

Weekly Reminders – 11 January 2024

All Year Groups - WhatsApp Etiquette, see attached letter from Pateman.

All Year Groups - Parking - We can't stress enough to **parent and carers** of vehicles, to slow down and be cautious in the playground at pick up times. Wet weather is even more problematic, as the reality is that no one wants to wait in the rain, so people move quicker. However, **the maximum speed is 5mph** and it is concerning that when parents are approached, asked to slow down, and use the correct parking area (which is the end playground) staff are confronted with abuse. Model to your son that rules are there to be followed!

All Year Groups - Boot Bags - Please remember that your son needs to bring his boot bag (with shinpads) with him to every **Games (not PE)** lesson. Too many phone calls are being made from the office on a daily basis. They might not always use them, but with a shared site and external factors coming into play we always need them just in case a venue is not available.

All Year Groups - Severe Weather, see attached letter from Mr Pateman.

All Year Groups - VCP PTA Meeting & AGM - Wednesday 24 January at 6.30pm in the school hall.

All Year Groups - VCP School Calendar - Save the link to our school calendar to keep up to date with all that's happening at VCP! Use the filters to select what you wish to see. <https://calendar.vcp.sch.ie/week.aspx>

All Year Groups - Spring Term 2024 Co-Curricular, further details including the activities available to your son's year group can be found by logging into your SOCS account. This will show which clubs require parent registration. <https://www.socscms.com/login/25722/parent>

Hockey for Y5&6 has now been added – this will start on 24 January and run through until Easter.

All Year Groups - Walking bus. The walking bus is back! Every Wednesday morning staff will meet the boys at Liberation Square at 7:45am and walk the boys through town and up to school. You don't need to sign up in advance. We leave at 8:00am sharp so please be on time and don't drop your son off if you can't see a member of staff.

All Year Groups - Electric & Acoustic Guitar Lessons - Message from Mr Phil Vibert

I have a couple of places available this term for both electric and acoustic guitar lessons. I also have one slot currently available after school from 15:00 to 15:30 should this be preferable to you and your son. Lessons take place on a Wednesday and rotate throughout the school day to cause as little disruption to your son's lessons as possible. These are one to one sessions & last 30 minutes. The first lesson is free with no obligation to continue if your son decides it's not for him. For further details, please contact me directly on philvibert@hotmail.com

Year 3 - As part of Art this term, the Y3 boys will be completing a textiles project. We would love your support and help with this and are inviting all parents into the classroom on **Thursday 25 January and Thursday 1 February from 1.15-2.45pm** to help with sewing. Parking will be available in the end playground from 1.10pm onwards.

Year 5 & 6 - Open Cross-Country Competition - Wednesday 21 February 2024 - Les Quennevais Playing Fields, see attached letter from Mr Silva.

Year 6 Performance 'Star Warts - The Umpire Strikes Back' - Wednesday 20 March & Thursday 21 March 2024
Tickets are £5 and will go live this evening at 7pm! Please save your e-ticket as this will be required on the night. All proceeds will go to the VCP Drama Fund and there will be no retiring collection. To book your tickets follow the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/star-warts-the-umpire-strikes-back-tickets-776198369217>