15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for the Summer Term; let's hope the sun shines soon!

Before the holidays, our selection of Easter activities were very much enjoyed by the whole school community: everyone had the opportunity to get learning outside with our popular Easter Trail in our forest - I do hope your Easter Gardens are continuing to grow; as usual, the very creative Easter Bonnet and Egg Parade for all pupils was very well attended; in addition, the UKS2 children have taken part in Easter Workshops at St Mary's in the Market Place with Reverends Chris and Andy.

Although it is the start of the Summer Term we are already beginning preparations for the new school year in September 2024.

There will be the following classes:

Three Year 5/6 classes, three Year 3/4 classes, three Year 1/2 classes, two Reception classes, 15/30 hours of flexible Nursery Provision and the Speech & Language Unit (places offered upon referral from the NHS & educational assessment).

Children, in general, will be placed in mixed ability classes according to age, gender and relationships.

If you have information pertinent to the placement of your child, please inform me in writing or e-mail to the <u>headteacher@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk</u> by Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Unfortunately, there will be no guarantees that your requests will be met. However, we will review each individual case and try to fulfil your requirements.

You will be notified of staffing before the end of the Summer Term with your child's school report.

We know how children grow, so we expect some pupils to have returned to school wearing new uniforms and shoes. Please label all of your children's clothes - including shoes, coats and PE kit - so that they can be returned to rightful owners if lost. Our lost property boxes in both playgrounds are quite full, please do check them to see if there is anything that belongs to your child. Miss Brough's uniform shop has some summer dresses and shorts; she may have the sizes you need. We are happy to receive uniform that your child has grown out of to add to our stock, thank you.

Please encourage your child to bring their water bottle into school every day. There are three water machines in school, where bottles can be refilled throughout the day.

Mrs Broxson, class teacher, will begin her maternity leave at the end of this half term. Mrs Poyner has kindly agreed to add teaching Thursday and Friday in that class until Mrs Broxson returns.

As always if there is anything that I can do to help please contact me.

C E Lee Head Teacher