



Victoria Bulletin



MESSAGE FROM MR SMITH

Although this term has been a shorter one to normal, we've still managed to fit just as much in as we strive to move our school forward. This term, we have been working hard on developing how we teach Reading across the school, and we introduced Phonics with our older children at Orchard Site. Getting things right in Reading is a massive part to us becoming a better school and, in spite of staff illness, we've been putting lots in place.

I wish to thank both Mrs Turner and Mrs Bick for opening our new Victoria Road library this term. We have lots of new books and they have all been catalogued with a new scanning system. What's more, we've opened the library at home time EVERY SINGLE DAY this term and invited any children or parents to come and share a book or to borrow one to take home. Over the next two-week break, we'll be starting to set up the library at our Orchard Site.

I wish to send an important notice to all parents who drive their children to school by car. Recently, I have been quite worried to see many children either not wearing a seat belt or to see some of our parents (or adults picking up children), parking on double yellow lines and over the pavement. We have contacted Staffordshire County Council and we are also liaising with the Police. We really want all of our children to stay safe on their way to and from school – please help us by reporting any concerns directly to the Police and notifying us in school if you are worried.

Last week, I loved my trip to Red Carpet Cinema with the children. We had 34 children who had successfully attained their Gold Super Learner status for being a great role-model around school. The children and I watched Migration and it was great fun! I look forward to taking this term's Gold Super Learners to the same cinema later on into April!

I wish you a wonderful two weeks off school for whatever you do.

NEW TEAM!

WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming some new staff members to the Victoria Family.

- **Mrs Best** formally started with us after February half-term but we welcome her to the family. She is the new Phase Leader for Nursery & Early Years and will be teaching Donaldson class.
- **Mrs Jones** joins after Easter and she will be an extra teacher in Year 1, teaching the newly formed Butterworth class. Mrs Jones has been teaching for 7 years and she will become our new Phonics and Early Reading Lead.
- **Mrs Gill** joins our Year 2 team to teach Ahlberg. Mrs Gill was a senior leader at another school in Tamworth prior to joining us and she brings a wealth of experience to move us forward.
- **Mrs Tompkinson** joins as the new senior admin team member and will work closely with Mr. Smith on business strategy.

GOODBYE

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

It is with great sadness that we say a fond farewell to Mrs Devine, from our admin team. Mrs Devine has worked at our school for 11 years and she is now ready to sit back and enjoy retirement. Mrs Devine has worked in tandem with each of the two previous Headteachers in addition to myself, as the School's Business Manager and we will miss her dearly. On behalf of everyone at our school, we wish her well for whatever comes next!



PARENT COUNCIL

This term, we have set up a Parent Council body to help ensure that the views and worries of parents are heard and then taken into consideration. It is also helpful to us in school as we can road-test our ideas and check the views of parents.

Mr Smith and Mrs Akhtar meet the council once a half-term and we have ensured that there is a representative from each year group. The job of a Parent Council Representative is to be the 'eyes and ears' and to support the children do a good job. Representatives work closely with the school and help to implement the things in order to make school better.

Take a look to see who is the representative for your year group:

- Becky – Ffion and Sapphire's mum Y3 & 6
- Emma – Ebony Rae's mum – Y4
- Alesha – Junayd's mum – Y3
- Kiran – Hareem and Maryam's mum Y3 & 6
- Saba – Duc's mum – Rec
- Beth – Ethan's mum – Y5

Contact these people if you wish to raise something or have any positive feedback. They will bring this to the next meeting. Alternatively email parentcouncil@victoria.staffs.sch.uk

UPDATE



NEW SCHOOL NAME

Governors have put forward a final proposal for the school's name to be changed to **Samuel Allsopp Primary and Nursery School**.

This is to recognise the local businessman, Samuel Allsopp, who funded the first school in Burton on the Victoria Road site in 1874, and to therefore celebrate the 150-year anniversary of the school.

We wish to thank all parents who contributed to the consultation and we now look forward to working on a new school logo.

