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Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term Friday, 9th September 2022

Welcome back to a brand new term at Victoria!

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are ready for a new year of exciting learning. Thank you for making such a great start by getting the children to school on time and in the correct uniform.

There are details of our uniform expectations and arrangements for purchasing uniform on page 6.

A very warm "Victoria" welcome to the new children and adults who have joined us this term.

Also to our new Reception children who will be joining us next week.

Miss Holmes and Mrs Hensman have completed home visits and are excited to welcome the children to school.

Our thoughts and prayers are with King Charles III and his family at this sad time.

Tributes to Queen Elizabeth II on page 2.

H. Scargill

Principal

New format newsletter

From next week there will be some changes to the layout of the newsletter. This week we are starting with the addition of some new features, including regular competitions, weekly jokes and 'the word of the week'. Look out for other new additions along the way.

The Queen has died aged 96, Buckingham Palace has announced. The Queen's death ends the longest reign in British history. She was also the world's oldest head of state.

The death of my beloved Mother, Her Majesty The Queen, is a moment of the greatest sadness for me and all members of my family. We mourn profoundly the passing of a cherished Sovereign and a much-loved Mother. I know her loss will be deeply felt throughout the country, the Realms and the Commonwealth, and by countless people around the world.

Barack and Michelle Obama celebrated a reign "defined by grace, elegance, and a tireless work ethic, defying the odds and expectations placed on women of her generation".

"The Ghanaian people have very fond memories of the two visits she made to Ghana during her reign, and, on both occasions, we remember the friendliness, elegance, style, and sheer joy she brought to the performance of her duties." **President Akufo-Addo**

In a tweet honouring the Queen's memory, **French President Emmanuel Macron** said: "I remember her as a friend of France, a kind-hearted queen who has left her mark on her country and her century forever."

Canada's prime minister, Justin Trudeau, called the Queen "a constant presence in our lives" and said his compatriots would always "remember and cherish Her Majesty's wisdom, compassion, and warmth".

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "My prayers are with The King and the Royal Family. May God draw near them and comfort them in the days, weeks and months ahead."

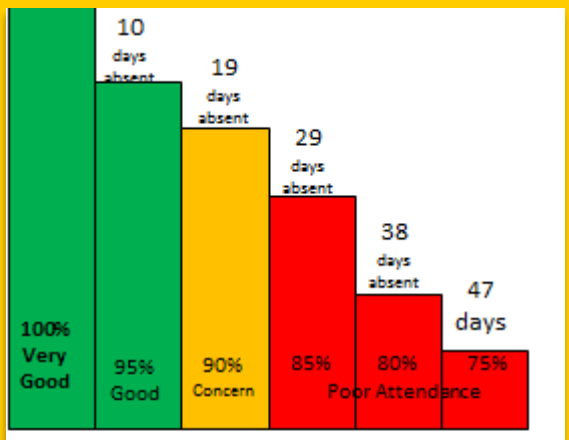
Liz Truss, the Queen's 15th Prime Minister

"Queen Elizabeth II was the rock on which modern Britain was built. Our country has grown and flourished under her reign."

WHY IS GOOD ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

- There is a link between good school attendance and high level attainment.
- Pupil learning is uninterrupted.
- Promotes pupil welfare and safeguarding.
- Enables pupils to access the widest possible range of opportunities.
- Relationships with friends and teachers are maintained and can grow.
- Lowers stress levels as pupils feel they can 'keep up' academically.
- Attendance and punctuality habits often carry into later life.

Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life and is important to your child's future.
Of the 365 days in a year, 190 days are in school and 175 days are non-school days to spend with family, friends, on holiday, shopping or appointments.
Our aim is to achieve 96% attendance for our pupils which represents good attendance and is shown in the traffic light graph below.



Remember
90% attendance is equal to 1 day off each fortnight

TOO ILL TO ATTEND SCHOOL?

Your child can attend school with minor ailments such as headache, stomach ache, cold, sore throat.

Please let a member of the Office Team know if your child feels slightly unwell when they arrive and they will be monitored throughout the day.
The school will contact you if your child becomes too ill to remain in school.

Prescribed medication may be administered in school with the completion of a medical permission form.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

01933 223323.

