



Diary Dates

**26th— 30th
October**
Half term holiday

31st October
Final day to apply for
Secondary school
places for 2021

2nd November
Return to school

18th November
Fluenz nasal
immunization
session

Victoria Primary Academy Weekly Newsletter

Issue 6

Autumn Term

Friday, 23rd October 2020



The clocks go back this weekend which means we lose an hour!

The colder, darker mornings will be with us to stay for a few months when we return after half term. Please allow extra time for your journey to school.

We have had a fabulous response to our PTA Pumpkin competition this year.

Thank you to everyone who entered— **an amazing £92.00 was raised**, which will go towards school resources for the children. There were so many fabulous entries that we have given runners up prizes as well! Here are the winning pumpkins—a list of the winners can be found on page 5.



Winning pumpkins 2020



Runners -up 2020

Enjoy your half term break and please take care if you are carving pumpkins and trick or treating for Hallowe'en.

H. Scargill

Hayley Scargill

Principal

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**RETURN TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	98.9
Miss Gent	RB	97.5
Mrs Walmsley/Mrs Hensman	1A	100
Miss Proctor	1B	92.1
Mrs Giles	2A	94.0
Mr. Tyson	2B	94.3
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	98.2
Mrs Chauhan	3B	93.3
Miss Newell	4A	100
Miss Huckin/Mrs Harding	4B	94.7
Mrs Embling	5A	100
Miss Cox	5B	99.3
Mrs Wall	6A	100
Mrs Stevenson	6B	99.3

★	Gold award	Class 1A
★	Gold award	Class 4A
★	Gold award	Class 5A
★	Gold award	Class 6A

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

97.1



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

Every School Day Counts

Days off school add up to lost learning. *Don't let your children miss out on the education they deserve.*

Do you know your child's current attendance levels? Ask at the school office for details.

Being late for school reduces learning time.


- If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss over three days of learning each year.

- If your child is 15 minutes late every day they will miss is 2 weeks of learning each year.

Make every minute count.

This term we have awarded 10 certificates and 'Be Here Bugs' to classes for having 100% weekly attendance.




 There are 190 school days in a year and therefore 175 days of holidays and weekends. Please do not book holidays/ family time during school term time – this will not be authorised and you are likely to be fined.



FANTASTIC VICTASTIC AWARDS

Mrs Holmes	RA	<p>Ernest Plewa for his fantastic writing this week! Ernest has been writing sounds and CVC words completely independently.</p> <p>Sofia Colesnic for her amazing effort this week in all the areas of learning. Sofia has been sharing her knowledge with others this week and joining in with every discussion.</p>
Miss Gent	RB	<p>Silver Dajbabi for his work in phonics, working hard to match pictures to their initials sounds. Well Done Silver ☺</p> <p>Kaya-Ray Parmar for really coming out of her shell in carpet time and making valuable contributions of what to add to our relationship spell together this week. Well Done ☺</p>
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Hensman	1A	<p>Rameesha Qureshi for her brilliant work in phonics. She is using special friends in her writing and telling her friends where to use special friends in their writing.</p> <p>Gabriel Bivol for his amazing reading this week. He has been reading the whole class reading book this week.</p>
Miss Proctor	1B	<p>Talia Dunnett for outstanding effort in phonics this week, carefully forming her letters and making sure there were had sinking letters or floating letters.</p> <p>Emily Bazley for demonstrating careful listening when following instructions making baby mobiles.</p>
Mrs Giles	2A	<p>Nastia Cieniuch for working hard in Maths using place value to add and subtract.</p> <p>Andrei Zisu for always working hard and trying his best.</p>
Mr. Tyson	2B	<p>Eliza Noor for brilliant reading in Phonics.</p> <p>Victoria Patyk for showing perseverance and working hard in Maths.</p>
Mrs O'Mahoney	3A	<p>Kenzie Robertson for trying hard in all lessons and showing perseverance in her work.</p> <p>Jacob Frost for persevering in art and improving his drawing skills.</p>
Mrs Chauhan	3B	<p>Gracie Cooper for great work and participation in class.</p> <p>Hafiz Hafiz for great participation.</p>
Miss Newell	4A	<p>Lucy Bothamley for always trying her best in all tasks.</p> <p>Mateusz Krajewski for working co-operatively with his peers.</p>
Miss Huckin Mrs Harding	4B	<p>Cristian Giurca for being a great role model by showing he is ready to learn and sitting fabulously!</p> <p>Ruby Cooper for making fantastic improvements in her attitude to learning.</p>
Mrs Embling	5A	<p>Najat Idriss for her effort with her writing.</p> <p>Maja Hirsz for always completing her home learning to a high standard.</p>
Miss Cox	5B	<p>Luca Calinescu for working really hard with his column addition and subtraction.</p> <p>Jeevessh Subburam for always showing his Victoria Value of respect.</p>
Mrs Wall	6A	<p>Larisa Soare and Shayenne Brown for great collaborative work in providing supporting arguments for Galileo's heliocentric solar system.</p>
Mrs Stevenson	6B	<p>Botond Figura for his art work inspired by Holst's Planets symphony.</p> <p>Layla Sherlock for making comparisons between the birthdate of a prophet and personal birthdays.</p>

