



Victory Primary School Newsletter

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Every day may not be good , but every day has some goodness!



Prime Minister's update on schools reopening date....



Below is part of a speech which the Prime Minister made yesterday.....

"Schools in England will not be able to reopen to all pupils after the February half-term, but could do so from 8th March".

"The date of 8th March is the earliest that we think it is sensible to set for schools to go back and obviously we hope that all schools will go back."

"I'm hopeful, but that's the earliest that we can do it and it depends on lots of things going right, and... it also depends on us all now continuing to work together to drive down the incidence of the disease through the basic methods we've used throughout this pandemic."

"There was not enough data yet to decide when to end the lockdown....."

However, the PM intends to set out a plan for how it could be eased and the criteria involved, in the final week of February. **So what does this mean for our school?**

It means that we carry on doing what we are currently doing to keep staff and children safe who are at school, and provide the best quality education we can for all children, both for the children working at home and those who are in school. We must also continue to work in partnership and just wait until the end of February to learn how the PM plans to re open schools and whether his "hope" to re-open schools is turned into reality or pushed back safely to another date.

A big hello to all the children at home. We miss you and one day we will all be together at school. I am using my DR P, are you?



Free School Meals Food vouchers.....

All eligible free school meals families have now received all the vouchers they are entitled to. If you have received the vouchers but they are not working, please contact our school office, we will do our best to help you.

If your family is not free school meals, but you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact our school office as you may be entitled to free school meals vouchers or other assistance.



Sponsored Memory.....

Thank you to all children, parents and staff who took part in the sponsored memory activity. The children really enjoyed trying to remember the items they were shown, and the teachers were able to see the interesting strategies children used to help them to remember! Our school raised £253, this has been added to our school funds. Hopefully the school Council will agree to use some of the money to celebrate when all schools are safely reopened and we no longer have to be bubbles, so we can learn, play and celebrate together!



Thank you emails from parents...

Thank you for the email with regards to school meal vouchers and laptop updates . Thank you for all you do and hard work especially during this pandemic. God bless and uphold you head teachers, class teachers, teachers assistants, all staff, and the Admin team.
Warm regards.....

Hello,
.....(I) just wanna say a big thank you for all your help with the food supplied Monday and the vouchers. It's a big help and much appreciated .
keep well and safe !



Travel during February half term....

If your child is currently attending school and you decide to travel with your child to other countries, below is the link to the government's website showing all the countries which if you decided to visit you would be required to go into quarantine for 10 days after you return. This list is updated frequently, so please continue to check this list before you decide to travel to another country.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors#history>



Blue Peter

I received the email below from Blue Peter.....

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how guides, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. Please see the link below it's completely free to subscribe!

<https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> -

Thanks so much for your time,

The Blue Peter Team!

Story Time.....

A special message from Mrs Beattie.....

Amber Class have adapted amazingly well to online learning. It has been difficult but each day gets a little easier. We have been lucky as Sharmin, Elysa and James have shared a book from home during our daily story time at 3pm. It was really lovely to listen to them read and enjoy the stories together.

If there are any other children or parents who would like to share a story with Amber Class, please get in touch. Keep trying your best, be kind and be safe!



Work being sent home and notebooks..

For families who do not have access to the internet and/or electronic devices, we will continue to provide hard copies of work. We will now ask all parents/carers to collect your child's work every **Monday**.

We received the routers earlier this morning, but unfortunately we discovered when we unpacked the boxes that they do not include free data! We are now busy contacting companies to ask for free data support, the notebooks should be given to high priority families before the end of term.

Free Breakfast Parcels For All.....

We would like to say a big thank you to the charity 'School Food Matters' who have provided us with free breakfast parcels. We have had two deliveries so far - the last one was on Monday 25th January. The bags include a loaf of bread, Weetabix, two tins of beans, milk rice, oats, coconut and fruit.

Also, thank you to Miss Safia, Miss Ashila and Miss Ejiro for packing all the bags. It took a very long time!

They are available to all children at Victory. If you require one and you have not yet picked one up, please contact the school office.





Remote Home Learning....

As time goes on, parents and children are becoming more confident with using Google classroom. This has meant that not only can children see and speak to their class teacher, they are also able to see their friends! This has meant that we have been able to continue to educate our children, despite the challenges which the pandemic has caused. Also we have been able to respond instantly to any questions or queries children or parents may have, via Google meets or emails. To help improve the quality of the learning experience, please can parents/carers help us by doing the four key things below:-

If your child is in KS1 and EYFS, please can you supervise your child during the lessons by either sitting with them for the complete sessions or at very least, regularly check your child is behaving and engaging in the lesson. If children's behaviour becomes distracting to other children, 'time out' will be used to give children the opportunity to refocus. This means that staff will remove children from the remote learning session. When you have spoken to your child and refocused them, then they will be permitted to re - enter the session.

If your child is in KS2, please can you regularly check that your child is on task and focused. As with EYFS and KS1, 'time out' will be used to address distracting behaviour.

If you log into the lesson after it has started, please wait until the teacher has finished working with the children already in the lesson. Whilst you are waiting, please look at the work set for the lesson in the virtual classroom.

A teaching degree takes 4 long years to complete, followed by 1 year training in school! So please do not put huge additional pressure on yourself trying to achieve the same results as your child's class teacher, instead just do your best and congratulate yourself and your child for whatever achievements you have each made!

Food parcels

Melanin is a charity offering food parcels to Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME) families. If you would like to receive a food parcel from Melanin for the half term break, please contact Melanin directly. Their contact details are melanin.hw@gmail.com



EU Settlement Scheme

As the UK has left Europe you may need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK. The EU settlement scheme runs up until 30th June 2021, so please check if you need to apply as soon as possible. Please see the link below for more information.

www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

Sapphire Class.....

Inspired by the book "The Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Rauf, Year 5 have been learning about the refugee crises happening all around the world and discussing the impact it has on our lives. As part of our learning, we have started writing our own refugee stories. Here is the beginning of Rezija's story.

It was dinnertime at Celia's house. Celia was living with her uncle, auntie, little cousin, her mum and her older sister Evie. They had just come from work and school. The house was very quiet and still. Celia felt very calm and relaxed after a long day at school. It was so quiet outside; you could hear a pin drop on the street. Suddenly, they all heard an ear-splitting sound! Followed by screaming. They looked out their windows and saw people running their way! They all thought, "what was happening?" Then ...they saw it. A bomb had just dropped from the sky and landed on at least a dozen houses. The whole family started panicking. Uncle started screaming. Her cousin started crying. Auntie started running around the room. Celia just froze. No one knew what was going on. "Syria used to be so peaceful. What had happened? Why had this happened?" Whispered Celia. "We have to get out of this house. It's too dangerous to stay!" Exclaimed Evie. Uncle said that he would go out to check if it was safe to go out of the house. He said he would only take ten minutes, but he never came back.

They knew right there and then, that it wasn't safe to go through the front door. So they crept through the back door, into the alley way. When they got out, they started walking away from the destructive, dangerous and very confusing turmoil. Their house had been now squished to the ground. All of a sudden, Celia started screaming, "Nooooooooooooo! Fluffy was in there!" Fluffy was Celia's cat. "I'm sorry sis there's nothing we can do about it. But when we get to a safer country then I promise we will get an even better cat than Fluffy." Mum then said that they had to find shelter in a safe place for the night.

They walked faster and faster until they picked up the pace and started running. Mum couldn't run so fast, so she got lost in the crowd swarming the streets. None of them looked back so no one noticed. It seemed like millions of people were running away.

