



14 September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all those parents who came along on Wednesday evening this week. If you didn't manage to make it, the PowerPoints from the evening are on the school website.

### New Adventure Trail

You may have noticed the diggers and skips in the bottom playground this week, signaling the imminent installation of our new adventure trail. This is a very visible example of the way in which VSA funds are improving your children's experiences at school and we are very grateful for all of your generosity. Apologies for any disruptions while the work is being carried out. We are hoping it will be finished by the end of next week.

### School Council News

The new school council met for the first time today. School councilors are as follows:

Reception – Charlotte D, Alex, James, Rosa D  
Year 1 – Eva, Alfie, Georgia, Thomas  
Year 2 – Emily, Samuel

### Whole School Calendar

The calendar for this term is attached. Please note two important events for parents this term: a phonics workshop on Thursday 4 October from 6:30pm –7:30pm and a maths workshop on Tuesday 27 November from 6:30pm -7.30pm. At each workshop you will find out about the ways we teach your children in these key areas and how you can support them at home.

We have made some changes to the way in which we organise class assemblies and shows. This year, there will be one show at the end of each term and the year groups will take part in

### Star of the Week



#### Acorn

Amelia for engaging in all her learning and for super listening.

#### Maple

Charlotte H for her positive attitude towards learning.

#### Oak

Rosa for always trying her best during lessons.

#### Beech

Xavi for engaging with his learning and demonstrating an excellent attitude.

#### Cedar

Rosie for focusing on her learning so she can acquire new skills.

#### Hazel

Aksel for working so hard in all lessons this week.

these as follows: Christmas – Reception; Spring – Year 1; Summer – Year 2. In addition, each class will do an assembly in the two terms when they are not putting on a show. Nursery will do a 'Christmas Assembly' at the end of this term.

Please keep an eye on the 'School Diary Dates' section of the newsletter in case of any changes to the calendar.

### Message from the VSA

Welcome back and welcome to all new parents. The VSA (Victoria School Association) arranges fun events for the children and grown-ups, enabling us to all get together socially and raise much needed money for the school. Funds raised last year paid towards the replacement of the playground equipment and a trolley of iPads, as well as each class getting a bursary each term and many other things.

Everyone - existing and new parents - please join in to help with these events which rely entirely on volunteers. Some existing volunteers are moving on and therefore we need new helpers to be able to put on the events. You can put in as much or little time as you want, many of us fit it around work and other commitments. It would be great to have more men involved too.

The existing events are all easy to help at or run as we have briefings from previous similar events. You might have some new ideas too.

We would love to see you all to talk about what goes on and the events lined up at a meeting on **Tuesday 25 September, 7.45pm at The George**. If you can't make it, let us know if you want the notes or can offer support (find the chair, secretaries, treasurer or your class rep in the playground or email us), and come along next time (usually the third Tuesday of the month).

A first request: we make Victoria School apple juice to sell at Christmas using apples from the school allotment. Please come along to help collect apples from our allotment on **Friday 5 October at 3:00pm** by the top playground with big bags to put the apples in. If you or a neighbour have an apple tree with apples to spare please collect them up and add them to the haul - email [mrsmariemorris@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmariemorris@gmail.com) to arrange to hand them over.

Chair - Neil Ainsworth (Reception parent)  
Secretary - Josie Drath (Reception parent) and Lisa Greenfield (Year 1 parent)  
Treasurer - Kirsty Suggett (Year 1 and 2 parent)

Email us at: [ysa@victoria.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ysa@victoria.herts.sch.uk)

## School Diary Dates

*Please check the website for most up-to-date information*

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Wednesday 26 September

Whole School Day of Languages

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Monday 2 October

Book Fair

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Wednesday 3 October

Reception/KS1 Harvest Church Service

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Thursday 4 October

Book Fair

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Thursday 4 October

Phonics Workshop

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Tuesday 9 October

Hazel Class Assembly

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Wednesday 10 October

Individual Photos

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Tuesday 16 October

Cedar Class Assembly

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Tuesday 23 October

Whole School RE Day

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## Some Gentle Reminders

- Parking - the school car park is for use by staff and visitors only. Parents who are collecting children from the After School Club may park there after 4:30pm.
- No ball games at drop-off – there is not enough room in our playground for the safe playing of ball games before school starts in the morning.
- Ear-rings -if your child has pierced ears, please can you ensure they only wear small studs or rings and that they have micro-pore tape in school to cover their ear-rings during PE lessons.

Thank you

Caroline Crozier  
Head of School



### *Value Champions*

This week our value has been: Thankfulness

Isla – Nathan – Effie – Tabitha - Freddie

### *This week at St Peter's*

#### **St Peter's Oktoberfest 2018**

Next weekend is the St Peter's Oktoberfest. Please do come and join in one of our events:

**Friday 21 September: 7:30pm** French, German and English Comparative Wine and Cheese Tasting led by WSET tutor, Mike Eggleton at The Court House. Tickets on sale now from [ugrego@btinternet.com](mailto:ugrego@btinternet.com) £15, under 18 free.

**Saturday 22 September: 7:30pm** in St Peter's: Bridgewater Sinfonia Concert honours the memory of those fallen in the Great War. Tickets £15 in advance, £17 on the door. Music from Germany, Belgium and England.

**Sunday 23 September: 9:30am** Parish Eucharist including Haydn's *The Heavens are Telling*

**11:00am** Bavarian Breakfast: sausages, beer and music outside St Peter's Church