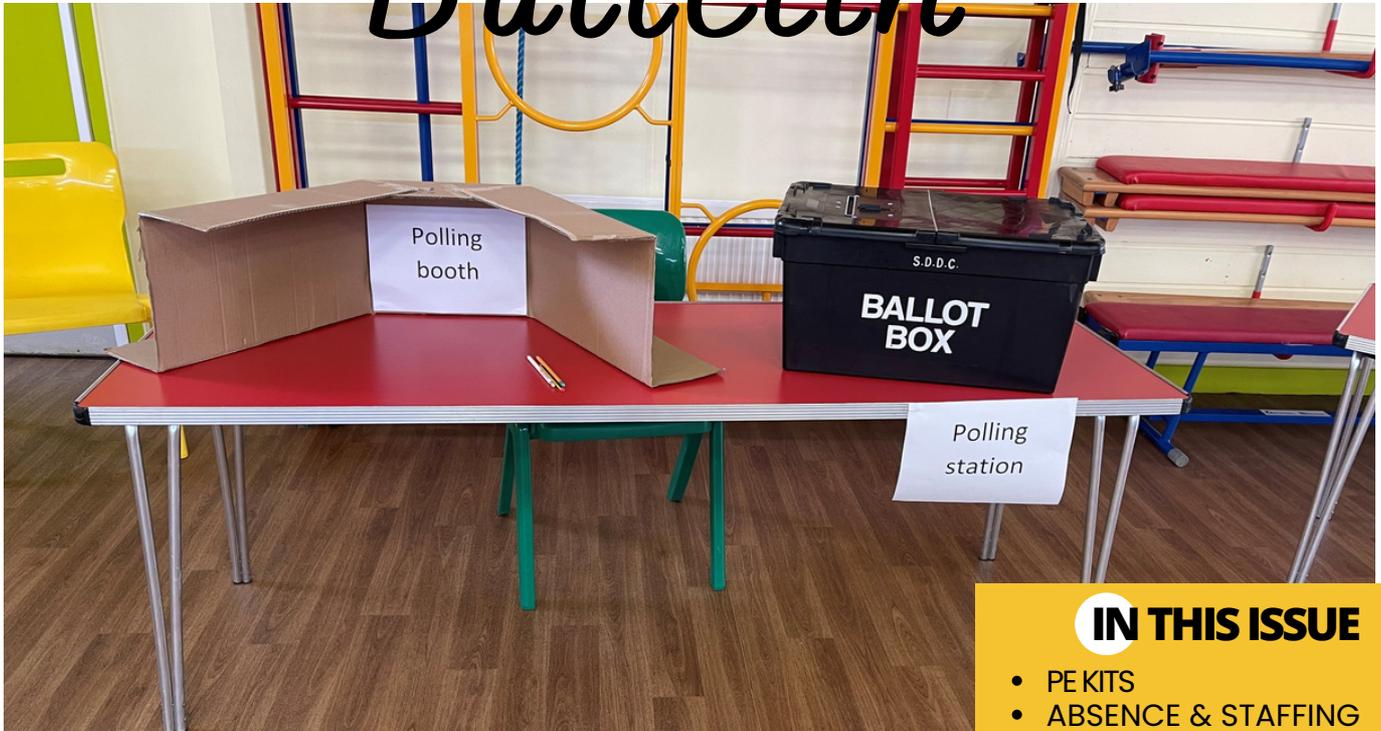




Victoria Bulletin



Victoria Polling Station

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MESSAGE FROM MR SMITH

Our school had a very exciting end to last week when the children and staff awaited the results of our first whole school election, to choose Victoria's first ever Prime Minister!

Giving our children a voice, and a say into what goes on in our school is very important to me, personally. If we take the ideas of the children, themselves, then they will have the motivation to come to school every day and they will want to try their best in everything. Being in school is not just about children doing what the adults tell them to do. Neither is it about children sitting quietly and not telling us what they think about things. If we are to really move our school forward, Victoria should be a place where the children make a contribution of their own.

This year, we have set up Victoria's first ever School Parliament. Every class has elected two MPs and they will join me, for a regular meeting, every few weeks. Our MPs will take on some very important roles in our school, in order to move it forward. They will also have a chance to tell me what they want to improve about their classrooms, the school day and what they learn!

I am so proud of ALL of the children who stood for election, for writing their own manifesto promises and having the courage to speak in front of their Phase Group. I am also proud of the children who stood to be the MP for their class.

Special congratulations to our newly elected Prime Minister of Orchard Site Markuss and to Mari, our Prime Minister of our Victoria Road site. We look forward to hearing about your ideas.



PEKITS AND CHANGING

This year, the school has gone back to asking children to change into their PE kit whilst they are in school. This is what happened before COVID-19 and it was always a really useful way of developing independence in the children and supporting them to take greater responsibility for their belongings. Our school is working hard to really raise expectations of the children so that we are in line with other local schools. So.....

