



# Weekly Newsletter

## Diary Dates

**18th November**

Fluenz nasal immunization session

**19th November**

Individual photographs



*Decorate your class's donation pot! See PTA news inside.*

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Autumn Term

Friday, 13th November 2020



Remembrance is an ideal time to bring people of all ages and backgrounds together to reflect upon the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces, and to join together in the hope for a brighter, peaceful future.

As the UK's leading Armed Forces charity, The Royal British Legion brings the whole nation together on 11th November every year. Part of their work is to support the teaching of Remembrance across the UK.

Teaching Remembrance is key to understanding how modern diverse Britain was created and the shared heritage of service and sacrifice across all the UK's communities.



Have a lovely weekend,

*H. Scargill*

**Hayley Scargill**  
Principal



Each year for Remembrance, we usually attend the wreath laying ceremony at Sir Christopher Hatton.

This year, we had our own ceremony and four of our year 6 children laid the Victoria wreath in our own Remembrance corner of the library.

*If you are celebrating Diwali this weekend, please take some photos and send to [westrepc@victoriaprimarvacademy.org.uk](mailto:westrepc@victoriaprimarvacademy.org.uk) for next week's newsletter.*

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	98.6
Miss Gent	RB	94.3
Mrs Walmsley/Mrs Hensman	1A	98.9
Miss Proctor	1B	98.7
Mrs Giles	2A	96.3
Mr. Tyson	2B	98.9
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	98.1
Mrs Chauhan	3B	96.0
Miss Mataria	4A	96.5
Miss Huckin/Mrs Harding	4B	98.0
Mrs Embling	5A	100
Miss Cox	5B	99.3
Mrs Wall	6A	95.9
Mrs Stevenson	6B	100

★	Gold award	Class 5A
★	Gold award	Class 6B
★	Gold award	Class 5B
★	Gold award	Class 1A
★	Gold award	Class 2B

### WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

**97.8**



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

### MEDICINES

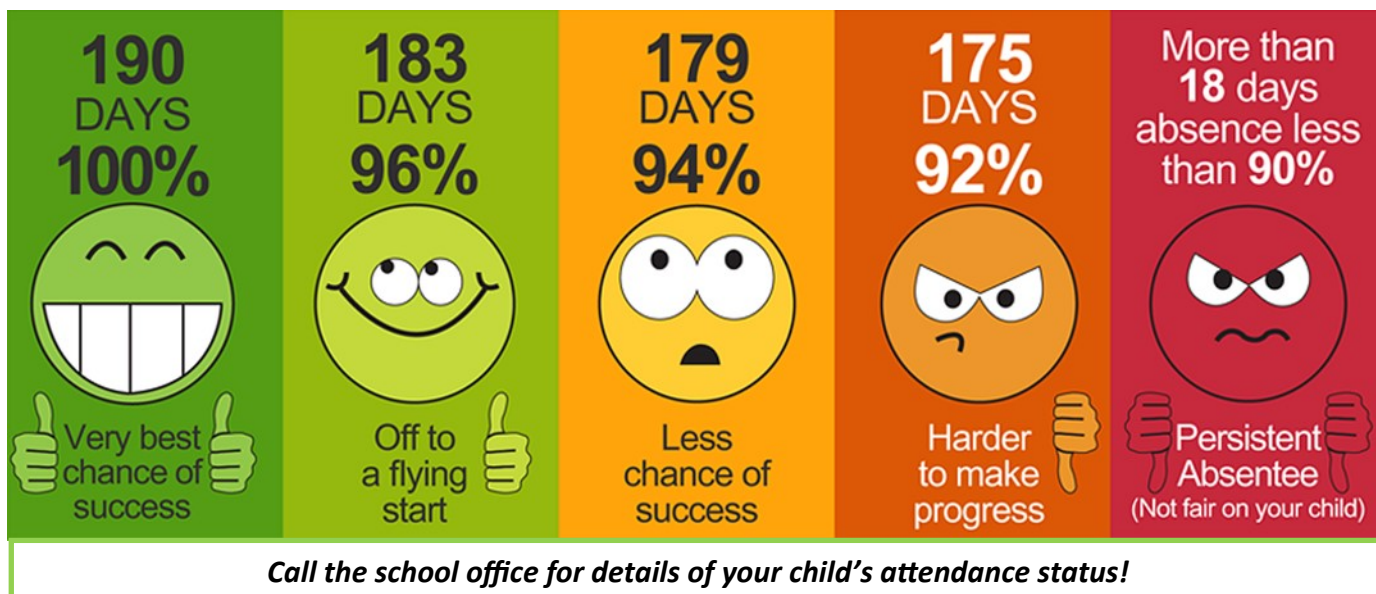
Medicines prescribed by a doctor can be administered at school by a member of staff. The label with the child's name and dosage instructions must be intact and legible. An adult must bring in and collect the medication from the office.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child is not able to attend school, please telephone to inform us by 9.00am or leave a message on ParentMail.