P.T.A. PUMPKIN DECORATING COMPETITION



We have had an amazing array of pumpkins entered into this year's competition, with some fabulously creative ideas.

Thank you to everyone who took part.



YEAR	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP
R	Sahasra Tummala	Silver Dajbabi
1	Lovia Manu Baiden	Kuba Kosz
2	Albert Dorofte	Alfie Reynolds
3	Jamie Timpson	Olivier Nowak
4	Mustafa Ali	Edijs Bahvalovs
5	Kacper Sobotka	Clementine Malaka
6	Humza Ali	Jakub Tarka

Is your child currently in Year 6?

Apply
for Year 7 in
Secondary
school

Deadline:
5pm Saturday
31st October
2020

Children First
Northamptonshire

To make your application and find helpful tips and information visit:
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions



Northamptonshire
County Council

COSTUMES CAN CATCH FIRE

Steer well clear of
naked flames!

USE BATTERY
CANDLES INSTEAD



CREEP SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

#CreepSafe



KEEP CHILDREN AWAY FROM CANDLES

Never leave them
alone with naked
flames, matches
or lighters.



CREEP SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN

#CreepSafe



If clothing catches fire, remember to

STOP, DROP and ROLL



STOP where
you are, do
not run.



DROP to the
ground. Lie
down flat.



ROLL over and
over on the
ground until
flames are out.



Healthy Lunch boxes.

Keep them fuller for longer

Base the lunchbox on foods like
bread, rice, pasta and potatoes.
Choose wholegrain where you
can.

Go low fat and lower
sugar

Cut down on crisps

Add bite-size fruit

Always add veg

Swap the sweets

Please remember, we do
not allow chocolate bars,
fizzy drinks or anything
containing nuts in lunch-
boxes.

Get them involved ~

Get your kids involved in pre-
paring and choosing what goes
in their lunchbox.
They are more likely to eat it if
they helped make it.

CLASSROOM NEWS



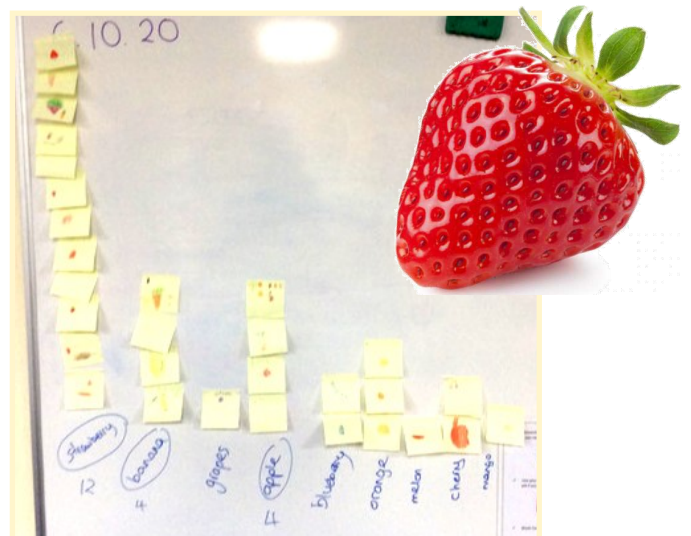
This week we made 4-digit numbers in Maths and looked at how vibrations help us to hear things in Science.