The Education Entitlement Team at Northamptonshire County Council are aware of all unauthorised absence of more than 5 days, taken at one time or accumulated throughout the term, and you may be liable for a **fixed penalty fine or further action.**

TOP HOUSE THIS WEEK

HOUSE	WEEKLY POINTS	RUNNING TOTAL
Balmoral	Starting next week	
Buckingham		
Kensington		
Osborne		
Windsor		

CLASS ATTENDANCE OF THE WEEK

Teacher	Class	%
Miss Holmes	RA	x
Mrs Hensman	RB	x
Miss Malpas	1A	92.2
Miss Smith	1B	97.1
Mrs Walmsley/Mrs Brindle	2A	91.3
Miss Seabridge	2B	98.3
Mrs Embling	3A	93.1
Miss Campbell	3B	93.6
Miss Slow	4A	95.2
Miss Gent/Mrs Reeves	4B	98.5
Mr Mepham	5A	95.3
Miss Husbands	5B	93.9
Miss Costanzo	6A	92.0
Mrs Richardson	6B	93.1

Top house of the week!

OSBOURNE

Gold award	Class 4B
Silver award	Class 2B
Bronze award	Class 1B

WHOLE SCHOOL WEEKLY AVERAGE

94.5%

VICTASTIC CERTIFICATES AWARDED TO. . . . . .

Miss Malpas	**Marcel Data** for settling in very well and consistently modelling our school rules alongside beautiful behaviour. A great example for the children to follow! **Ivy-Rose** for showing determination in all areas of learning and contributing exceptionally in lessons.
Miss Smith	**Nela Szubiak** for showing excellent listening and exceptional behaviour. **Michael Nakov** for having a positive attitude and working really hard in all lessons.
Mrs Walmsley Mrs Brindle	**Abdul Ibrahim** for demonstrating our social norms and school values. What a fantastic start to Year 2. **Jasper Brandon** for his enthusiastic start to year 2. He has really demonstrated our rule of working hard and always doing your best.
Miss Seabridge	**Halle Brown** for settling into Year 2 brilliantly. Halle has worked hard and completed all of her work in every subject. **Ernest Plewa** for being an excellent role model in Year 2. He is always the first one with his stop hand and is always ready to learn.
Mrs Embling	**Edy Cojocaru** for sharing great ideas. **Kyle Dennis** for sharing interesting facts.
Miss Campbell	**Rameesha Qureshi** for her outstanding performance in our drama, The Blue Umbrella. **Kacper Kaliszewski** for his super similies in his sentence stacking.
Miss Slow	**Hill Patel** for settling into year 4 and trying hard in every lesson. **Shamari Puckering-Hermas** for trying hard in English.
Miss Gent Mrs Reeves	**Freddie Foster-Reed** for demonstrating a number of Victoria Values by helping a friend in need and being a good friend! **Asim Rokab** for his engagement and contributions in maths this week. Well Done Asim!
Mr Mepham	**Hasan Abu Bakr** for his excellent attitude towards his learning and participation is class discussion. **Phoebe Maxwell** for her superb behaviour and setting an excellent example for other children.
Miss Husbands	**Jithesh Subburam** for always having a positive attitude towards his learning. **Santiago Costa** for persevering in maths.
Miss Costanzo	**Alenei Deja and Deniz Ucer** for settling in brilliantly and making an amazing start to Year 6.
Mrs Richardson	**Aj McMillan** for settling in fantastically and persevering with his art. **Julia Jabaji** for settling in well and challenging herself in her learning.

Victoria Primary Academy

Uniform

We believe that a uniform gives a sense of belonging and pride in the academy, whilst ensuring equality amongst pupils. In addition, a smart appearance contributes positively to the pupils' attitude to work and learning; it also influences how the academy is portrayed to the general public and our visitors.

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with logo
- White Polo shirt
- Dark grey pinafore, skirt, culottes, trousers or shorts
- White, black or grey socks or tights
- Black shoes
- **Purple** gingham (checked) dresses (optional in summer)
- **PE Kit**
- black shorts, skort or jogging bottoms
- purple T-shirt with logo
- Plimsolls
- a drawstring bag

Please make sure that all clothing is named.

Pre-loved uniform

If there are families who are in need of certain uniform items we would love to help by offering, free of charge, uniform that has been donated to us.

All our second hand uniform is in good condition and is clean and ready for another child to make good use of.

Please call in to the office and see if we have the sizes you need.

`Our uniform provider is:-

"Uniform Shop, Wellingborough".

You can order uniform with our logo online at:

www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk, or visit the shop at 8, Olympic Way, Wellingborough, NN8 3QE: Telephone: 01933 426433.

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 9.00am -5.00pm
Wednesday 9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday 10.00am - 7.00pm
Friday 9.00pm - 5.00pm
Saturday 9.00am - 2.00pm
Sunday CLOSED

Trousers and skirts should be **plain dark grey** and of an appropriate length and fit. Leggings, jeggings, jeans or similar items are not acceptable. Shoes must be leather and completely black in colour; no brand names, logos or tags.

