### Victoria Road Newsletter February 2023

As we reach half way through the year I would like to share some updates for you.

The Guinea pigs have settled in lovely and I am so proud of how caring the children are towards them. The children love sharing any left-over salad from lunchtime and chatting to them daily. The afterschool club have made a fantastic display with lots of information on guinea pigs to help others understand their needs. The children are not so keen on the cleaning routine but I have had some amazing helpers so far!

The "My Happy Mind" programme we use to support mental health at our school have now officially launched a brand new app in February. This contains new content for parents and children to enjoy as they carry on their My Happy Mind learning journey at home! New features include:

- Mini Masterclasses for Parents
- A new **Kids Zone** which is jam-packed with things for the kids to enjoy, such as animated stories, Happy Breathing, music and the brand new **Games.**
- · Brand new children's activities.
- and much more!

Parents can download the App using these links and our URN number 143164 to sign up:

- Apple: <a href="https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/myhappymind/id6471412523">https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/myhappymind/id6471412523</a>
- Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kj138126.app&hl=kr

If parents have already created an account, they will be able to sign into the new App straight away.

We still have 2 vacancies for parent/carer Governors at Victoria Road Primary School. If you are interested in applying or would like further information please email <a href="mailto:admin@victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk">admin@victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk</a>

Future dates for March 2024 are:

Friday 1st March – Non-uniform day for Yellow house group (Spring 1 half term house point winners).

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Readathon Week. Children will be invited to complete the reading sponsorship form and create a book in a box for a competition.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Children and staff are invited to dress up as a "word/vocab". Mrs Clarke has sent out further information on this.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Easter hamper raffle tickets go on sale.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Young Carers trip to Chester.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Parents/carers evenings.

Tuesday 19th March am - Year 5 visit Rudheath High School for Science & Technology.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Non-uniform day for all. Please donate an Easter raffle gift.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fayre evening home time.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Snap Trap session in school (E-Safety).

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day in school. Restart on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Thank you for your continued support Sue Minor (Head of School) head@victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk

## Reporting your child absent

If your child is unwell and absent from school please use the absence line to advise us before 9.00am (01606 663061). You can leave a detailed message or speak to one of our team in the office.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **DEBTS**

We would be grateful if you could bring all ParentPay accounts up to date as a matter of urgency.

We recognise that this is often just an oversight and payment can be quickly made via ParentPay.

If you need any support please contact the office on 01606663061

If you'd like any help setting up or using your ParentPay accounts please come and ask for assistance at the Office.

## **ATTENDANCE**



School Attendance aspiration = 96%

School Attendance to 29/02/2024 = 94.67% (Slight decrease on previous month)

Top class – Year 4/5 = 95.52%

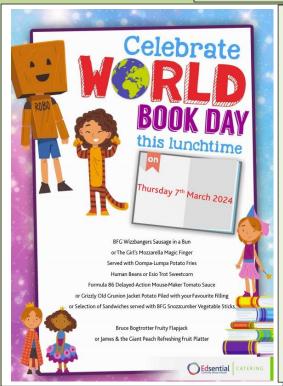
We understand that there can be health problems, but:

Don't believe that the 'odd day off can't harm.' Research carried out on the effects of broken weeks and achievement is astounding. A student can have 95% attendance but still have 10 broken weeks! Hugely detrimental to a pupil's learning, leaving big gaps in knowledge!

- Try to judge how 'severe' the pupil's illness is. Do they really need to stay at home?
- How many of them are better by lunchtime? Send them back to school!
- If a pupil has an extended or intermittent but persistent condition, contact the attendance officers and arrange a meeting to set up a supportive action plan. There are lots we can offer to do, to prevent a pupil missing education.
- Non-urgent doctor, dental appointments and check-ups should be made outside school time – school finishes at 15:15.
- If an appointment must be set in school time, absence will only be authorised for a reasonable margin of time. Not half a day to go to local GP/dentist. We understand orthodontic treatments and hospital clinic appointments may take longer. Try to minimise time out of school.
- Try to vary the days of these treatments to avoid missing the same lessons in a cycle.

Pupils need to be in school to maximise their learning and success.

#### **WORLD BOOK DAY 2024**



Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We invite pupils to join our vocabulary parade and come dressed as a word. Stuck for ideas? There are lots online. Will you come dressed as "sparkle", "ocean", "incognito" – the ideas are endless! The children will take part in World Book Day activities throughout the day and will receive a voucher towards a free World Book Day Book or to use at our school book fair.

#### **BOOK FAIR**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school between Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 3.15pm – 4pm. It will be based in Year 1 and visitors will need to sign in. Children can use their WBD token to get £1 off a book. Books can be paid for online using QR codes so no cash required. There will be a range of gorgeous books to buy with many under £5.

# Holiday dates 2023 TO 2024

	Date of opening (First day	Date of closing (Last day in school for
	back at school for pupils)	pupils)
2023 Autumn Term	Wednesday 6th September	Friday 20th October
Autumn Term	Monday 30th October	Friday 15th December
2024 Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January	Thursday 15th February
Spring Term	Monday 26th February	Thursday 28th March
2024 Summer Term	Monday 15th April	Friday 24th May
Summer	Tuesday 4th June	Wednesday 24th July

#### **INSET DAYS 2023-2024**

INSET DAY 1 - Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAY 2 - Tuesday 5th September 2023

INSET DAY 3 - Friday 29th September 2023

INSET DAY 4- Tuesday 2nd January 2024

INSET DAY 5 - Friday 16th February 2024

INSET DAY 6 - Monday 3rd June 2024