

## Weekly Reminders - 14 November 2024

### PTA News

Last week about 100 of us enjoyed BINGO night with the added excitement of the lucky dip for those with a full house or a winning raffle ticket. We ranged in age from One Lucky Duck to Two Fat Snowmen. There was a lot of chocolate, a lot of prizes and a lot of laughs (Brighton Line – chooo chooo) - see the VCP Facebook for some photos. "LOVED bingo so much. Well done to everyone who arranged it, such a superb evening. My family would certainly love to see another one before the end of the school year ... I'd be happy to arrange if that helped proceedings"

This week you should be enjoying the tea towels for those who ordered, and raffle tickets which are in white envelopes in school bags. Who is not going to enjoy Christmas with hours of Lego construction and a hamper of de la Mare wine and goodies. Stubs need to be back in the school office by Friday 29 November with proof of payment if done online.

The PTA is looking for those who are young and fun at heart and would like to shadow the Chair and the School Fete Organiser over this year with a view to taking it on from the next academic year when these posts become vacant. We also need someone with a gift of PR to promote all that we do as we are not very good at shouting about it! There are always little jobs that come up over the year too. Please email [vcppta@gmail.com](mailto:vcppta@gmail.com) to chat more.

### New VCP Parent Governor

Thank you to both applicants who applied for the position of Parent Governor, and to parents for taking the time to vote. I can confirm that the votes have now been counted and verified and I am pleased to announce that Rob Searle has been successful. Rob will officially join the Governing Body from our next meeting, which takes place in December 2024.

### Music News

We are very excited to let you know that the Victoria College Music Academy (VCMA) are offering a free taster lesson to our VCP boys. Lessons are available in the below instruments:  
Trumpet, Cornet, French Horn, Trombone, Pbone (lightweight, mini trombone), piano and violin.

Tomorrow in assembly our brass teacher will be doing a little demonstration of some instruments available. Should you wish to take up this amazing offer, please email [info@jerseyacademyofmusic.co.uk](mailto:info@jerseyacademyofmusic.co.uk) with your son's name and the instrument he would like to have a taster lesson on to arrange. Whilst this offer is open to the whole school, it is worth noting that the brass teacher will be coming in to teach on a Thursday afternoon which is when Year 3 will be having their games lessons and so brass lessons won't be available to them during the school day. Please contact the Academy if you are interested in lessons outside of school.

On a separate note, our **Christmas Service** is fast approaching! There are a few songs in which the boys need to know the words off by heart. Everything is on their SeeSaw to practice. It was posted a few weeks ago so may require some scrolling, but it is all there! There's a whole school song, a Year 3 song, a Junior Choir song and Senior Choir song. ***This will be Miss Lezala's last event before taking time off to expand her family! Claire Harvey from Jersey Academy of Music will be covering her music lessons and clubs.***

The **Junior Choir** are singing a themed song in our Christmas service this year and it would be great if the boys could please wear cowboy hats! They will need them for the rehearsal on the 29 and the service on the 30 November. If you could please get hold of a cowboy style hat (doesn't need to be perfect) for your son for these dates that would be brilliant. Please make sure it is named. Thank you!

- **Year 3** - The week beginning 9 December will be **Year 3's DT week** where the boys will be designing and making their very own Tipper Truck. This is such an exciting project and, for lots of boys, is a highlight of Year 3. On Friday 13 December, we will be having our Autumn parent drop-in session, and we would like to invite parents into the classroom 10-12pm to support your son in finishing their Tipper Truck. This is a lovely opportunity for him to show you how he has made his truck and gives you time to help him with any finishing touches before the trucks are entered into the competition on the Friday afternoon. Unfortunately, there will be no parking on site so please find alternative parking. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible - grandparents are also welcome!
- **Year 6 - VCP Leavers Hoodies** - If your son would like a Leavers Hoodie please complete the below Form <https://forms.office.com/e/nE0iK7qnYh> to confirm you give permission for your son's name to be shared with Lab 6. If you choose to purchase a hoodie your son's name will appear as first name and surname initial. e.g. Billy P. If parents would like their son's Christian name to be different to the name they are registered at school with, can they please contact Mrs Roberts directly on 07829 999322.  
***Once the design is ready, a link will be sent via the weekly comms to parents - this will allow you to order your hoodies directly with Lab6. Please note that there will be a specific time frame to order the hoodies - dates to follow.***
- **All Year Groups** - School council have organised a Christmas tree decoration competition. Boys are invited to create their own small Christmas tree decoration. They will bring them into school on Monday 2 December (please not before) and help decorate their classrooms. Prizes available! See poster attached.
- **All Year Groups - TOMORROW! Friday 15 November 2024 - Children in Need Dress Down Day!** Get involved and come to school dressed up! Whatever you choose wear something that will make your whole class smile! To donate follow the link below or boys cash bring a cash donation to school if they wish.  
[https://www.justgiving.com/page/victoria-college-preparatory-school-jersey-1729675618900?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fvictoria-college-preparatory-school-jersey-1729675618900&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/victoria-college-preparatory-school-jersey-1729675618900?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fvictoria-college-preparatory-school-jersey-1729675618900&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)
- **All Year Groups** - Thank you to those who have already donated items for the Christmas Hampers for Year 3's Outreach Project. We are still in need of many more items so please do keep sending them in. Tis the season of giving! Together, let's show that we care for our community this Christmas.
- **All Year Groups** - At VCP, there is an impressive total of 22 languages that our boys are exposed to, or speak, at home. To celebrate this, we would like any boys who can speak another language to share this with their peers. Each half term, the boys will get an opportunity to share this with their peers during their French session. This may involve teaching the class how to count to 10, some simple greetings or teaching the class any other vocabulary they wish to share. It would be great to see as many boys as possible sharing and celebrating the range of language spoken within our school community!
- **All Year Groups** - Please **DO NOT** respond to SIMS Communications [7072024@sims-communications.co.uk](mailto:7072024@sims-communications.co.uk) as this account is not monitored. If you have an urgent message, please email [admin@vcp.sch.je](mailto:admin@vcp.sch.je) (monitored from 8.00am until 1.30pm) or call the school office on 723468.
- **All Year Groups** - The **Beehive Booking** for the Spring term is now **open**, follow the link to book your son's place. [Victoria College - The Beehive Booking Form](#)