



## School Newsletter published bi-weekly (#54) 21.06.24

**A Royal Seal of Approval!** England may have not shone last night, but they left a glowing impression on our Year Five football team last week.



Through our partnership with West Bromwich Albion we were invited to be part of the delegation to play football at St George's Park (the England team's training ground), and wave off the National Team as they boarded their coach to Germany for the current Euros Tournament. His Royal Highness, Prince William was also there to pass his warm wishes to the team, and kindly took the time to speak to our children. An amazing opportunity that all will treasure.

**Parent feedback:** I wrote out recently requesting families share their opinions and ideas about life at VPA. All feedback will be read and will help shape policies and practices across 2024-25. So far, only 29 out of 668 parents and carers have passed on their thoughts. If you'd like to add your voice, please click [here](#).

**School start time changes:** One change that will start in September is an earlier school start time. The Department of Education have directed that all schools operate for 32.5 hours a week. To meet this requirement we need to add on a couple of minutes each day. Gates will continue to open from 8.40am, but children will need to be in class from 8.45am, the register will close at 8.50am.

**Transition arrangements:** Children are already asking me daily who their new teacher is going to be! Staff have now been informed and we are starting to share our transition arrangements. Children will be informed on Thursday 4th July, before sharing the first of two mornings in their new classrooms. For SEN children facing any new routines, Mrs Kainth our SENCo will share these with families in advance to help manage these.

**Trust Values Day:** As previously advertised, school is closed on Monday (24th June) for all Trust Staff to share a joint training day. When the children are back on Tuesday they will join with all children across our Trust to celebrate a year of our values and their recent fact-finding visits. Thanks to Miss Parton who has designed a whole day of creative Art based activities to celebrate and demonstrate these values in action. Keep a look out for our new Uni-Tree display at the school's entrance!

**What to bring (and not to bring into school):** We welcome children wearing sun cream and bringing sunhats into school (please label all clothing with your child's name), but please remind children (especially in KS2), that sweets, money and football cards should not be brought in.



*With best wishes, Mr Reed*