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MESSAGE FROM MR SMITH

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year. We've had a really busy first few weeks back, and lots of new things to get used to. A new year brings fresh challenges and also exciting opportunities. You'll see many changes this year!

As you'll be aware, we have put in a brand new leadership team and structure for the new year, so we can really move things forward and deliver the necessary improvements. We now have two Deputy Headteachers - newly appointed Miss Simpson will be permanently based at our Orchard site and Mrs Keyworth-Edwards will now be permanently based at the Victoria Road Site. I am well aware that it was tricky, waiting for somebody to return your call last year, or to communicate with you at times. As you'll be aware, we are a two site school and so my time is split between each building. Having two Deputy Headteachers should make things much smoother and ensure that there is always somebody senior on hand in my absence. Please don't worry - they pass on everything to me! I get to hear about every little thing that happens when I'm not there and they pass on every little conversation that they have with you. They also check with me before answering your queries.



In addition to the above, Miss Marchini has been promoted to the position of Assistant Headteacher and she'll be the leader of EYFS and our new Nursery. Miss Mewis has been promoted to Phase Leader for Y4, Y5, and Y6, and Mrs Campion is our new SENCO. Finally, we welcome Mrs Crooks, who'll be our Phase Leader of Y1, Y2 and Y3.

As we begin the new school year, I want to reiterate the journey that we have to travel in order to make our school the very best it can be. We are all working so hard, step by step in the background, to make the necessary improvements and we want the very best for your child. Some things take time to get right so, in the meantime, do let us know, if we can assist you or if you have concerns.

CLASS DOJO



ClassDojo

We are aware that many parents really find Class Dojo a useful way of communicating with the class teacher, whether that be for the teacher to celebrate a child's achievements or for you to get an important message to us. This year, ALL classes will be using Class Dojo, and in exactly the same way. This is what you can expect from your child's class teacher on Dojo:

1. A whole class update each week, about something that the class has been doing
2. A response to your questions or daily messages (*please be aware that they will not respond to a message before 7:30 am or after 6 pm in the evening*)
3. Photos of your child from time to time.

The school office will be putting all letters onto Class Dojo and these will not be emailed to you anymore. We will only send out paper copies of letters, if a slip requires a signature

DID YOU KNOW:

Dojo can translate letters and messages into your home language?

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Date for your Diary

Wednesday 27th September all children will be having their school photographs taken.

Please ensure all children come dressed in the correct school uniform.



FIRST AID



We have bought a new system for letting you know if your child has had any minor first aid in school. We will now email you through a new piece of software called Medical Tracker. It means no more bits of paper getting lost and it means you get alerted with all the details as they happen. PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR 'JUNK' OR 'CLUTTER' INBOX. Also, it means that you need to let us know if your email address changes!

We will also email you through this software, if your child has been administered with any prescribed medication, provided you have given us your consent via Reception. Finally, if any medicines are out of date or running out in school, we'll let you know this too.

PLEASE NOTE - In the event of a major accident or major first aid treatment then we would always phone you!

CONCRETE CONCERNS (RAAC)

You may have heard in the news that a number of schools are having to close temporarily, OR relocate, due to safety concerns about RAAC (a type of concrete that was used when some schools were built.) Generally, this is a type of concrete that was used to build some schools between the 1960s and the 1990s.

At the moment, the county council doesn't think our buildings contain this type of concrete and so we believe it is still safe for children to come into school. The county council will be carrying out further checks in the coming days. Please be assured that, if we didn't feel it safe for the children to be in school, we would let you all know.

Children should keep coming to school as normal unless they hear otherwise.

ROAD SAFETY & PARKING

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the situation with cars and traffic at our Orchard site during school drop-off and pick-up times. Miss Simpson is always out on gate duty at these times, and I am also there when I am available. Over the last few days we have seen the following:

1. Children NOT wearing seat belts!
2. Parents parking on the yellow zig-zag lines and on the pavement
3. Younger children not sitting in an age-appropriate car seat
4. Our parents using a mobile phone whilst driving
5. Parents trying to park in the school car park without a school parking PASS
6. Parents parking in the nearby nursery car private park and on resident's drives.

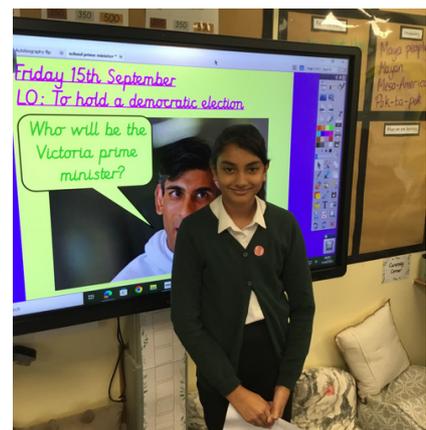
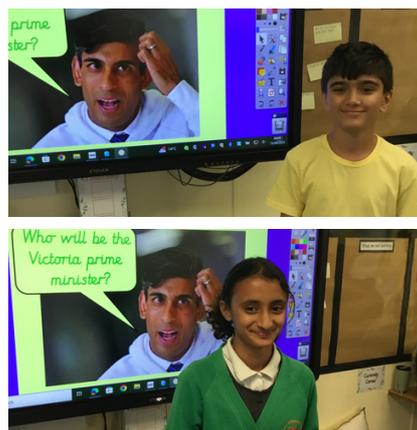
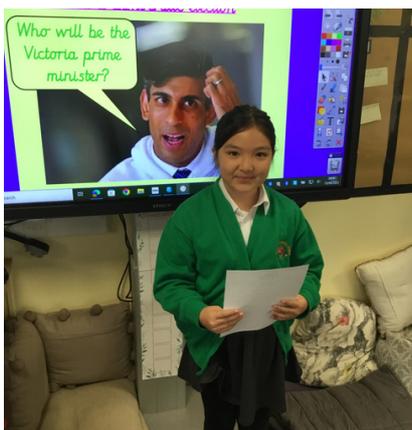
I have been in contact with Staffordshire Police and, rest assured, we want it to be as safe as possible for the children. Staffordshire Police are going to be patrolling on some days, and our staff will collect number plates and report any of the above offences.

In an effort to reduce cars and traffic, Year 6 children are allowed to walk home alone - provided that we have parental permission. We also encourage children to cycle to school, provided they have got a permit from the school office. **We have now re-evaluated our policy and are willing to allow Year 5 pupils to walk home with their Year 6 sibling if we have had written consent. Letter available from school office.**

Finally, we will not tolerate any form of abusive behaviour towards staff or other parents. If you are concerned and wish to report anything that is of concern to you, please come and speak to us in confidence.

OUR FIRST WEEK BACK

Year 6 have been busy preparing for our first Victoria Community School Prime Minister election, by preparing speeches.



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.



	Donaldson <i>Imanbillah</i>	Jeffers <i>Falak</i>
	Murphy <i>Mubasherah</i>	Ahlberg <i>Abdurahman</i>
Tomlinson <i>Mirha</i>	Fletcher <i>Dominykas</i>	Dahl <i>Sehar</i>
Cowell <i>Aisha</i>	Lewis <i>Anaya</i>	Morpurgo <i>Urwa</i>
Rundell <i>Arooj</i>	Horowitz <i>Hamna</i>	Pullman <i>Usman</i>
Seuss <i>Jaxson</i>	WELL DONE!	Rosen <i>Ollie</i>

**MR SMITH'S
CLASS OF THE
WEEK**

Victoria Road:
97.9% in Murphy
Orchard:
95.6% in Cowell

ATTENDANCE

Ahlberg, Tomlinson & Cowell