

25th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, we were amazed by the marvellous entries that arrived in school on the last day of the Spring Term for the Easter competitions. Thank you! Everyone enjoyed looking at the KS2 children's egg creations in the morning and watching the EYFS & KS1 children parade in the afternoon.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and were able to enjoy the glorious weather over the Easter weekend.

On the first day back, it was lovely to see so many children wearing red and white to celebrate St George's Day.

Staff have been busy preparing for the new term. Lots more exciting and memorable learning is to come in school and there are many opportunities for you to support your children's learning at home; ensuring they complete the homework set, regularly practise sounds and multiplication tables as well as hearing your children read at least five times a week.

Our Spring Two attendance was 95.7% which is 0.9% better than for the same half term last year. Thank you for ensuring your children attend school, however if there is any support we can offer to improve attendance further please do not hesitate to get in touch.

To ensure your children's wellbeing during the Summer Term please make sure that your child has a sun hat and that you have applied sun screen before coming to school. Children may also bring sunscreen to school in a named bottle for them to re-apply as needed. Please make sure that your children have their water bottles in school every day so that they are hydrated. Also as Ramadan approaches please could you make sure that staff are aware if any child is fasting so that appropriate care can be given, particularly as the weather warms up.

Thank you for the updates we have received relating to your children. If there are changes in family circumstances or with your child which may affect them in school then please let us know so that we can support your child as needed.

Many children have returned to school with new uniform. Please help us to make sure items are not lost by naming all clothing and shoes.

Thank you to those of you who regularly send your children to school with healthy packed lunches. Please refrain from including sweets, lollipops and chocolate bars in packed lunches which can be damaging to your children's health.

From September 2019 we are intending to continue with classes of mixed ages in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two: three Y5/6, three Y3/4 & three Y1/2. In the Foundation Stage we will have two Reception classes and 15/30 hours of flexible Nursery Provision and the Speech and Language Centre (places offered upon 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 email headteacher@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk by Friday 17th May.

Please check our website and Twitter feeds regularly for details of all the upcoming events this term. An information leaflet for parents of Y2 and Y6 regarding the 2019 National Curriculum Tests at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2 has been uploaded to the Parents Section.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee
Head Teacher