

25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it feels more like Autumn than Summer, the holidays are once more rapidly approaching.

Firstly, I would like to extend an enormous thank you to all families for your continued support this year, your communications and your involvement with your children's learning.

It has been lovely to welcome you all back into school regularly this academic year. Reading with parents and carers has been a huge success, and that will start again on Friday 8th September for Y1 to Y6, and Friday 6th October for Early Years, Nursery and Reception. Our Family Assemblies have been enjoyed by many throughout the year; these will also start again in the Autumn Term with dates, to be confirmed, on the school calendar - please see our website for further information on dates and times.

Your contributions to our fund raising throughout the year has been amazing: fairs, raffles and Charity events have been supported with a brilliant turn out of our community - thank you!

Miss Brough's Uniform Shop has been a huge success: it is open this week for donations and purchases. A similar shop is open in Merseyway Shopping Centre during August, also selling pre-loved uniform.

Summer Holiday Food Bank Vouchers are available from Miss Brough.  
Please email [admin@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk)

Stockport Food Bank are also issuing clothing vouchers for school uniform from George at Asda. Please enquire when collecting your food parcel.

Please do look on Dojo for the voucher for a free family visit to Lyme Park.

Stockport libraries are currently enrolling children on the Summer Reading Challenge.

Please clearly name all uniform, coats, shoes, water bottles and lunch boxes for September. KS1 and KS2 have lost property boxes under the shelters in the playgrounds. EYFS will put their box of lost property outside the Reception gate this week and then every Friday from September.

In order to protect your child's teeth, please send bottles with water in for during the day. Children may bring an additional drink to have with their lunch if you wish.

Fresh fruit and vegetables will again be provided for EYFS and KS1 children in September; however, as it often takes a couple of days at the beginning of term for the deliveries to begin, you may wish to send fruit or vegetable snacks into school with your child. Occasionally, the

fruit and vegetables are not all eaten by the EYFS and KS1 children, so they are offered to KS2 children. If you wish your KS2 child to have a healthy snack every day, please send a piece of fruit or vegetable into school with them. Please remember we are a nut free school and be mindful of other children's safety when sending in food.

Year 3 and Year 6 children will be starting Forest School in the Autumn term, dates to follow.

If your children have any school reading books or library books at home, please could they be returned to school by the end of term this week. Electronic devices which have been borrowed do not need to be returned, unless your child is leaving.

If your child has an inhaler in school and is leaving us, please collect from their class teacher on the last day of term. For all other children that have an inhaler in school, please collect from their class teacher on the last day of term, for cleaning and checking the expiry date during the summer holidays. Please then return the inhaler to school on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the new term in September.

We continue to prioritise everyone's safety at school. Your children have taken part in both Lockdown and Fire Drills this term and we were very pleased with the children's calm response to both drills, evacuating the building and hiding to keep themselves safe.

Due to staffing, we have had to limit the places in Breakfast Club and After School Club to thirty-two children. Children must be booked in and paid for at least 24 hours before the place is required. Unfortunately, once we have filled all the places we will not be able to accommodate any additional children. Before a child can attend Breakfast or After School clubs, registration forms must be completed and returned to the school office. Please note there is no After School Club at the end of each term.

I am sure you will join me in thanking Miss Gaskell, Mrs Spence and Mrs Welsh, support staff, all of whom are leaving us this week, along with Mrs Ingram, UKS2 teacher.

School re-opens for KS1 and KS2 children on Wednesday 6th September from 8:45am. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us should we be of any assistance.

Have a wonderful summer holiday, hopefully with improved weather!

Your sincerely

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