4B have really enjoyed their hands-on learning!

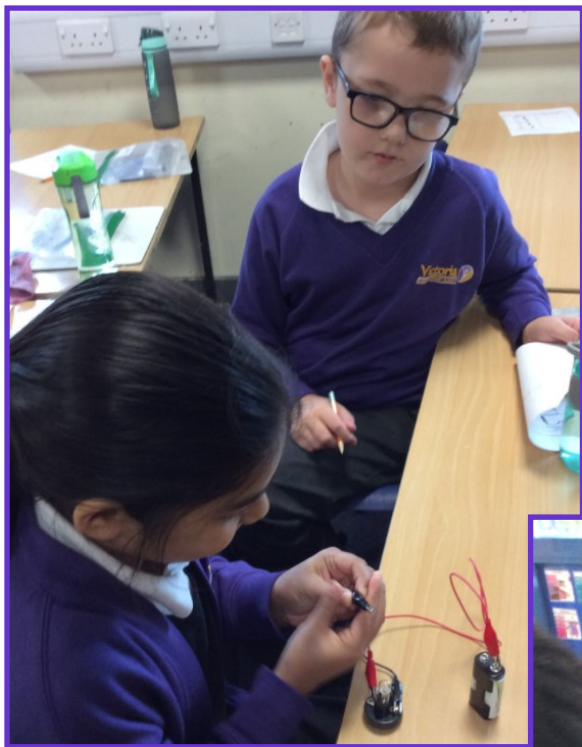




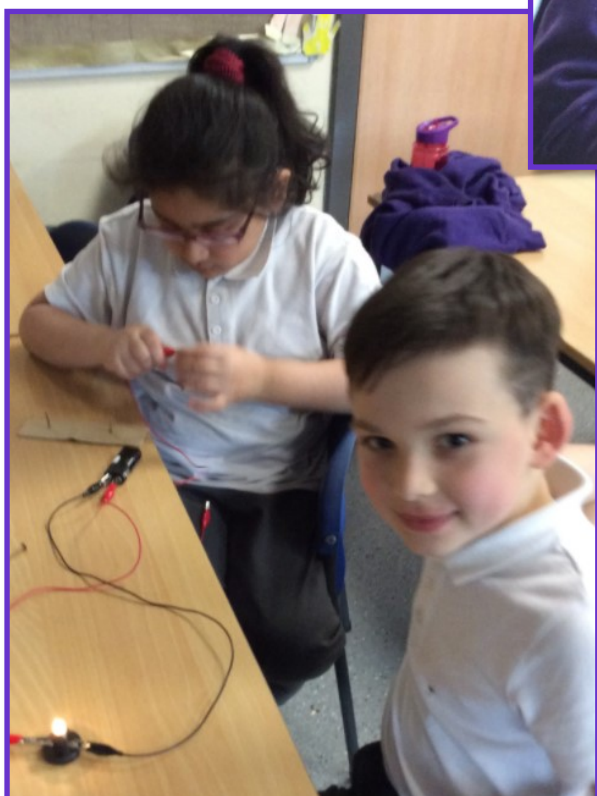
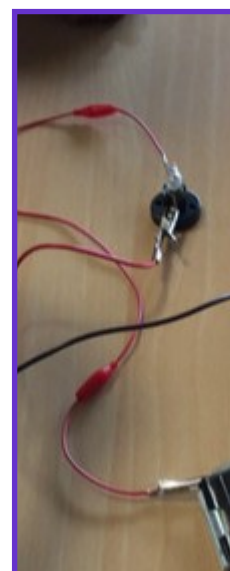
We have been learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot in year 2. We made our own Sukkah's from natural materials we collected outside.



