



# Weekly Newsletter

## Diary Dates

Wednesday  
16th December  
**Christmas  
Jumper Day**

Thursday,  
17th December  
**Last day of term**

Autumn Term

Friday, 11th December 2020

On Wednesday, 16th December, the children may wear a festive jumper to school, in addition to their usual school uniform.

Please bring a £1.00 donation for the charity "Save the Children".



### Last day of term

I hope you have all had an opportunity to read the ParentMail I sent out earlier this week. Just a quick recap and for anyone who has not seen it, Victoria Primary Academy will be **not be open on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, meaning **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be the final day of term**.

This is in response to advice from the Department for Education, to minimise the burden of test and trace falling on schools over the Christmas period. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this change—please contact the school office if you have any questions



***We had some very special visitors this week*** - reindeer, Lilly and Star, came to see us. They are both girls and we learnt that they lose their antlers during the spring.

The children were very excited and wanted to know if they could fly. Apparently, they only fly on Christmas Eve, after they have eaten lots of carrots and when Santa has sprinkled them with some magic dust!

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Enjoy your weekend,

H. Scargill

Hayley Scargill, Principal

**LAST DAY OF TERM  
THURSDAY, 17TH DECEMBER**

## MEDICINES

Medicines prescribed by a doctor can be given 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 or leave a message on Parent Mail.

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## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	99.3
Miss Gent	RB	94.2
Mrs Walmsley/Mrs Hensman	1A	97.6
Miss Proctor	1B	97.2
Mrs Giles	2A	96.4
Mr. Tyson	2B	97.7
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	98.2
Mrs Chauhan	3B	97.2
Miss Mataria	4A	99.3
Miss Huckin/Mrs Harding	4B	98.0
Mrs Embling	5A	95.6
Miss Cox	5B	95.8
Mrs Wall	6A	94.4
Mrs Stevenson	6B	96.7

★	Gold award	4A
★	Gold award	RA
★	Silver award	3A
★	Bronze award	2B



### WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

**97.0%**

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



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

### What are the current rules around school absence?

From the beginning of the Autumn term 2020, pupil attendance at school is compulsory, and the usual rules concerning attendance apply. This means that parents have a legal obligation to ensure their child attends school regularly. The school has a responsibility to record the attendance of pupils and follow up on any absence, and sanctions such as fines may be issued if parents fail their obligations. However, pupils will not be counted as absent where they cannot attend school for reasons related to coronavirus.

### Can I take my child out of school during term-time for a holiday?

You may not take your child out of school during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances that require you to take this holiday—for example, the funeral of a family member, or illness. If you go abroad, please bear in mind that you may have to quarantine for 14 days before being able to return to school.

### Requesting a leave of absence

If you need to request permission for absence, you must do so by making a formal Request for Leave of Absence, a form which is available from the school office. **You must also submit evidence that supports the reasons for the absence no later than 21 days before you plan for your child to be absent from school. It will be for the head teacher to determine how long the child may be away from school.**

### What happens if my Request for Leave of Absence is denied?

If your request is denied, you may not take your child out of school. If you choose to do so, your child's absence from school will be marked as 'not authorised'. Where you continue to take your child out of school, or where your child is absent from school for more than the permitted number of days, you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice by the local authority.

The Fixed Penalty Notice is £60 per parent, per pupil. If you fail to pay the Fixed Penalty Notice within 21 days, this will increase to £120. Where you do not pay within 28 days, you could receive a summons to attend the Magistrates Court.

# FANTASTIC VICTASTIC AWARDS

<b>Miss Holmes</b>	<b>RA</b>	<p><b>Darius-Florin Mirea</b> for his excellent number line he created independently in Maths this week!</p> <p><b>Weronika Mielniczuk</b> for her letter this week to Santa, writing all of the sounds she could hear in each word independently.</p>
<b>Miss Gent</b>	<b>RB</b>	<p><b>Mikolaj Karpiak</b> for his growing confidence at carpet time this week! Mikolaj is really starting to be confident enough to share his ideas with his peers.</p> <p><b>Marley Simpson</b> for creating his own timeline 1-5 in maths.</p>
<b>Mrs Walmsley</b> <b>Mrs Hensman</b>	<b>1A</b>	<p><b>Alex Petre</b> for his perseverance in RWI, and for his reading using his sounds.</p> <p><b>Jaiden Dholakia</b> for his good input in RE talking about the nativity story.</p>
<b>Miss Proctor</b>	<b>1B</b>	<p><b>Dawid Hulboj</b> for showing pride in his independent writing activity by using tiny teacher writing and writing in full sentences.</p> <p><b>Guy Adjei</b> for showing perseverance and integrity this week in his maths work when writing 8 fact families with addition and subtraction.</p>
<b>Mrs Giles</b>	<b>2A</b>	<p><b>Martyna Twardowska</b> for showing perseverance with her work and trying her best.</p> <p><b>Izabela Jabaji</b> for always listening and working hard on tasks set.</p>
<b>Mr. Tyson</b>	<b>2B</b>	<p><b>Mohammad Haidari</b> for working hard to improve his handwriting skills.</p> <p><b>Mohapi Thulare-Fatrah</b> for demonstrating brilliant counting skills when finding totals of different coins.</p>
<b>Mrs O'Mahoney</b>	<b>3A</b>	<p><b>Ethan Harvey</b> for excellent behaviour in class.</p> <p><b>Jithesh Subburam</b> for working hard in maths</p>
<b>Mrs Chauhan</b>	<b>3B</b>	<p><b>Ecaterina Apetrei and Lidia Stankiewicz</b> for great work in Maths and English this week.</p>
<b>Miss Mataria</b>	<b>4A</b>	<p><b>Neo Mackay</b> for improving his focus and participation in lessons.</p> <p><b>Mehnaz Chowdhury</b> for always working hard in lessons.</p>
<b>Miss Huckin</b> <b>Mrs Harding</b>	<b>4B</b>	<p><b>Freddie MacKay</b> for working conscientiously and completing tasks to a high standard.</p> <p><b>Piotr Wojciechowski</b> for his fabulous presentation of his work.</p>
<b>Mrs Embling</b>	<b>5A</b>	<p><b>Iasmina Buriana</b> for her fantastic effort with her reading.</p> <p><b>Mihai Bitu</b> for working hard in maths.</p>
<b>Miss Cox</b>	<b>5B</b>	<p><b>Clementine Malaka</b> for her determination and perseverance in maths.</p> <p><b>Ksawery Sitko</b> for persevering with his assessments.</p>
<b>Mrs Wall</b>	<b>6A</b>	<p><b>Zuzanna Radlo</b> for writing a really good summary of a clip shown in English.</p> <p><b>Xavier Glebecki</b> for excellent fraction work in maths.</p>
<b>Mrs Stevenson</b>	<b>6B</b>	<p><b>Jakub Tarka</b> for his excellent design and production of a Christmas tree boot decoration.</p> <p><b>Kye Burton</b> for his sea creature poem, using figurative language.</p>

