

Weekly Newsletter

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Hello!

Lots of information coming out to you again this week! Please, please take the time to read through it; we would welcome any feedback from you about the individual articles.

We have enclosed news of some exciting developments planned for our academy curriculum this year. Please have a look on the website for our long-term planning overviews.

A letter was sent home regarding uniform changes on 3rd July – a copy is attached.

It is essential that all pupils attend the academy in the correct uniform and regular feedback will be given to parents when this is not the case.

However, we do not wish to cause any additional financial pressure for families who may not yet have the correct uniform. Please ask to speak to a member of our Senior Management team to discuss any difficulties, otherwise we expect uniform to conform to our policy.

We have now named each of our classrooms after pioneers from the Victorian era and there is a list of these enclosed.

There will be extra house points awarded to any children who can bring in some interesting facts about one or more of these amazing innovators!

Have a good weekend,

H. Scargill

Principal.



Creating Learners without Limits

Next week:

18/9 - Visiting production of "Alice in Wonderland" for the children.

Reception children are learning about babies and how they grow up this term. We would be grateful for donations of old baby toys or clothing from Reception parents. Thank you.

Future events:

W/C 5/10 - 120 Year Anniversary of Victoria Primary exhibition.

9/10 – Training Day, school closed. (This replaces Monday 2/11).

Parent Consultations

2/11 – 3.30 – 6pm

3/11 – 5.30 – 8pm

More details to follow.

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Apologies for the mistake in last week's newsletter, which our site supervisor pointed out! The training day is now FRIDAY 9th October instead of MONDAY 2nd November. Thank you Mr. Dawson!

A word from the Chair.....

Welcome back to another exciting year at Victoria Primary Academy.

I am sure all the children are happy to be back and eager to get involved and all you Parents / Guardians are glad also! I have had the pleasure of seeing all the smiling faces and shiny new shoes whilst dropping off my own daughter. I would like to make a special welcome to all the new children, be that in Reception or moving to the area, and hope they enjoy their time as much as my own children have.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school starts at 8:45 each day and that all children must be in the play area by the time the whistle is blown. It was a shame to see so many families walking through the gate after the whistle had blown. On Thursday, I witnessed at least 50 children arriving after this time and, talking with Mrs Scargill, it seems this is an everyday occurrence.

Can I please remind you that late arrival has an impact on the rest of the class, as the first lesson either begins late or is interrupted by arrivals. It is, of course, primarily, a safety concern that each child is registered in the classroom, so that we are fully aware of who is in and who isn't, before the children split into their teaching groups. Please consider this as the winter months are coming and weather conditions will affect the time taken to travel to school. Can I also remind those parents who drive or use taxis that Leys Road is a residential street with a designated crossing area / lollipop lady (Gill). Please respect our neighbours and Gill, who does an amazing job getting our children safely in and out of the school.

Feel free to contact me with any feedback or questions and I will happily respond as soon as I can.

Thank you

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"Fantastic Victastic" Awards

Mrs Hill

Well done to all the Reception children.
They have settled in to their first days at school brilliantly!

Miss Bailey

Mrs Bingham

Aimee Smart for her amazing attitude and effort in all the work we have done in year 1 so far.

Tiffany Bordas for her fantastic effort and perseverance when making a Queen's guard and horse to celebrate the Queen becoming the longest reigning monarch.

Mr Russell

Blake Lawman Warren for fabulous maths work - sequencing and ordering his day on a timeline!! He even drew a picture of us having fruit time!

Roxie-May Hendry for fantastic letter formation and handwriting in her handwriting book!!

Miss Jackson

Ekaterina Petrova for fantastic contribution in Mathematics - well done!

Joshua Moore for fantastic effort and motivation within Read, Write Inc. Well done!

Miss Craddock

Lucas Griffin for excellent effort within all areas of the curriculum - well done!

Farzana Begum for being a fantastic role model within Year 2.

Mrs Hart

Well done all children in Year 4.

Mr Smyrl

They are all working really hard and have settled in beautifully.

Miss Costanzo

Kaci-Paige Luxton for an excellent start in year 5.

Samuel Moore for his excellent attitude and perseverance.