- Your child should keep their PE kit in school every day and only take it home for a wash at the end of term
- We are splitting children into boys and girls, whenever changing is taking place, where we can
- Make sure every item of clothing - including both shoes - are labeled with your child's name
- Talk to us if things go missing so we can help check the lost property and talk to the class

ABSENCE & STAFFING



Over the last week or so, we've had unprecedented levels of staff illness. We apologise for the disruption that this is causing for the children, and yourself, and we kindly ask that you bear with us at this time. In school, we try so hard to keep things running as normal for the children and our staff are very helpful and supportive, moving to other year groups if there are fellow staff members off. Supply agencies are having challenges also. In the event that staffing levels continue to reduce, and cover cannot be sought, we will undergo a risk assessment process and it may mean that we have to make some temporary tweaks to what is happening in school.

GOT A CONCERN? CALL THE RIGHT PERSON!

If you have a worry or concern, a question or something you need to find out, follow the steps below:

STEP 1 - Speak to your child's class teacher

If things don't improve or you don't get the information you need then:

STEP 2 - Speak to the Phase Leader. Call the office and book a phone call appointment. Miss Marchini is the Phase Leader of Nursery and Reception, Mrs Crooks is the Phase Leader for Years 1, 2 & 3 and Miss Mewis is the Phase Leader for Years 4, 5 & 6

Still concerned?

STEP 3 - Speak with the Deputy Headteacher. Miss Simpson at Orchard Site or Mrs Keyworth-Edwards at Victoria Road

They may ask Mrs Arif or Miss Burrows to call you and offer some further help. If things still don't improve:

STEP 4 - Arrange a call or meeting with Mr Smith, the Headteacher.

ANYTHING ABOUT THE SAFETY OR WELL-BEING OF A CHILD, OR A FORMAL COMPLAINT COMES DIRECT TO MR. SMITH





PARENT PAY – DO YOU OWE MONEY?

We have quite a few parents who have not paid their dinner money and therefore, they owe quite a bit of money.

For your information, all monies for school dinners, school clubs, voluntary contributions towards the cost of school trips and fundraising is to be paid using our ParentPay site. If you are not sure then speak to the office to help you get set up.

If you, or a few other parents want us to put on another workshop to help you set up then please let us know. We really want to help and to avoid you owing large amounts of money in one go.

5 A DAY!

Did you ask your child how many Dojo points they received last week?

Did you know that your child will automatically get 5 Dojos EVERY DAY if:

- They attend school!
- They have full school uniform – including NO trainers!
- They show good manners and politeness to all
- They have their equipment with them – PE Kit, reading book, glasses, etc
- They are on-time for school!

Those children who have achieved 500 points by Christmas will receive a special treat alongside Mr. Smith!



COMING UP.....

Monday 9th & Thursday 12th October – Parents' Evening for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday 10th October – SLC Parent Consultations

Monday 23rd October – Nursery closed all day for 'snagging works'

Tuesday 24th October – Y2 Halloween Disco (3:30 pm until 4:30 pm) £2 per person

Tuesday 24th October – Y6 Film Night (More details to follow)

Friday 27th October – Golden Mentions Assembly (parents by special invitation only)

Monday 6th November – INSET for children in mainstream school

Friday 20th October – Y6 Poppy Art Fundraiser (More details to follow)

Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day (Fundraising activities in school)

w/c 20th November – Back to School Week (parents invited into school to learn with their child)

Wednesday 6th December – SLC Christmas Show (Time TBA)

Thursday 7th December – Year 4 Film Night (More details to follow)

Friday 8th December – Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation to school funds)

Wednesday 13th December – Gold Super Learner Treat

Friday 15th December – Termly reports to parents – see how your child is getting on!

Wednesday 20th December – EYFS/Y1 Christmas Nativity Performance – 2 pm (Details to follow)

Thursday 21st December – EYFS/Y1 Christmas Nativity Performance – 2 pm (Details to follow)

Friday 22nd December – BREAK UP



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>This week's focus was: Having good manners</p> 	<p>Donaldson <i>Harris</i></p>	<p>Jeffers <i>Zunaira</i></p>
	<p>Murphy <i>Ibrahim K</i></p>	<p>Ahlberg <i>Adam K</i></p>
<p>Tomlinson <i>Haider</i></p>	<p>Fletcher <i>Abi-Baker</i></p>	<p>Dahl <i>Yusef K</i></p>
<p>Cowell <i>Abdus-Salam</i></p>	<p>Lewis</p>	<p>Morpurgo <i>Ahmed R</i></p>
<p>Rundell <i>Amelia M</i></p>	<p>Horowitz <i>Dre</i></p>	<p>Pullman <i>Amelia R</i></p>
<p>Seuss <i>Ava</i></p>		<p>Rosen <i>Henry</i></p>

MR SMITH'S CLASS OF THE WEEK

Victoria Road:
95.5% in Tomlinson

Orchard:
94.8% in Cowell

Tomlinson, Cowell
& Pullman

ATTENDANCE