

A Message from Mrs Kee

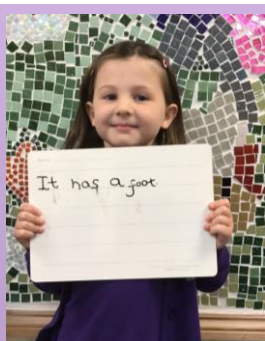
Welcome back after the Easter holiday – I do hope you all had a lovely break. The children have quickly settled back into school and have really enjoyed some of the exciting things we had planned for the first week back as well as getting straight back into their learning. Well done!



Our May Day events, to celebrate Spring, were a huge success and well attended by parents. In line with our school ethos, May Day traditions have a community focus. They include dancing and singing together. At VWA, as well as sharing these traditions, our children created the most beautiful and personalised maypoles I have ever seen! Year 2 children enjoyed performing at Holly Green and sharing their singing within the community. We managed to capture some of the special moments from yesterday and these are included in this week's newsletter.

Year 1 were so pleased to have some grandparents visit our school to talk about their experiences of Burton when they were younger. The children were fascinated! Thank you so much for the grandparents that were able to give their support in bringing history and geography alive in the classroom.

Our assembly this week focused on relationships and I asked the children to consider what ingredients they would put in a 'recipe for a friend' – have a look in the newsletter for some of their wonderful responses. Enjoy the bank holiday , See you next Tuesday, *Mrs Kee*





Attendance

Whole School (this week)	95.05%
Reception	93.02%
Year 1	95.22%
Year 2	96.88%

Merit Award Winners

Year 2 were on their trip this Friday, so it was just Reception and Year 1 that had their Merit Assembly. Well done and thank you to Year 2 I have been told that their behaviour was exceptional and they represented our school beautifully on their trip.

Please see the Merit Award winners for this week below:

Reception



Year 1



Congratulations to
Kestrels

for being the class with
the highest attendance
this week! Well done
for your fantastic attendance
this week.

**Make sure your child
attends school every day so
that they get the most from
their education.**

Home Awards

We had a swimming superstar this
week!





May Day - Reception





May Day - Year 1





May Day - Year 2





Toddler Group - Reminder

Toddler Group – Starting back on Tuesday 3rd May! (every Tuesday 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family)

We are planning to start our Parent and Toddler session on Tuesday mornings for parents with pre-school children. These ran very successfully last academic year, prior to the Covid disruption. Mrs Kee has confirmed with Mrs Jo Smith, who runs the sessions, that the sessions can now restart.



The sessions will run **9:00am-10:30am every Tuesday at a cost of £2.00 per family**. The first session will be on **Tuesday 3rd May 2022**. Please go to the side entrance by the steps (adjacent to the sports court). The catering team will supply a plate of fruit and juice for the children and there will be hot drinks and toast available for purchase.

Fierté Festival The Queen's Jubilee *'Happy and Glorious'* - Reminder

Just a reminder to start preparing for our Fierté Festival. As you might want to start planning your child's outfits!

On Monday 23rd May all staff and children are to come in 60s decade clothes for the launch of our week of celebrations. The children will be learning and singing songs from this decade and learning to play 60s decade music in Rockit music lessons too.

We have a parent session planned for Thursday 26th May and would like to invite parents into school to make a crown with their child. The times for these sessions are:

Reception – 9am

Year 1 – 10am

Year 2 – 11am

The week will end with a street party celebrating during lunchtime and the afternoon. On this day – Friday 27th May - children are to come to school dressed in red, white and blue.





Recipe for a Friend

In an assembly this week Mrs Kee asked the children what they would put in a 'recipe for a friend'. Here are just some of their inspiring ideas.

kindness

fun

sharing

laughter

hugs

smiles

happiness

love

helpfulness



Hepatitis Information

You may have received this information from other sources, or may have seen it covered in the media recently, but we felt it important to share with you through the Newsletter too.

The number of cases of Hepatitis (inflammation of the liver) in children across the UK has recently increased. Public health doctors and scientists are looking into what could be causing this. The reports state that the current thinking is that it is related to children not being able to build up immunity to viruses and infections during the lockdown period.

The advice is that parents see a GP if their child has symptoms of Hepatitis, which includes yellowing of the eyes and skin (jaundice). Please always inform school if your child is going to be absent for illness and let us know if you are given any information from medical professionals if you seek advice.

Good hygiene, including supervising hand washing in young children, can help to prevent infections that can cause Hepatitis. In school, we continue to support and encourage good hygiene practices for all children. For more information on Hepatitis, please see the NHS webpage [Hepatitis - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)





Forest School Dates Summer 1

Please add these Forest school dates to your diary for next half term:

Badgers – Monday 25th April, 9th May, 23rd May

Owls – Tuesday 26th April, 10th May, 24th May

Ladybirds – Wednesday 27th April, 11th May, 25th May

Squirrels – Thursday 28th April, 12th May, 26th May

Busy Bees – Friday 29th April, 13th May, 20th May

(last session on 20th May due to Jubilee street party on 27th)

Kestrels - Tuesday 3rd May, 17th May

Dragonflies – Wednesday 4th May, 18th May

Foxes – Thursday 5th May, 19th May

Woodpeckers – Friday 6th May, Monday 16th May

(One session on Friday due to the Monday being a bank holiday)



Parent Library Mornings Summer 1

Week beginning: 2nd May

	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	MAY DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	Squirrels
Wednesday	Owls
Thursday	Busy Bees

Week beginning: 9th May

	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	Badgers
Wednesday	Woodpeckers
Thursday	Ladybirds

Week beginning: 16th May

	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	Foxes
Wednesday	Kestrels
Thursday	Dragonflies

Week beginning: 23rd May

	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	Squirrels
Wednesday	Owls
Thursday	Busy Bees





Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September

Term Starts: Thursday 2 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022

Inset day: Tuesday 4 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 5 January

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Term ends: Thursday 7 April

Inset day: Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April

May Day: Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Term ends: Wednesday 20 July

Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1st September

Friday 22nd October

Tuesday 4th January

Friday 8th April

Monday 6th June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20th June



What's Coming Up?

May Day – 2nd May (Bank Holiday)

Reception Play and Stay Tuesday 3rd May 9:10-10:30

Toddler Group – Tuesday 3rd May (every Tuesday 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family)

Drop in session for Jigsaw PSHE Changing Me after school until 4:30pm Wednesday 18th May

Fierte Festival (Queen's Jubilee) launch Monday 23rd May – dress up in '60s decade clothes

Queen's Jubilee Parent Sessions – Thursday 26th May – Reception: 9am Year 1: 10am Year 2: 11am

Queen's Jubilee Dress up – Friday 27th May – Dress in Red, white and blue

May Half term holiday – w/c Monday 30th May

School closed for Queen's Jubilee - Monday 6th June

Summer 2 Starts – Tuesday 7th June

Y2 KINGSWOOD - Wednesday 6th July to Friday 8th July

Y2 BREWHOUSE performance – Tuesday 19th July

Sports Days – Year 1 – 12th July, Year Reception – 13th July, Year 2 - 14th July (times to be confirmed)

Reports to Parents – Friday 15th July