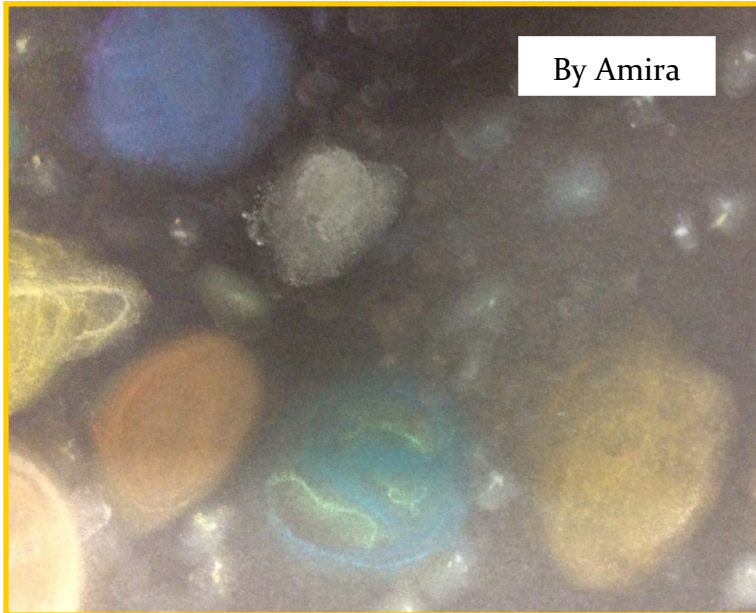
We also voted for our favourite fruits. Strawberries are the winner!



We have been busy in year 3 exploring and circuits and switches. We really enjoyed trying to make our bulbs light up, then trying to add a switch in!



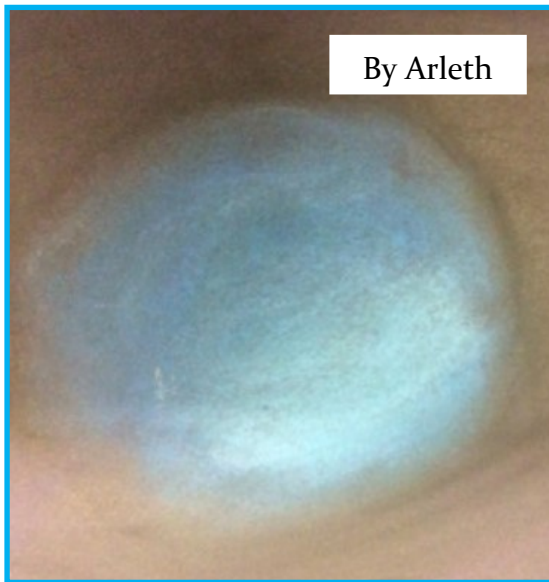
Class 6B—INSPIRED BY GUSTAV HOLST'S ORCHESTRAL SUITE— "THE PLANETS"



