



Newsletter: April 23rd 2018

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Just a reminder that children should walk with their bikes and scooters once they inside the school gate – this saves everyone’s legs from injury on our narrow paths and gates.

LATES AND ABSENCES

The law in England is very strict about schooling. All children are expected to be in school – on time – every day. The City Education Welfare Service have administered over £1000 worth of fines and criminal convictions to Victoria Primary School families this year for persistent lateness and absence. The school will always write if your child’s attendance is becoming a concern to give families a chance of avoiding action by the Welfare Service. If you have any problems or concerns, our Family Support Assistant - Lorraine Whistler – can meet with you to help. Her direct line is 0115 807 7755 if you would like to speak to her.

COMMANDO JOE

Next week we welcome Commando Joe to our school! Joe is an ex—military activity coach who will be working alongside teachers to improve the Outdoor Adventurous Activity PE lessons. He will also be running some after school clubs as well helping out at Breakfast Club. Commando Joe will be with us every Thursday for the next 12 months.

ENERGY DRINKS

Energy drinks such as red bull have been sold to children in the local area recently. If your child goes to the shop alone, please ensure they know that drinks such as Red Bull are not meant for children. The NHS says that as well as the sugar content being high enough to increase the risk of obesity, their acidity can damage teeth whilst the caffeine can affect the developing brain and heart as well as risking development of addiction.

NSPCC ASSEMBLIES AND LESSONS

The NSPCC have been delivering important life lessons for children across school recently. You can find out more about their work by speaking to your child’s teacher or by visiting their website at www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/working-with-schools/speak-out-stay-safe-service/

ONLINE GAMING SAFETY - FORTNITE

The free online game “Fortnite” has been identified as having a potential safety risk for children as the in-game chat feature is not secure, meaning a child can be contacted anonymously by anyone including strangers. The age rating on this game is 12 and school would therefore encourage parents to avoid allowing access to this game at home. You can find out more about this game and recommendations at [//www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parents-guide-fortnite-battle-royale)

UNIFORM AND COATS

As our 350 children shed their jumpers and coats in the warmer weather, please check that your child hasn’t brought home someone else’s property at the end of the day. Making sure that names are written on labels helps us to keep some kind of track of what is where so we can return items when we find them.

Diary Dates: April – May 2018

Date	Year Group	Time	Event
Monday 23 rd April	Years 5 & 6	Day	Speak Out – Be Heard – Be Safe Lessons with NSPCC
Wednesday 25 th April	Nursery, Reception, Year 1	Day	White Post Farm animals visiting school!
Thursday 26 th April	Year 1 Nightingale & Seacole	Day	English Learning Visit to Perlethorpe Outdoor Centre
Monday 30 th April	Darwin Nursery, Boot & Bell	AM	Librarian Visit to School
Monday 30 th April	All	3.15 – 4.00 pm	Summer After School Clubs Start
Tuesday 1 st May	Reception Boot & Bell	Day	Extra Forest School Learning with the RSPB
Tuesday 1 st May & Wednesday 2 nd May	Y3 & Y4	PM	Bugsy Malone Show for families
Thursday 3 rd May	Year 1 Nightingale & Seacole	Day	Extra Forest School Learning with the RSPB
Monday 7 th May	All	Day	School Closed National Bank Holiday
Tuesday 8 th May	Darwin Nursery	Day	Extra Forest School Learning with the RSPB
Monday 14 th May to Thursday 17 th May	Year 6 Bridgetower	AM	Year 6 National Tests (SATs)
Monday 21 st May	Y1, 3 & 5	PM	Spanish Afternoon
Friday 25 th May	All	3.15 PM	School Closes for May Half Term Holiday