**01933 223323.**



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## Doctors, Dentists and Hospital Appointments

We are noticing that an increasing number of parents are taking children out of school for medical, dental and optical appointments. ***You must avoid making dentist, optician, hospital or GP appointments during school time.*** Many of these appointments are routine and could be made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

If this is not possible you must bring in the appointment letter/card, before the appointment takes place. If you do not have an appointment card, please get one at the appointment and bring it into school afterwards.

**The school will not authorise a medical absence until we have seen a letter or appointment card.**

Please note that routine time off for the opticians is not classed as a medical appointment so will not be authorised.

***In the case of unavoidable appointments, please do not keep your child off for the full day for a half an hour appointment. Children should be brought into school in the morning, picked up again for the appointment and returned to school afterwards.***

Please help us in trying to improve our attendance.

**If you are concerned about punctuality or attendance and would like support, please ask to speak to see one of our Inclusion team or the Attendance Officer.**

# FANTASTIC VICTASTIC AWARDS

Mrs Holmes	RA	<p><b>Kaja Drzewiecka</b> for her amazing effort this week in phonics, writing sounds and words independently!</p> <p><b>Justin Savu</b> for his fantastic effort this week in Maths, recognising and identifying numbers and then matching them to the correct numicon independently!</p>
Miss Gent	RB	<p><b>Ada Styczynska</b> for trying really hard in phonics in this week and I can clearly see how hard she is trying with her letter formation! Well Done Ada :)</p> <p><b>Emilija Donska</b> for her amazing attitude to learning, always with a smile on her face!</p>
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Hensman	1A	<p><b>Hashir Khan</b> for his amazing home learning!</p> <p><b>Kyle Dennis</b> for his amazing wolf puppet this week!</p>
Miss Proctor	1B	<p><b>Daisy-Mai McKellar</b> for her persistence in phonics and for showing pride in her work in this weeks connected curriculum handwriting.</p> <p><b>Gheorghe Bivol</b> for brilliant engagement and participation in this week's science lesson on 'everyday materials' naming a material one of its properties.</p>
Mrs Giles	2A	<p><b>Xenia Apetrei</b> for excellent work in Maths adding 2-digit and 1-digit numbers cross tens.</p> <p><b>Hudayfah Ali</b> for completing all home learning tasks to excellent standard.</p>
Mr. Tyson	2B	<p><b>Parker Lacey</b> for demonstrating an eagerness to learn about our Great Fire of London topic.</p> <p><b>Emilija Babure</b> for showing perseverance using different addition and subtraction methods in Maths.</p>
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	<p><b>Tyler Bordas</b> for great concentration and focus when creating his box room.</p> <p><b>David Grabarek</b> for perseverance in art and working hard in maths to complete his work.</p>
Mrs Chauhan	3B	<p><b>Zibah Botwe and Mateusz Barchan</b> for great behaviour and working hard.</p>
Miss Mataria	4A	<p><b>Lucia Puntrello</b> for consistently following the class rules and showing great focus in class</p> <p><b>Jessica Martin</b> for consistently following the class rules and always doing her best.</p>
Miss Huckin Mrs Harding	4B	<p><b>Deniz Ucer</b> for showing school values at all times</p> <p><b>Blazej Kalinowski</b> for showing perseverance and patience in everything he does</p>
Mrs Embling	5A	<p><b>Keira O'Hara</b> for always working hard in every lesson.</p> <p><b>Aayan Elahi</b> for always showing an excellent attitude to his learning.</p>
Miss Cox	5B	<p><b>Shabana Yasmeen and Joseph Flint</b> for their determination and great work making paper lanterns.</p>
Mrs Wall	6A	<p><b>Georgia Ekins</b> for great work in her balanced argument.</p> <p><b>Igor Kaszteranda</b> for great perseverance in maths problem solving tasks.</p>
Mrs Stevenson	6B	<p><b>Dominic Jursa</b> for consistently producing home learning of a good standard.</p> <p><b>James Standing</b> for his application of mathematical knowledge to problem solving.</p>

