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Vicarage's Outstanding SATs results

Last week, we received a letter from the Minister for schools, Nick Gibb (MP).
He wrote:

Dear Mrs Khan

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show progress scores of 4.5, 2.6 and 5.5 in reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3 per cent of primary schools in the country.

It has taken a lot of effort by the whole of Vicarage school, our staff and parents, to enable our children, in their Key Stage 2 assessments, to be in the top 3% of primary schools in the country. The governors would like to congratulate all involved.

The governors are keenly aware that for our children to receive an outstanding education they need to receive a balanced and well rounded curriculum of which these assessments play a vital part.

Best Wishes,

Revd. Quintin Peppiatt
Chair of Governors, Vicarage Primary School.

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We are thrilled to have finally achieved the Gold Mark from the Historical Association for our History teaching and learning. After receiving the silver kite mark last year, in December we sent further supporting evidence and managed to achieve the Gold standard. A big thank you to all teachers and pupils for their work in history. A special thank you to Miss Burchett, our History lead for her dedication, commitment and hard work in leading the subject so effectively.



Vicarage on Twitter

We are very excited to launch our new Twitter page!

Twitter is a great way to communicate school news, upcoming events and celebrations.

We would appreciate it if you could bear with us in the early stages of our social media adventure while we establish the most effective ways tweeting and would like you to take note of the following key points:

- At present, only staff from the school's leadership team will be posting/tweeting news
- Social networking sites are not an appropriate place to discuss any individual concerns you may have. We request that you continue to raise any concerns by speaking to or arranging a meeting with the relevant member of staff

We hope you embrace this new venture with the same excitement as us and follow us on Twitter.

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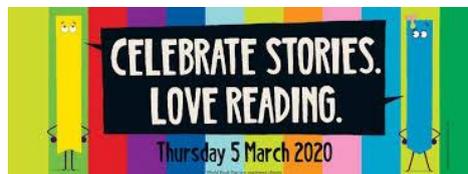
Online Safety Parents Workshop

The Internet is an amazing place. Pupils can play, create, learn and connect - the possibilities are endless. But there are also risks. We are running a parents workshop which will touch upon some of dangers and how, as parents, you can make it easy for your children to explore the online world safely.

The workshop will be on **Wednesday 26th February at 9am.**

If you would like to attend, please accept via Parent mail.

We look forward to seeing you on the 26th February.



World Book Day 2020 is only a few weeks away and the excitement in school is already building!

Each year, millions of schoolchildren take part in a celebration that provides so much joy. It is a nationwide campaign to help change children's lives, by making story-sharing a habit of a lifetime and creating readers for life. Reading for pleasure is in decline, so we want to do our part to boost it back up, raise awareness and spark millions of imaginations.

Spending **just 10 minutes a day** reading and sharing stories with children can make a crucial difference to their outcome and it's fun for all involved. You can read together **anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime!** In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane - reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.

This year at Vicarage, we will be celebrating World Book Day 2020 on **Thursday 5th of March 2020.**

Pupils and staff will be dressing up as book characters - there are prizes being awarded to those pupils who bring their character to life! Please avoid superheroes if you can.

Did you know 65% of 5-7 year-olds will choose to read to themselves when they are *read to every day or nearly every day.*

Did you know 73% of 8-13 year-olds will choose to read to themselves when they are *read to every day or nearly every day.*

So let's make this year the best ever World Book Day at Vicarage!

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Making Vicarage Eco Friendly

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a new and exciting project that is taking place in our school. Our aim is to make our school more Eco friendly in three areas - energy, waste and the school grounds.

Our Eco Committee made up of pupils decided on the project aims which have been shared with all classes.

There are now two light monitors for each class from Years One to Six. Their role is to make sure lights are turned off when the classroom is empty. The Eco Committee will be looking at ways to reduce paper usage in school.

Next term, the School Council and the Eco Committee will be working closely together on all three aims.

We will be sharing their work with you in future newsletters.

More Able Writers Day



On Tuesday 21st January, a group of children from Years 3 and 4 attended a writing workshop at Beckton Globe library. The workshop was led by published poet and author Neal Zetter.

They spent a fantastic day developing their poetry writing skills. The children enjoyed listening to Neal as he performed a range of his poetry and spent time writing their own poem called " In the world today..." They then performed their own work in the afternoon, working with children from New City Primary School. It was a great day in a wonderful setting.

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Be the best we can be

Maths No Problem Workshop

On Wednesday 22nd January, we held our first Maths No Problem workshop for parents. Led by Leanne Casey, Director of Learning for the New Vision Trust, parents had the opportunity to find out about their maths programme. Parents learnt about the philosophy behind the scheme and discovered some of the new strategies and methods that children are using. Thank you to all the parents who attended and for the very positive feedback following the session. We will be holding further Maths No Problem workshops in the future so please look out for them in newsletters.

PE KIT - REMINDER

Please be mindful that your child's PE kit should be in school at all times. The correct kit consists of plain white T shirt and black jogging bottoms. Children are expected to change into their PE kits for PE so they are comfortable and can fully participate in lessons.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 14th February - 3.00pm-4.00pm - PTA Valentine activities in the Front Playground

Friday 14th February - last day of Term 3

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Half Term

Monday 24th February - Back to school for all pupils - Term 4

Monday 16th March - 3.30-7.00 - Parents Evening

Tuesday 17th March - 3.30-5.00 - Parents Evening

Friday 3rd April - Last day of Term 4

Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April - Easter Break

Monday 20th April - Back to school for all pupils - Term 5



Mrs S Khan
Head Teacher