



## Newsletter

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to a new year of wonderful learning here at Virginia! It has been so lovely to see the children come back to school and to be able to welcome you all in the playground!

We have relaxed most measures taken during the pandemic which means children will be able to mix; learn and play with different children, take part in assemblies and workshops and more importantly experience trips and school journeys!

Our Fridays are back to normal and the children will have a full school day.

We will continue to follow strict hygiene measures such as regular handwashing/sanitising and ensuring there is ventilation in every room. We are aware that the virus is still in our community and will continue to be vigilant for signs and symptoms and inform parents should a positive case develop in one of the classrooms.

We continue to ask you to let us know as soon as possible should a pupil test positive for Covid19.

Guidance has changed with regards to isolation; should a member of the household test positive, it is recommended that all household members and close contact do a PCR test. However children under 18 and double vaccinated adults can continue to attend school and work until the test result comes back.

Here's what we have been up to this week:

### EYFS News

What a fantastic first week of our reception year at school. We have enjoyed getting to know new friends, as well as reconnecting with the friends we already knew. We have cooled down outside with all types of water play; experimenting with the guttering towers and running through water from the hose pipe! Inside we have made towers and cranes from construction, and everyone has been enjoying working collaboratively to make different marble runs. As a class we read a selection of stories about starting school and talked about how the characters felt. This helped us to think about our own feelings. Well done for a fabulous week reception! Please check our blog on the school website for a photo update of the week, and any challenges for the weekend.

### Sharing Good Learning

The following children shared their learning this week:

- **Year 1:** Year 1 have been reading the book "the colour monster" which explored different feelings. **Elkhan, Alice, Dawud H and Fatiha** shared their own colour monsters representing different feelings through colours.
- **Year 3:** **Hollie, Zaheer, Ziyen, Aryan and Ayana** demonstrated how to perform a standing long jump, measure it accurately and record it. Well done!
- **Year 5:** Year 5 have been thinking about time capsules and the legacy they provide for the future; they created their own ones to be re-opened at the end of the year. **Samirah, Nouredine, Cara and Firdaus** shared what they included in theirs; their likes and dislikes, their height and wing span and foot size. They will see at the end of the year if anything has changed.

### Special Mentions:

**Keeyaan** would like to mention **Ilyas** for helping him with his writing, **Fatiha** mentioned **Alice** for making her feel welcome in breakfast club as it was her first day. **Maisha** mentioned **Yusuf** for being a great and fun learning partner and using his voice to ask for help, **Nusaybah** mentioned **Khadijah** for not giving up in maths and using a growth mindset. **Sabira** mentioned **Aryan** for explaining the rules of basketball, **Aoife** mentioned **Zaid** for being able to calm down when feeling frustrated. **Ruth** mentioned **Akram** for excellent active listening and **Tom** mentioned **Nusaybah** for having a positive mindset since returning to school. **Barbara** mentioned the whole of **Year 1** for their fantastic listening skills throughout assembly.

### After School club for our working families

As most of you know, we offer after school provision 3:45 to 5:30 every day for working parents. If you are interested in using this service please contact the office.

### Celebrating your Child's Birthday

Can I please remind everyone when sending in chocolates with your child it must be **Cadburys Heroes**. This is because we have children in school with nut allergies. You can also send in Starburst sweets as an alternative.



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### School timings

The timings will be as follows:

#### Start of the day

8:45 Years 5 and 6  
8:50 Years 3 and 4  
8:55 Years 1 and 2  
9:00 Reception and Nursery

#### End of the day

3:15 Years 5 and 6  
3:20 Years 3 and 4  
3:25 Years 1 and 2  
3:30 Reception and Nursery

Thank you to all parents and carers for helping the children get to school on time and maximize their learning. In the mornings, can we ask years 1-3-5 to line up on the left hand side if facing the main gate and years 2-4-6 on the right hand side. Could Reception and Nursery wait on the other side of the road. This is so we continue to ensure there is a calm start to the day and we avoid congestion in front of the gates.

In the afternoons, to avoid crowding the playground, could we ask that parents and carers make their way in just before their children's year group is due to finish school? Many thanks for your support.

### Forthcoming events

13 <sup>th</sup> September – 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Year 5 school journey to Swanage
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Flu nasal spray for Reception to year 6
7 <sup>th</sup> March – 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 4 school journey to Sayers Croft
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Year 6 parents meeting re: Wales in May
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Red Nose Day – information to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> March – 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	Year 5 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 6 final parents meeting re: Wales
23 <sup>rd</sup> May -27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Year 6 school journey to Wales
20 <sup>th</sup> June -1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Year 6 Intensive swimming for 2 weeks

### Dates for the rest of the year

25 <sup>th</sup> October to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Half Term – School closed
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	School Open – Children return
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	School Closed – Inset day
21 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	School Closed – Occasional day
22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021	End of Term – School closed
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	School Open – Children return
14 <sup>th</sup> February to 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half Term – School closed
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2022	School Open – Children return
4 <sup>th</sup> April to 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	End of Term – School closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022	School Closed – Occasional day
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Half Term – School closed
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	School Open – Children return
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	School Closed – Inset day

Best wishes,

**Barbara Lo Giudice, head teacher**