



Victoria Park
Primary Academy

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Further changes ahead?: As I've told parents in the playground continually since the start of the pandemic '*You find out at the same time as we do*' regarding changes to legislation and guidance.

Again, we will monitor the reported English Covid relaxations, as well as local information, and update our Risk Assessments accordingly. I'll write out separately once we have a clearer picture on the impact of isolating and school attendance.

Four day week, before half-term break: Next week we finish at 3.15 on Thursday the 17th as school is closed on Friday the 18th for the last of this years planned training days.

Free School Uniform: Cape Hill Children's Centre have been donated school uniform from a recently closed down local provider. When we last heard, they still had: *various sizes in skirts, boy's and girl's trousers in black, blue, charcoal and grey.* Please contact or visit them to claim.

After hosting our own School Uniform Amnesty last summer and distributing as much as we can, we will be taking 20 bags of pre-loved clothes to H&M in West Brom in return for £5.00 vouchers that we can distribute back to families. Please contact Mrs Mahal for more information.

Everybody Write Day: Each term we take a day off from our planned curriculum to focus on a whole school writing outcome—next week we look at Values inspired slam poetry. Reception will look at Friendship, Years 1 and 2 Respect, Year 3—Tolerance, Year 4—Individual Liberty, Year 5—Rule of Law and Year 6 will look at Democracy. We've looked at each of these values in Assemblies this term and I look forward to seeing what inspired poetry is produced. Speaking of award winning slam poetry...

Year six at the Birmingham Hippodrome: I have the pleasure of escorting a group of winning pupils from 6JD to the Birmingham Hippodrome next Wednesday night when they will perform in front of a packed house of hundreds at the [Verve Poetry Festival](#). The six pupils were the winning group from our December workshop with former Birmingham Poet Laureate Giovanni Esposito, or [Spoz!](#) Also competing are our friends in the [Victoria Academies Trust](#)—Devonshire Juniors. *Come on VPA!*

Student Teachers: Two weeks ago we said goodbye to five promising student teachers from the University of Birmingham, but next week we welcome six new faces. You'll see them across years 2 to 6, please extend a warm welcome to them. Throughout January their commitment, professionalism and flexibility has helped to provide consistency and support for our children. I'm in no doubt we'll see some of them back with us full time once they're fully qualified.

World book day: Once again Miss Pleaden will lead on a fun packed day on [Thursday 3 March](#). Please keep a look out for information on ParentMail and the free book tokens to follow.

Have a safe and happy half-term break, we look forward to welcoming children back on Monday 28 February. Mr Reed