

13th November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy start to the second half of the Autumn Term.

On the first day back, our Dojo Awards and Good Attendance Assembly celebrated the achievements of many children, who had gained high numbers of Dojos. Last half-term our overall attendance was 96% which is a 2% increase for the same period last year so thank you for supporting us to improve attendance in school and please continue to support your children by having them in school every day. We also applauded the children who had attended school last half term for over 95% and those children who attended for 100% of the term, a truly remarkable achievement. The 95% and above Attendance Celebration Playtime was enjoyed by 226 children.

The Halloween disco was a huge success, amazing costumes and lots of fun games and dancing. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped make the event possible. The first trip of half term, saw Y3 and Y4 children enjoying the day in Chester, which has enhanced their Roman learning.

Please can I thank those parents who send their children into school with healthy packed lunches. Please note that we do not allow sweets and lollipops and would urge you not to include large chocolate bars.

As you know we encourage your children to drink regularly throughout the day. This must be still water, not flavoured or carbonated. As we discussed in assembly this week adult teeth may have to stay strong and healthy for ninety plus years. Sipping flavoured water, juice or carbonated water will not help. However, flavoured drinks may be brought into school for children to drink with their lunch.

Unfortunately, the traffic around school is not improving. We were very lucky not to have an accident outside school on Thursday morning. If possible, please park away from Peak Street, Bateson Street and Alpine Road so that our children and families are safe.

There have been a number of children with head lice this term. Please remember to check your children regularly. Free treatment solutions are available from Asda Chemist & Well Pharmacy. You will have to attend the pharmacist with your child. Alternatively, the School Nurse, who conducts drop-in sessions at school half-termly, can prescribe the solutions which can then be dispensed at any chemist you choose.

Children, Staff and Governors have considered our school vision statement, aims and values. The draft leaflet can be found on the 'Letters' page of our website. If you have any comments please email headteacher@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on staffing from January 2019. Congratulations to Miss Meddick who will be taking up a new appointment in January. Mr Pearson will be moving to Year 3 / 4 and will be leading the Lower Junior Phase. Miss Dakin will move to Reception and will be leading the Early Years Foundation Stage.

If you wish to discuss any matters raised in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely
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