# Christmas

We've really enjoyed our Christmas dinners this week! We made party hats to wear and even got to watch the pantomime, 'Cinderella!' after lunch.

What a fabulous time!



Our special visitors, Star and Lilly, were very well behaved and the children really enjoyed seeing them, when they visited us on Tuesday.



***LAST CHANCE TO GUESS THE NAME OF THE  
CHRISTMAS REINDEER.***

***Competition closes at the end of the day  
on Monday, 14th December***

***You could win the reindeer and some  
Christmas goodies! Guess as many times as  
you like, 50p per go!***



The donation pot label competition is now closed! Thank you for your entries.

The winning labels will be put on to the pots which will be used next week to collect donations for Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded next week.



The Christmas tree is looking amazing! Well done everybody for the fabulous decorations you have made to make it look extra festive!



We hope you all enjoyed watching the pantomime this week!



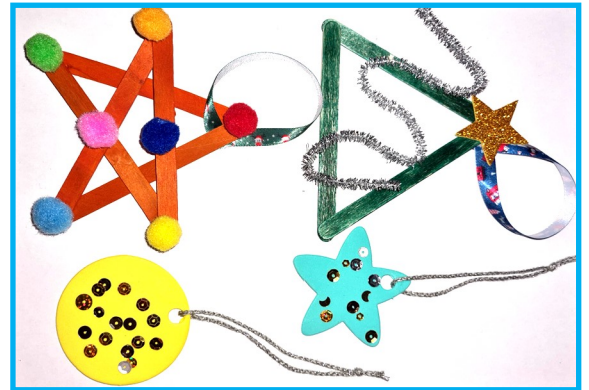
## After School Activity Packs

As we are not able to offer after school clubs at the moment, Mrs Ali has put together some fabulous activity packs for you to purchase for a small charge.

Great stocking fillers!

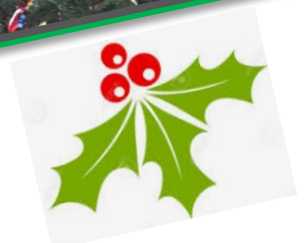
These packs are all available now:-

Yarn wrapped fox	£1
Leaf hedgehog	£1.50
Pokémon pom poms	£1.50
Yarn wrapped hedgehog	£1
Pinecone owl	£1.50
Christmas wreath	£2.00
Tree decorations	£1.50





We had such a great time making decorations for the Christmas tree and we enjoyed hanging them up on the tree. It's amazing to see all the different decorations that everyone has made.



CLASS	SPORTS CHAMPIONS OF THE WEEK
RA	<b>Ernest Plewa</b> for his continued perseverance whilst completing the daily mile.
RB	<b>Emilija Donska</b> for her perseverance during the golden mile this week!
1A	<b>Carter Troughton</b> for developing control during a ball skills lesson.
1B	<b>Vivien Runiewicz-Mika</b> for showing focus and determination to knockout all 5 coloured cones. She adjusted her technique and managed to knock over a cone.
2A	<b>Amelia Zawadzka</b> for her positive attitude towards the daily mile and encouraging others.
2B	<b>Elliot Dally</b> for showing resilience when practicing a chest pass whilst using the rebound frames.
3A	<b>Kacper Kaminski</b> for always showing great enthusiasm in P.E.
3B	<b>Mateusz Barchan</b> for showing great skills in P.E. this week
4A	<b>Lucy Bothamley</b> for encouraging others in P.E.
4B	<b>Ildar Kartasov</b> for his motivation to complete the daily mile.
5A	<b>Kacper Sobotka</b> for his great enthusiasm in P.E.
5B	<b>Fabian Squires</b> for enthusiasm during P.E. and the daily mile.
6A	<b>Farhad Idriss</b> for great stamina in the daily mile.
6B	<b>Joshua Russell</b> for perseverance with the daily mile and increasing his physical stamina.

**Here is a short update regarding PE lessons over the next couple of months.**

PE will continue to take place outside when it is deemed safe to do so. Of course, during the next couple of months there will be days where it will be rather cold outside. The wellbeing of the children is paramount and therefore we want to ensure they are as prepared and comfortable as possible.

Please can you continue to send your child to school with a jumper/ fleece (or both) and a coat each day. This will provide your child/children with an additional layer of clothing (in addition to the updated PE kit uniform).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Thank you for your ongoing support.**

**Mr Tyson,**