## Victoria P.T.A. Competition time!

**"Design a logo for your class donation pot"**

- You must fill the whole label
- It must include the words "Victoria P.T.A"
- It must include your class name - e.g. 2A, 2B, 5A etc.
- Make it bright and colourful - use Crayons, wax Crayons or felt pens, glitter and decorations
- Keep it as neat as possible

**The theme for your design is**

**"AUTUMN"**

Put your name on the back of your entry \* Closing date 23rd November \*

\*Prizes for the winners\*



**Do you remember our donation pots?**

**We introduced them a couple of years ago for your £1.00 donations on mufti days.**

**Well, we're asking you to decorate a label again !**

**You will receive a piece of paper suitable for the pots next week to start your art work.**

**The size is simply an A4 piece of paper cut in half length-ways, if you want to make an early start.**

**There will be prizes for the winning entry in each class.**

As there has been a delay in bringing the paper round, the deadline has been extended to Monday 23rd November, which gives you an extra weekend.

Despite this, we have already had some amazing entries handed in to the office.





This is Ben and his best friend Ray  
Who are two of the children that like to play  
Out in the field where the poppies now grow.



## The Exhortation (Ode of Remembrance)

*They shall grow not old, as we  
that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor  
the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.*

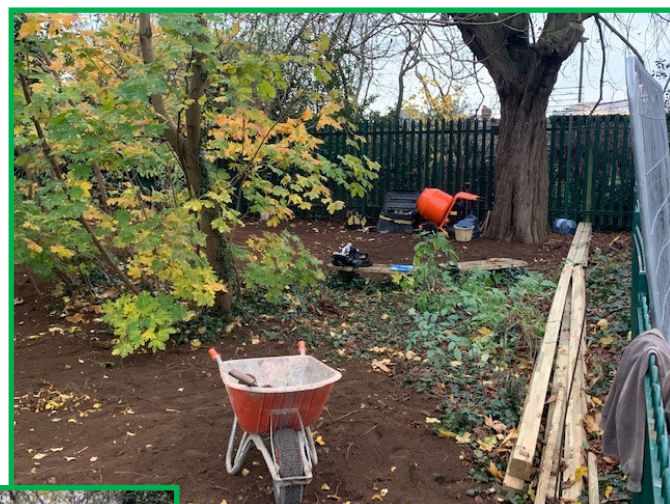
Our Act of Remembrance took place on Wednesday, 11th November, via Microsoft Teams. Each class remained in their bubble and after the Last Post was sounded, stood for 2 minutes silence at 11.00am.

We watched a slide show of the laying of the Victoria wreath and each class took it in turns to read aloud from "Where the Poppies now Grow".





We are very excited that work has now started on our new environmental area. The children have been shown plans in their classrooms and are very excited to see the work in progress each day.



## Diwali, The Festival of Lights, 16th—20th November

### Why is Diwali celebrated?

Diwali symbolises the victory of light over darkness, right over wrong, good over evil and knowledge over ignorance.

The exact events behind Diwali vary, depending on the region and the religion.

For some, it celebrates the story of King Rama's return from exile after he defeated Ravana and his evil army. As Rama returned to the city of Ayodhya, people lit the path home by lighting rows of clay lamps.

Others see it as the day that Lord Krishna defeated the demon Narakasura.

And in eastern India, Diwali is linked to the goddess Kali, who represents the destruction of evil.



Like so many other religious events, the date varies from year to year.

This festivity - also written as Dipavali, Deepawali and similar variations - means 'rows of lamps.'

Celebrations take place over five days known as Dhanteras (Day of fortune), Naraka Chaturdashi (Day of knowledge), Diwali (Day of light), Annakut (New Year) and Bhai Duj (Day of love between siblings).