By Amira



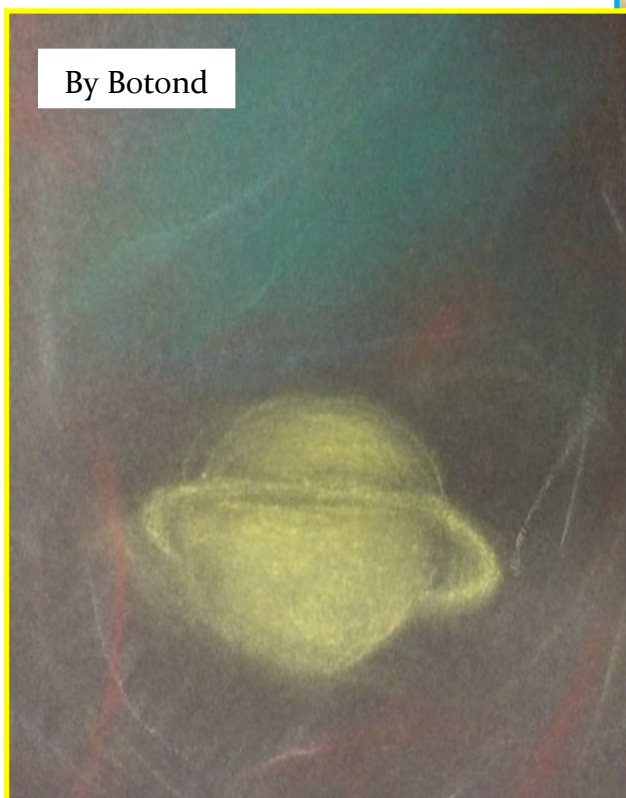
By Tiffany



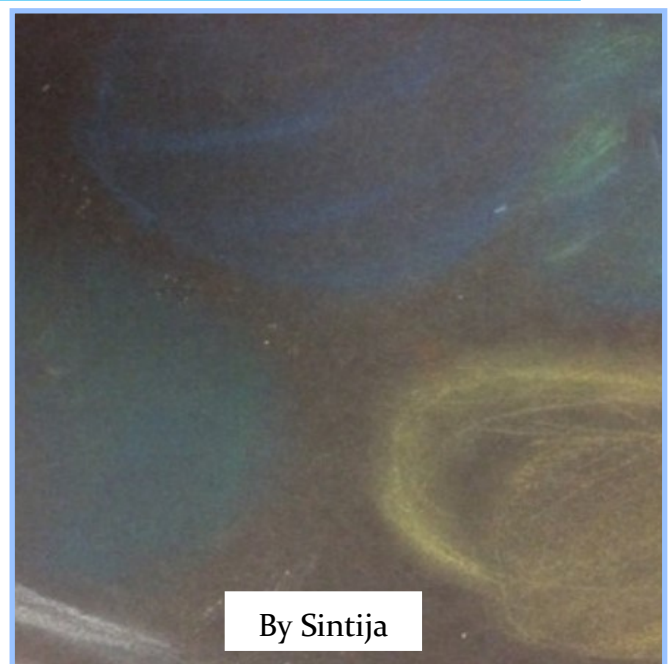
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By Botond



By Sintija



The Halloween & Bonfire Night edition



CREEP SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN!

This Halloween and Bonfire Night will be a little different this year for families across Northamptonshire as we come to terms with celebrating the season alongside Covid-19 restrictions.

We want to discourage people from having bonfires and fireworks at home, but we know that some may still do this, so this edition shares some of the main tips for trying to keep as safe as possible.

GIVE CANDLES A BREAK & MAKE THEM FAKE!

Candle use results in quite a few call-outs for Northants firefighters. Last year we were called to 13 incidents and six of these involved people suffering burns and/or smoke inhalation.

Please consider using artificial candles instead, to help create that cosy glow.



HOW TO HAVE FUN...

WITHOUT TRICK OR TREATING:

Covid-19 may mean trick or treating is not advised, but having fun isn't cancelled.

If you visit the Halloween page on our website (www.northantsfire.gov.uk) you will find a pumpkin image that can be printed for colouring in. We are encouraging people to stick these in windows, or place pumpkins (with artificial candles) so they can be seen. Families can take on a pumpkin spotting challenge in which parents/carers award treats to their own children when they find a house with a pumpkin or pumpkin picture in the window.

Bang, crackle...BURN!

We would advise against using fireworks at home but, for those planning displays, there are safety tips to remember

TIPS for firework use

- Always follow the instructions that come with fireworks.
- Keep children a safe distance from fireworks.
- Children aged 5 and under should NOT be allowed to handle sparklers.
- Older children should wear gloves if handling a sparkler & be closely supervised.
- Only buy fireworks from reputable dealers.
- Fireworks should carry a CE mark.
- Light at arm's length, with a taper.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit.
- Keep pets indoors – it can be a frightening time for them.
- Keep a bucket of water/hose handy!