Ryan Francis for super reasoning in mathematics.

Mrs Embling

Barbara Podlewska for an amazing biography and beautiful presentation.

Mrs Wray

Hubert Malenda for being a fantastic role model to all.

John Standing for having an excellent attitude and start to year 5.



In response to letters sent by Year 5/6 last May on the birth of Princess Charlotte

ROYAL RESPONSE (1)

Dear Miss Hart

“ The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have asked me to thank you and your class for the wonderful letters which you kindly sent on the occasion of the birth of their daughter, Princess Charlotte.

I apologise for the delay in replying. Their Royal Highnesses have been overwhelmed by the incredibly thoughtful messages they have received and were immensely touched that you all took the trouble to write.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have asked me to send you their warmest thanks and best wishes.



SPORTS NEWS

Before and After School clubs:

- Monday:** Gymnastics (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Tuesday:** Netball (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Wednesday:** Multi-Sports (8.00am – 8.50am)
- Wednesday:** Street Dance (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Thursday:** Tag Rugby (3.15pm – 4.30pm)
- Friday:** Football (3.15pm – 4.30pm)

All clubs are open to each year group and start week beginning **14th September until week ending 23rd October. (6 weeks).**

There is a fee of £2.00 per session, per club, which should be paid in full when booking please.

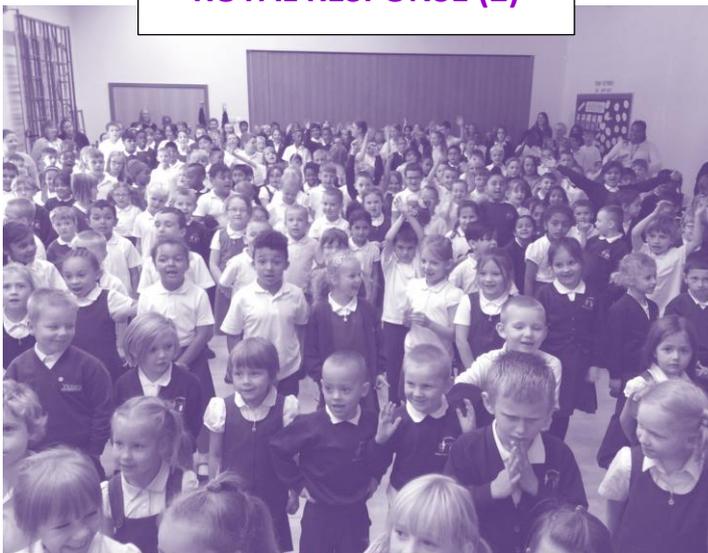
Letters will be sent home next week to book for Dodgeball and/or Basketball Club on Thursdays for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Please remember that your child should have their PE kit in school every day.

P.E. timetable

Day	Outside	Inside
Monday	Year 2	Year 1
Tuesday	Year 3	Year 2 Year 5 Year 6 swimming
Wednesday	Year 5/6 Year 4	Reception
Thursday	Year 1	Year 3 Year 4B Year 4A
Friday	Reception	Year 4A

ROYAL RESPONSE (2)



The whole school stood to sing the National Anthem as part of our celebration for the Queen's momentous record breaking achievement.

“Queen Elizabeth II becomes the longest-reigning UK monarch”



"A long life can pass by many milestones - my own is no exception"

Curriculum Developments

We have some exciting new developments planned for our academy curriculum this year. Please have a look on the website for our long term planning overviews.

Essential learning objectives and characteristics for each subject are an important part of our new curriculum.

Essential Learning Objectives – What I am Learning Characteristics – What success will look like

Each week there will be a focus subject in the newsletter to share these new ideas with parents and carers. This week we will begin with writing.

The essential learning objectives for writing:

Transcription – the mechanics of writing, good pencil control, good presentation, good punctuation

Composition – the content of the writing, imagination and interest for the reader, good sentence structure and grammar

Analysis and Presentation – being able to talk about their writing and show understanding of the grammatical structures they use, being able to read their writing aloud and present their work to an audience



The Characteristics of Writing:

- The ability to write fluently and with interesting detail on a number of topics throughout the curriculum.
- A vivid imagination which makes readers engage with and enjoy their writing.