Governors have agreed to fund for each existing pupil to receive a new school jumper bearing the changed name and logo in time for the new academic year. We are currently working with the School Parliament on what the new uniform will look like and they have been working with a local Graphic Designer to create a new school logo. Some of the latest thoughts are below.....



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Allsopp
School



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LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORMS

Please can we remind parents that at least **3 working days (not including weekends)** is required for any Leave of Absence Request forms to be passed on to Mr. Smith, for his consideration. This is because he works across two separate sites. We then require a further 5 days to formally notify you of the decision in writing. It is worth mentioning that we are unable to grant family holidays or time to travel abroad in term-time. We do understand that flight prices are often cheaper in term-time, and that many of our families have relatives abroad. However, we have to do all we can to ensure that we safeguard a child's learning. Being in school every day means:

- Your child can develop their written and spoken English - so they can live effectively in British society and feel included
- They make plenty of friendships in school and they develop positive relationships with other children
- They learn lots of useful things which will support them for when they wish to get a job in the future
- They are able to have lots of fun!

WORLD BOOK DAY - STORY IN A JAR

This year, like some other local schools, we tried something a little different to celebrate World Book Day. I think you will all agree that the entries we had in were fantastic. It was really difficult to pick just one winner from each year group.

The winners were as follows:

- Nursery : Zulaikah
- Reception : Husnain
- Year 1 : Eva
- Year 2 : Ivaylo
- Year 3 : Faiz
- Year 4 : Elijah
- Year 5 : Lacie
- Year 6 : Tauseef



DATES FOR DIARY

Just a reminder of some dates for your diary -

- **Monday 8th April** - Back to School
- **Wednesday 10th April** - Phonics Meeting for selected parents
- **Week Commencing 22nd April** - Back to School Parent Maths Sessions
- **Wednesday 8th May** - Class Photographs
- **Monday 20th May** - Non Uniform - details to follow
- **Week Commencing 27th May** - HALF TERM
- **Monday 3rd June** - INSET DAY

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Each week we will celebrate some special achievements of the children, so watch this space for announcements to see if your child has been awarded a Special Mention. Make sure you celebrate with them should their names appear here.



<p>Spring Term's Special Mentions</p> 	<p>Donaldson <i>Ayan, Nayab, M.Harris,</i></p>	<p>Jeffers <i>Abdullah, Zunaira, Enija</i></p>
	<p>Murphy <i>Ibrahim W, Subayyah, Lano, Mubashsherah, Yaseen, Talha</i></p>	<p>Ahlberg <i>Yusif, Faryal, Lorelai, Evelyn, Aayan, Adam, Eshaal</i></p>
<p>Tomlinson <i>Candace, Jessica, Yousaf, Dominik Ibrahim, Hammam, Mirha, Mirha</i></p>	<p>Fletcher <i>Minahil, Aaliyah, Faiz, Davida, Tijay, Faiz, Haider</i></p>	<p>Dahl <i>Batu, Aleeza, Fatima, Rummanah, Maryam, Essa, Abu-Bakr</i></p>
<p>Cowell <i>Abdus-Salam, Mahamadou, Zainab, Nooraulain, Subhan, Mehmoona, Muhammad, Asaad</i></p>	<p>Lewis <i>Erin, Mayus, Mayus, Anaya, Elijah, Ebonie-Rae</i></p>	<p>Morpurgo <i>David, Mariam, Omera, Edoardo, David, Lukmaan</i></p>
<p>Rundell <i>Laiba, Taybah, Faathia, Mohammed, Muhannad A, Petra, Ruhi</i></p> 	<p>Horowitz <i>Amaira, Hamna, Ayat, Markuss, Kabir, Reuben, Maymunah, Fahad M</i></p>	<p>Pullman <i>Rikardo, Sanjo, Shireen, Zoya, Abeera, Armaghan, Zulaikha</i></p>
	<p>WELL DONE!</p>	<p>Rosen <i>George, Cody, Ava, Casey, William, Jack Logan, Ollie</i></p>

Victoria Road:

95.7% in Murphy

Orchard:

93.3% in Horowitz

ATTENDANCE FOR SPRING TERM