Respect your fireworks

Fireworks are fun, but they are definitely not toys. Never throw or play with them.

- You can't buy fireworks if you're under 18.
- It's against the law for fireworks to be set off between 11pm and 7am, except for Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight. On New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, the cut off is 1am
- The law says you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places
- You can be fined up to £5,000 and imprisoned for up to 6 months for selling or using fireworks illegally. You could also get an on-the-spot fine of £90.

For more about the law, see: www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law

Keeping control of your bonfire

Our firefighters regularly get called out to homes when things go wrong with bonfires, so we advise families NOT to have them.

For those who do build a bonfire, here is some guidance:

- Before lighting a bonfire, check the structure is stable and there are no small children or animals hiding inside.
- Bonfires should be away from sheds, fences and trees to avoid flames spreading.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light a fire.
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as foam-filled furniture, rubber, aerosols, tins of paint, pressurised gas cylinders, tyres and bottles.
- Have one person responsible for lighting the fire. Wearing wool is a good idea as it doesn't catch fire as easily.
- Have a water or a hose handy to quench flames.

We know 2020 has been a difficult year and hopefully Halloween and Bonfire Night will inject a bit of fun. But please pay attention to our safety tips and have a happy, safe Halloween and Bonfire Night.



PE Timetable—2020/21

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES-	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 1	11:20—12:05				1:45—2:20
Year 2	1:45—2:30			11:20—12:05	
Year 3		11:20—12:05	1:45—2:30		
Year 4		1:45—2:30			11:20—12:05
Year 5			1:45—2:30		1:45—2:30
Year 6	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	Dylan Clark for his fantastic ball skills. He was showing co-ordination when throwing and catching.
RB	Mohadi Haidari for his perseverance and co-ordination finding his way around the obstacle course this week.
1A	Jaiden Dholakia for following instructions whilst playing playground games. He was moving at speed and showed control to stop quickly.
1B	Daisy-Mai Mackellar for showing fairness to others in her group in P.E this week when taking turns using the gym equipment.
2A	Alyssa Alexis for good listening and team work during games.
2B	Chayce Moreton for good listening and team work during games.
3A	Sharnee Burton for always following instructions in PE and trying really hard.
3B	Ecaterina Apetrei for listening to instructions and teamwork
4A	Rares Iamandi for showing enthusiasm during PE.
4B	Aurelia Mogila for being patient and taking turns
5A	Perry Adu-Yeboah for always showing enthusiasm in P.E.
5B	Zahra Haidari for always working well as part of a team during P.E. lessons.
6A	Laycee Harrison for great team spirit and demonstrating the value of cooperation and respect.
6B	Rajna Verousi for thinking of creative playground games.

Autumn Term Clubs at Victoria Primary Academy

We are pleased to inform you that we will be running a Free Play club this autumn term at the academy. Unfortunately due to COVID-19 they will be in the children's year group bubbles.

Due to the start times the club is not available to years 5 & 6.

Monday:	Year 1 Free play	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Tuesday:	Year 2 Free play	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Wednesday:	Year 3 Free play	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)
Thursday:	Year 4 Free Play	(3.15pm – 4.30pm)

Free Play will include a range of different activities each week, the children will get to pick from things like Lego, Arts & Craft, Sewing, Board Games etc.

Clubs will start week beginning **Monday 2nd November** for 6 weeks at **£15.00**

Please pay in cash at the office with the correct money as we are unable to give change.

Limited spaces available!

Northampton Town Community Trust

School Sport Programme is coming to Victoria Primary Academy!



Football Club – Year 4 Girls & Boys

Northampton Town Community Trust & Victoria Primary Academy are pleased to announce we will be running a Football Club for children in years 4. The session will take place from **3:15-4:15** on:

Friday 6th November 2020 to Friday 11th December 2020

Payment must be made at the time of booking, please ensure it is the correct money as we are unable to give change. Total cost is £15 for 6 weeks