In 2020 the five day celebrations run from November 12 to November 16.

The third day, this year on November 14, is regarded as the main day.

Observers of the festival often decorate their homes with bunting, strings of lights and oil lamps, along with table decorations that have been designed using patterns from a traditional art form known as rangoli.

Diwali is not a public holiday in the UK.

But it is an official holiday in several other countries including India, Malaysia, Nepal, Singapore, Fiji, Guyana, Mauritius, Myanmar, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

***There are usually celebrations among families and friends with lots of food, dancing and fireworks, but coronavirus restrictions will have a big impact this year as families are not allowed to visit each others homes.***



## 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.

These packs will be available from Monday, 16th November:

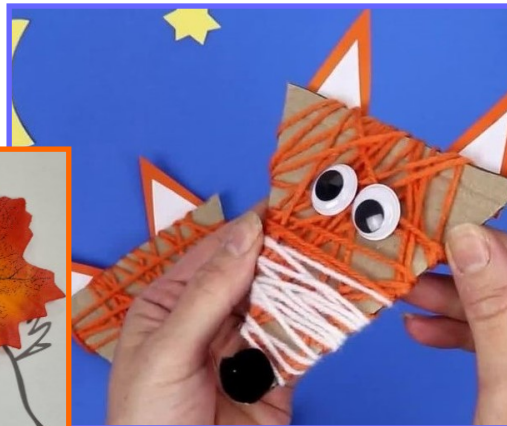
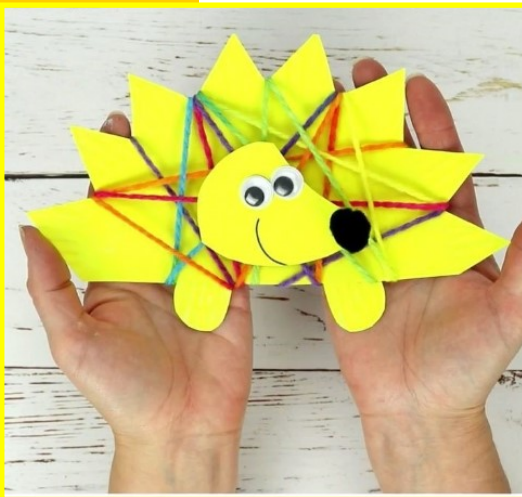
Yarn wrapped fox £1

Leaf hedgehog £1.50

Pokémon pom poms £1.50

Yarn wrapped hedgehog £1

Weekly prices may vary slightly depending on the resources inside, but will never be more than £2



There will be different packs available to buy each week

## INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
Children to wear full uniform please.  
Unfortunately, due to covid-19 safety precautions, we are unable to offer sibling photographs this year, either from within school or for preschool siblings.



We hope you all enjoyed your mufti day today for **"Children in Need"**.  
Your £1.00 donations have added up to **£337.00**. Thank you to the families who very generously donated more.

# 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
<b>RA&amp;RB</b>	<b>The whole of Reception</b> Miss Gent and Miss Holmes are so proud of you all for your superb effort in PE this week!
<b>1A</b>	<b>All of class 1A</b> for their massive improvement in the golden mile this week! Well Done!
<b>1B</b>	<b>The whole class</b> for their unbelievable attitude and effort to walking and running the daily mile.
<b>2A</b>	<b>Isaan Uddin</b> for showing brilliant enthusiasm towards the daily mile.
<b>2B</b>	<b>Sebastian Najwer</b> for developing his stamina whilst running the daily mile.
<b>3A</b>	<b>Kenzie Robertson</b> for perseverance and determination during PE and running the daily mile.
<b>3B</b>	<b>Luana Aires</b> for super running.
<b>4A</b>	<b>Joana Melo</b> for persevering through the daily mile challenge.
<b>4B</b>	<b>Oliwier Wilczowski</b> for good sportsmanship, cheering on other children and working hard
<b>5A</b>	<b>William Timpson</b> for excellent effort during the daily mile.
<b>5B</b>	<b>Aydin Haque</b> for his great effort during the daily mile.
<b>6A</b>	<b>Naomi Yorke</b> for great perseverance with the Daily Mile.
<b>6B</b>	<b>Oliver Glebecki</b> for great perseverance in his Daily Mile.