

Spring 2023 Newsletter

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a very short, but busy half term. Below is a comprehensive list of the activities and events to diary and look forward to.

In staffing news Mrs Bommer, our much-loved Pastoral Manager, will be retiring on Wednesday 29th March. Mrs Bommer has been a part of the Vernon Park family since February 1997 and has supported numerous children and families since then. She will be greatly missed.

As you know, reading is the key to success and we would like every child to be a lover of books. In order to support this, if you have not already done so, we would encourage every family to join Stockport libraries. There are lots of libraries to visit, all hosting free activities throughout the year.

Building on the success of parents and carers reading in school with the children yesterday we are going to invite you in every Friday morning beginning 10th March from when the gates open at 8:45am to 9:15am.

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 10th March 2023 for the Spring Fair

EYFS & KS1 Chocolate/Chocolate Eggs

KS2 Bottles

Red Nose Day is Friday 17th March 2023 and will be a non uniform day. The theme this year is "A Just World, Free From Poverty".

Come to school in your favourite clothes wearing something RED, if possible. Please do not buy anything new for the day, if you havent got any red clothes maybe add something red. Shoes, trainers, a ribbon, hair bobble, hat, scarf anything at all. Don't worry if you haven't got anything red, just wear your favourite clothes and enjoy the day.

We will not be collecting cash in school, therefore if you would like to make a donation to the Charity, please follow the link below to make your donation online.

[Link to Comic Relief](#)

Mother's Day

Mothers' Day is fast approaching and the VP PTA will once again try to help treat Mums, Grans, Nanas and other special people with gifts this year. Between the **13th and 17th March**, the Vernon Park Gift Shop will be open for business in the school hall during playtimes and lunchtimes. All gifts in the shop will cost £2.00 (payable via 'schoolmoney') and will come wrapped and ready to surprise a special family member on Mothers' Day. We have many different gifts available, so that your child will be able to find just the right present for your family member. Gifts will be limited to one per child, though there will be the opportunity to buy additional gifts on Friday 17th if there are gifts available.

Parents' Evening: Monday 20th March and Thursday 23rd March 2023: 3.30pm to 6.00pm (last appointment is 5.40pm).

For Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) and Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6) only. The meetings will be held in school (there will be no After School Sports Clubs on these dates). More details to follow.

#LotsOfSocks - Tuesday 21st March 2023

Once again, we are going to join in with World Down's Syndrome Day to raise awareness by wearing brightly coloured socks, long socks, printed socks, 1 sock or even 3 socks. There is no charge.

For more information please see www.worlddownsyndromeday.org/lots-of-socks-2023

Forest School: Easter Trail Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th March 2023

Following the huge success of our Forest School Christmas trail, we will be holding a Forest School Easter trail in the last week of this half term.

All EYFS children will take part in the Easter trail on Monday 27th March. Please send your child into school in their usual Muddy Monday clothes for Forest School.

All KS1 children will take part in the Easter trail on Tuesday 28th March. Please send your child into school in their normal school uniform on this day. If they haven't already got a pair of wellies or boots in school, please send a pair in for the day in a clearly labelled plastic bag. Your child will still need to come to school in their school shoes. Please ensure your child has a coat in case it is raining.

All LKS2 children will take part in the Easter trail on Monday 27th March. Please send your child into school in their normal school uniform on this day. If they haven't already got a pair of wellies or boots in school, please send a pair in for the day in a clearly labelled plastic bag. Your child will still need to come to school in their school shoes. Please ensure your child has a coat in case it is raining.

All UKS2 children will take part in the Easter trail on Tuesday 28th March. Please send your child into school in their normal school uniform on this day. If they haven't already got a pair of wellies or boots in school, please send a pair in for the day in a clearly labelled plastic bag. Your child will still need to come to school in their school shoes. Please ensure your child has a coat in case it is raining.

Easter Service at St Mary's Church: Wednesday 29th March 2023 (Years 1 to 6)

As part of our Easter celebrations we will be holding our Easter service at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 29th March at 2.30pm. Mr Pattison's class are busy learning their lines for their readings, and all the children will be taking part through music. We hope you can join us for this service. The service will last for about 20 minutes.

If you are able to walk with us to the church at 2.00pm and back to school after the service, please email admin@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk

It would be great to see lots of our parents, grandparents and friends of Vernon Park at this lovely event.

Spring Fair: Wednesday 29th March 2023: 3.30pm to 5.30pm

We hope you are as excited about the upcoming Spring Fair as we are. It is promising to be another fun-filled event for all the family, with the usual bottles stall, chocolate tombola, splat the rat, hook-a-duck and sweet stalls. Some of the other attractions will be small fairground rides, Flossypops, Sandra's velvet pics, Andy's Pizza, Crystal Vision and Walthew House.

Easter Bonnet Parade: Friday 31st March 2023

Our Easter Bonnet Parades are also a long-standing tradition enjoyed by children, staff and parents. All children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Nursery to Year 2) are invited to make an Easter Bonnet and wear it in the parade! There will be a small egg for all those who enter and prizes will be awarded.

Easter Egg Parade: Friday 31st March 2023

Our Easter Egg Parade is a long-standing tradition at Vernon Park enjoyed by children, staff and parents. All children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) are invited to bring a small decorated egg to school on a theme of their choice. There will be a small egg for all those who enter and prizes will be awarded.

Parents are invited to come and watch both the Easter Egg & Easter Bonnet Parades at 9.00am

Any Nursery child who doesn't normally attend on this day is most welcome to come and wear their hat in the parade. Parents of these children must stay with their child.