—2:30
<b>Year 6</b>	1:45—2:30			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 best if children bring their PE kit to school on Mondays and leave it in their classrooms until Friday, when they can take it home to be washed, bringing it back again on Monday.

CLASS	SPORTS CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK
RA	Weronika Mielniczuk for persevering and following instructions whilst playing a group game outside.
RB	Alan Balicki for his perseverance balancing a hoop to roll to a friend to return it back to him, creating a game together.
1A	Kacper Kaliszewski for his participation in traditional playground games.
1B	Kuba Kosz for showing great enthusiasm in his P.E. lessons.
2A	Janis Kaveckis for working hard to improve his throwing and catching technique.
2B	Kenzie Burgess for showing perseverance when practicing his skipping.
3A	Berenika Mielniczuk for listening to and following instructions to improve skills.
3B	Chelston Meade for listening well and following the rules
4A	Wojciech Latusek for great effort learning how to use the PE equipment properly.
4B	Denis Ucer for good demonstrating and being happy to take on new challenges.
5A	Jack Stewart for showing lots of enthusiasm.
5B	Cassius Monroe for taking part in the relay races and listening well to instructions.
6A	Georgia Ekins for gaining in confidence in fast team games this week
6B	Michelle Asare for participation and team work this week.



# PE Kit Reminders

## Dear Parents/ Carers

This is a short update regarding your child's/ children's PE kit.

As I'm sure you're aware, there are currently many restrictions in school to ensure we keep each other safe. We have worked hard to put control measures in place to ensure your child is safe and also to ensure they have the best learning experiences possible.

Your child will participate in 2 PE lessons per week. PE lessons are currently being held outside for both of these lessons, either on the MUGA or the playground. For this reason, we are going to make some changes to our PE kit expectations for the benefit of the children.

Every child's PE kit should consist of:

- 1 Purple Victoria T-Shirt.
- 1 Pair of Black Shorts.
- 1 Pair of Black plimsolls or trainers.

It is really important that your child comes to school every Monday with their PE kit, these will be sent home every Friday to be washed. It is also really important that any jewellery, earrings or ear studs are removed before your child comes to school.

Following guidelines, we have made the decision to move our PE lessons and any other active learning outside. As we are entering the colder months, we want to ensure all of our children are warm and comfortable when participating in PE.

For this reason, we are asking children to wear a school jumper (and sometimes a coat) when participating in PE.

Can you please add **1 Pair of black jogging bottoms** to your child's PE kit. Alternatively, if more convenient, we are happy for your child to wear a tracksuit (top and bottoms) to participate in PE. This can be placed in your child's PE bag.

It also really important that your child is wearing a school jumper and coat when they arrive at school each day to ensure they are warm, comfortable and have every opportunity to explore and enjoy our outdoor areas.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Tyson