- A highly developed vocabulary and an excellent knowledge of writing techniques to extend details or description.
- Well-organised and structured writing, which includes a variety of sentence structures.
- Excellent transcription skills that ensure their writing is well presented and punctuated, spelled correctly and neat.
- A love of writing and an appreciation of its educational, cultural and entertainment values.

Helping your child at home with writing:

- Support your child's use of correct grammar by encouraging them to speak clearly and in full sentences
- Memorise short poems and sentences and repeat them out loud. Older children can memorise longer poems that use more adventurous vocabulary
- Discuss something exciting with your child and help them to remember an interesting sentence about it – ask them later to see if they can construct their own sentence about it
- Practise drawing, colouring and cutting using safety scissors
- Write shopping lists and reminders to help you at home
- Encourage children to complete all written home learning to a good standard demonstrating their increasing control of a pencil
- Talk about the language used in the stories you read with them

Behaviour Policy and Plans - As always we value your ideas and thoughts on the policies and procedures of the academy.

As I am sure you are aware we take the behaviour of our pupils very seriously here at Victoria. Through our Victoria Rules and Academy Values we use a positive approach to the behaviour of all pupils and adults within the academy.

Sometimes when children struggle to meet the expectations of our behaviour policy we need to put actions in place to help them get back on track. This may involve time out, a managed break time or contact with parents/carers etc. We always aim to support all pupils with their behaviour within the academy, but there are occasions where this is not possible and there may need to be a period of fixed term exclusion or, in the case of the most serious breaches of the behaviour policy, a permanent exclusion.

In order to make our behaviour policies and procedures clear and easy to follow for all academy staff, pupils and their parents, we have updated our behaviour policy and behaviour plans. These can be found on our website (Office tab, policies). Please take some time to have a look at the policies to ensure you are clear about what you can expect from us if there are any issues and also what, as an academy, we expect from all our pupils and parents/carers.

Teachers have been spending time this week discussing positive behaviours and awards with the children and making sure they understand the consequences of poor behaviour. Incidences of poor behaviour are now recorded on the *Behaviour Watch* system. This is an electronic recording system which allows us to update pupils' behaviour records and share information with parents/carers. Poor behaviour affects learning – not just of the pupil themselves but of others in the classroom too. If you have any questions about the policy or would like to make a comment please ask to speak to a member of the leadership team or email your comments in to:

head@victoriaprimaryacademy.org.uk

Dear Parent/Carer

3rd July 2015

I am writing to reiterate our expectations with regard to uniform.

Our policy aims to provide a way for pupils to show that they are proud to belong to our academy community. 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 visitors to the academy.

From September 2015, the uniform requirements are as follows:

- Purple sweatshirt or cardigan with academy logo
- **DARK GREY** trousers or shorts, **DARK GREY** skirt or pinafore (*of appropriate length and fit,*) NOT black
- Plain white polo shirt or with academy logo
- Formal black shoes
- **PURPLE** gingham (checked) dress, optional in summer
- Optional academy coat available – no hoodies
- Academy book bag with logo or messenger style bag – no rucksacks

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- **BLACK** shorts, skort or jogging bottoms
- **PURPLE** T-shirt with logo – new item
- Plimsolls
- An academy PE bag/drawstring bag, to be kept in school

This is not an exhaustive list, so please contact us if you require further clarification.

In addition to appropriate clothing, all pupils are expected to maintain a neat and tidy appearance. We are aware that many retail outlets identify their products as 'school wear' but, in many cases, the items do not comply with our uniform policy. 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. Our new uniform provider is "**School Trends Uniform Shop**" in **Wellingborough**. You can order uniform, with our new logo, online at: WWW.SCHOOLTRENDS.CO.UK, or visit the shop at 8, Olympic Way, Wellingborough, NN8 3QE: Telephone: 01933 426433. Current polo shirts, sweatshirts and cardigans with the old logo may still be worn. Please note, uniform will no longer be available from the school office.

We appreciate your continued commitment to the academy and request that you support our new uniform policy by ensuring that your child is appropriately dressed in school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H. Scargill
Principal