No jewellery. Plain stud earrings are allowed but should not be worn in PE/ Games. If you would like to have your child's ears pierced, please do so at the beginning of the long summer holidays, as they will be unable to participate in PE lessons for 6 weeks after the piercing.

Uniform Shop
ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS!

Roald Dahl Day is September 13th.

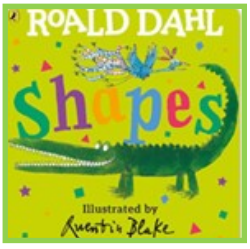
It is a special day to mark what would have been his birthday.

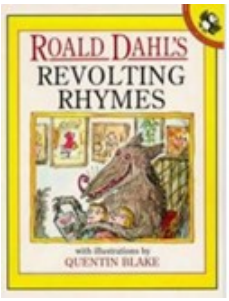
To celebrate we are having a competition!

Roald Dahl wrote numerous children's books from Matilda, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the BFG. There are hundreds of his books available for children to read. They can be enjoyed at any age!

You can find Roald Dahl books:

- At school
- On MyON
- At Wellingborough library





Can your child read and review one Roald Dahl book/poem?

Hand in the review by the Friday 23rd September.

The best review in Year R – 2 and Year 3 – 6 will win a collection of Roald Dahl books!

A selection of reviews will be displayed in the library in a display folder. All entrants will receive a Victastic point and special pencil and sticker.

My Book Review

Title: _____

Author: _____

Did you like the book? ☆☆☆☆☆

What was your favourite part?

_____

_____

_____

Draw your favourite scene from the book.

Word of the week

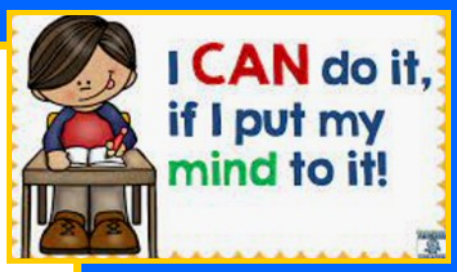
This is a word that the children are taught about and is one of our school values. See if you can use this word with your child this week. What do they understand by it?

Perseverance

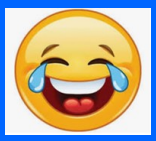
Persistence in doing something despite how difficult it might be or how long it takes to achieve.

It is a noun.

It is from Latin *perseverantia* and Old French *perseverant* - meaning abiding by strictly.



How have you shown perseverance this week?



Jokes of the week

WHAT DID THE OCEAN SAY TO THE PIRATE?

Nothing, it just waved.

Why are fish so smart?

Because they live in schools!

Volunteering at Victoria Primary Academy

We are looking for volunteers to help us in a range of roles;

- Listening to children read
- Support pupils in learning maths skills
- Maintaining our library
- Volunteering in the classroom

There are lots of advantages to volunteering. Not only are you helping our school community, but it's also an opportunity for you to develop new skills. We will provide training to support you in your volunteering role. Studies have also shown that volunteering is good for your mental health.

If you would like to find out more and are interested in volunteering with us, please complete this short survey and we will be in touch. All volunteers will also need to complete an application form and complete an enhanced DBS check before starting.

https://forms.office.com/r/3VofmFszLE

NOTICEBOARD

Mrs Scargill's Golden Book

Each week we will feature examples of excellent work from our student's which has appeared in Mrs Scargill's Golden Book.

Copies of the work will be sent to the family and a "congratulations postcard" will be sent to the child.

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VICTORIA PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 – 2023

Term 1	**Teacher Training Day**	**Thursday 1 September 2022**
	Teacher Training Day	**Friday 2 September 2022**
	Academy Re-opens	Monday 5 September 2022
	Academy closes	Friday 21 October 2022
Term 2	**Teacher Training Day**	**Monday 31 October 2022**
	Academy Re-opens	Tuesday 01 November 2022
	Academy closes	Friday 16 December 2022
Term 3	**Teacher Training Day**	**Tuesday 3 January 2023**
	Academy Re-opens	Wednesday 4 January 2023
	Academy closes	Friday 10th February 2023
Term 4	Academy Re-opens	Monday 20 February 2023
	Academy closes	Friday 31 March 2023
Term 5	**Teacher Training Day**	**Monday 17 April 2023**
	Academy Re-opens	Tuesday 18 April 2023
	Academy Closed (Bank Holiday)	**Monday 1st May 2023**
	Academy Closes	Friday 26 May 2023
Term 6	Academy Re-opens	Monday 5 June 2023
	Academy Closes	Friday 21 July 2023