



School Update (June 2021)



As the school year draws to a close and we come to the end of what has been another very difficult academic year, we continue to be thankful that we have managed to navigate through the restrictions and the lockdowns and that our procedures have held up. We have enjoyed a happy and healthy term with no class bubbles being burst. Thank you to everyone for working as a team to achieve this.

We end the year with celebrations and hope you enjoyed watching the Prize day celebrations on the website. We cant wait to be able to do these again in person.

Endeavour Cup Winners

- P1 - Jack Thompson
- P2 - Elijah Chowdhury
- P3 - Daisy Kirkwood
- P4 - Sonny Robinson
- P5 - Roxanne Hawthorne
- P6 - James Palmer
- P7 - Caleb Palmer

Excellence Cup Winners

- P1 - Charlie Atcheson
- P2 - Annabelle Palmer
- P3 - Nathan Foster
- P4 - Lacey Reid
- P5 - Clark Foster
- P6 - Sofia McFerran
- P7 - Wilfy Press

Kindness Trophy - Sam McKee

Art Cup - Rachel Dugan

Sports Cup - Charlie Swift

The children have had a brilliant celebration day today out on the field with bouncy castles, teepee tents, ice-cream and all sorts of fun. Tonight we celebrate with the P7 children as they return to school for a BBQ, outdoor games and a movie night to mark the end of their time at VPS. They will also enjoy a big breakfast tomorrow morning and a guard of honour as they leave school slightly earlier than the rest of the children. We hope they will enjoy their leavers activities and we wish them well as they move on to pastures new.

The new school year is always a time for change in schools and we like to notify you of any changes that are happening in June if possible to

give plenty of notice before the term starts in September. This year, we have been advised that it is likely there will still be restrictions in place in the new term but we will not know what they are until nearer the time. As soon as we know, we will let you know.



We send our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Bell who is retiring from school after 30 years service. She has been a great asset to the school for the past 30 years and has impacted on the lives of so many children during this time. Indeed, many of you will remember having been in her class. I would like to wish her well in her retirement and give my personal congratulations to her for a completing her successful career.

Miss McCarter will also be leaving us at the end of the week after two years of teaching in P2. We would like to thank Miss McCarter for her service to the school and wish her well in her new job.

Welcome Back to Mrs Patterson who will be returning to cover the P2 job share post. This will enable Principal release to continue to lead the school through any restrictions in place should they be required next year and also to provide small group sessions which are required through the Engage programme as part of the recovery process following the lockdowns experienced in the past two years.

Teachers in Charge of each class for 2021/2022

P1 - Miss Hillen

P2/3 - Mrs Patterson and Mrs Harris

P3/4 - Mrs McClure

P5 - Mr Fulton

P6 - Miss Mawhinney

P7 - Mrs Atcheson

School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 31st August. This will be a half day to settle everyone back into their new classes. Full days commence from 1st September.

We hope that you all enjoy a safe, happy and healthy summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in the new term. Hopefully by then, many of the restrictions will have lifted and we will start to get back to some kind of normality. Until then, stay safe.