

## A Message from Mrs Kee

With a continued focus on one of our values: We care, our assembly this week was about 'helpfulness'. The children found out about smaller animals that help larger animals and people who help us in our community. We talked about helping others without expecting a reward and I spotted lots of children this week who have been doing just that! At home, ask your child what they have done to be helpful today. I would love to hear about how they have been helpful.

This week, I have met with the Chair of the PTA, Jenny, who is setting up a PTA Facebook page for parents to access. The PTA create fundraising opportunities and initiatives to benefit all children at Violet Way. I know they have been thinking hard about creative ways in which to raise money and have some fun in a Covid-secure way. I look forward to finding out more.

Today Year 1 have enjoyed their special woodlands day. They couldn't go to the farm so we brought the farm to them! Many thanks to Mrs Dawson who arranged for some friendly goats, rabbits and chickens to come to Violet Way. The children had a wonderful day!

As part of our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons, the children have been learning about consequences. We have related this back to our golden rules. Children learn that they can choose to follow the rules or not but, whatever they choose, there will be a consequence. The lessons help children to understand that if we make a good choice, there is usually a positive consequence but making a wrong choice results in a consequence that is not good. Rules and consequences help us to learn to make good behavioural choices. I am looking forward to seeing lots of children making good choices next week.

Have a lovely weekend. See you on Monday, *Mrs Kee*





## Attendance

Whole School (this week)	93.89%
Reception	93.84%
Year 1	93.91%
Year 2	93.93%



### Congratulations to **Dragonflies**

for being the class with the highest attendance this week! Well done on your fantastic attendance this week.

**Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.**



## Merit Awards

Congratulations to our Merit Award winners this week.

These children have been awarded a Merit certificate this week for following our Golden Rules, showing our school values or demonstrating the star learner principles.

We are very proud of you!

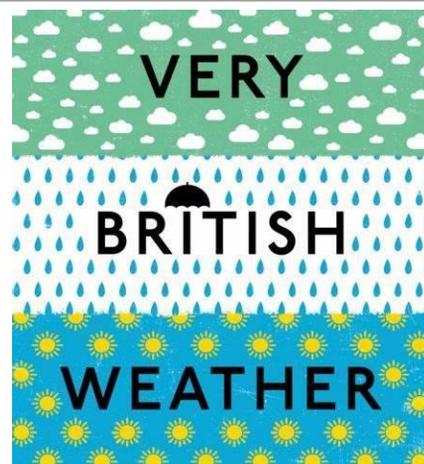




## Great British Weather!

The beautiful sunshine we experienced at the start of the term has certainly not stayed with us. At the moment, the weather is very changeable and we never know whether to put a coat or our sunglasses! Please could we ask that parents send children into school with a coat. If it is sunny in the morning, just pop their coat in their bag please. Then, if the dark clouds do decide to appear overhead, we will all be prepared!

Thank you.



## Harvest

The children are preparing their songs and poems to share with parents. Although you are currently unable to come into school, we look forward to sharing videos with you. In school, the children will also be learning about Harvest and showing the value 'We care' by donating food to charity. From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a box outside the school for parents to donate tins and packets of food to go to the food bank.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept fresh produce this year. Please make sure any tins or packets of food donate are in date.

## Covid spoils all the fun!

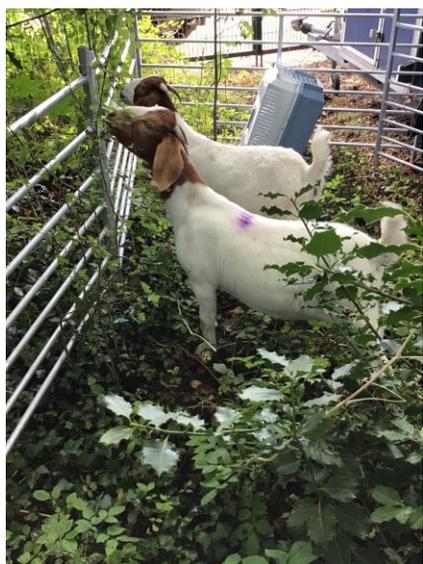
Mrs Kee sent a letter out this week, following a Headteacher Covid update from the Local Authority. The letter explains that all parent events in school are currently cancelled. Although this is disappointing, we are just so pleased that we are not having to close bubbles (no one likes it when a bubble pops!). Some children, due to self-isolation rules, are completing remote learning and returning to school after their isolation period but at least we are able to be in school currently. It is so important that the children can come to school to learn, build relationships and develop social skills. At the end of the Newsletter, we have updated the Dates for your Diary section. Although it is unfortunate to cancel so many things planned, we are glad that some things will still be able to continue virtually. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate through this together.





## Year 1 (almost) Farm trip!

We couldn't go to the farm so we brought the farm to them! Thank you to Mrs Dawson for arranging for some lovely farm animals to visit Violet Way. Thank you to the Year 1 staff for arranging such a lovely experience for the children. The weather in the morning was a bit wet but it brightened up in the afternoon ready for our special visitors! The children got to talk to a real-life vet about her animals, how she looks after them and what they eat. They found out that goats like to stay together and bleat if they are apart. The children were really sensible and asked some interesting questions. Well done Year 1!





## Parent Voice

Last week we shared with you the children's comments from their conversations with Mrs Kee about their experience of life in school, with a focus on well-being and behaviour. This week, we are hoping to gain an insight, from a parent perspective about what is working well and what we might need to improve.

Please click the link to complete this [MS Forms Parent Voice Survey](#). We will then be able to collate the feedback and provide you with an overview of the findings. Many thanks for your continued support.

Please note: I have created the survey so if there are any problems, please let me know!  
Thanks, Mrs Kee



## Parents' Meetings

Parents' meetings will be via Teams this year. They are an opportunity to hear about how your child has settled into their new year group and class. The parents' meetings will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021. All the information about appointments will be sent out early next week.

## Say cheese!

I have been so impressed with how smart the children look in their school uniform. In assembly, it is lovely to see all the children in their Violet Way colours. It helps them to feel part of one big family, our Violet Way team.

After a reminder from Mrs Williams early in the term, children with pierced ears are wearing small studs and nail varnish has been removed. Thank you for your support with this.

All the children will look the part when they 'say cheese' soon for their school photographs. Tempest will be in school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and siblings in school photographs. Just a reminder that there will be no family photographs this year.

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# Dates for your diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

### Autumn Term 2021

**Inset day:** Wednesday 1 September

**Term Starts:** Thursday 2 September

**Half Term:** Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

**Term ends:** Friday 17 December

**Holiday:** Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

### Spring Term 2022

**Inset day:** Tuesday 4 January

**Term Starts:** Wednesday 5 January

**Half Term:** Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

**Term ends:** Thursday 7 April

**Inset day:** Friday 8 April

**Holiday:** Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 17 April

### Summer Term 2022

**Term starts:** Monday 25 April

**May Day:** Monday 2 May

**Half Term:** Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

**Term ends:** Wednesday 20 July

**Holiday:** Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

## Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (School closed for Queen's Jubilee)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

## What's Coming Up?

**Curriculum Morning (Reading focus) – Year 7 and Year 2 – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

**Parent and Toddler sessions** begin on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September (9:00am-10:30am)

### Y1 Packington Farm trips -

**Ladybirds** – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September

**Busy Bees** – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Dragonflies** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

**Coffee and cake afternoon** – 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Tempest individual school photographs in school** – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October (No family photographs)

**Harvest Assemblies – YR, Y1, Y2 – Recorded songs and poems shared by class teachers by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** (please send in non-perishable food donations for the food bank into school from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October)

**Parents' Meetings** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October (via Teams)

**Anti-Bullying Week** Theme: One Kind Word – week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Odd Socks day** celebrating individuality and uniqueness – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Speak Out Stay Safe (NSPCC) – YR, Y1, Y2** – week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Flu immunisations** – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

**Christmas Carol Concert** at St Peter's Church – week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> December **TBC**

