

21st February 2024

Spring 2024 Newsletter

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.

Friday 1st March 2024

- Non uniform day in return for Easter Eggs & Spring themed gifts

Monday 4th March to Friday 8th March 2024

- Mother's Day VIP Shop

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 **4th and 8th 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 8th if there are gifts available.

Wednesday 6th March 2024

- Class photographs
- Miss Brierley's class (Year 5/6) Family assembly 2.45pm

Thursday 7th March 2024

- World Book Day - Wonderful Words

We are very excited to announce that World Book Day is coming up very soon and as a reading school, it will be no surprise that this is our favourite Super Learning Day of the year! In our school, we love reading - all year round - so World Book Day will be a time to share our favourite book recommendations, read for pleasure and talk about reading.

We have chosen our theme, Wonderful Words, to complement our curriculum ambition of helping our children to develop an ambitious vocabulary. Education research suggests that a strong vocabulary in childhood is linked to future success and happiness, not just in school but in life.

As part of our commitment to poverty proofing our school, we have made the decision that every child will create their costume in school, which will be worn along with their own clothes on the day (usual rules apply regarding suitability of clothing, hair style, jewellery and footwear please!).

In the week before World Book Day, every child from Nursery to Year 6 will be assigned an adjective in class. Their homework will be to research what this word means and how to use it in a sentence; learn how to spell it; and be ready to share a definition of it during a special

Circle Time on the day. In class, they will create a colourful word chest plate to be worn on the day so everyone can ask them what their word means.

Every child will receive a World Book Day National Book Day Token, which can be used to buy the special £1 WBD titles or towards any other book of your choice. Book Tokens can be used in any book shop.

Please support us with this task to help ensure our World Book Day is a memorable event for all our pupils.

Friday 15th March 2024

- Red Nose Day 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 haven't 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 donations 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](#)

Tuesday 19th March and Thursday 21st March 2024

- Parents' Evening: 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. More details to follow.

Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th March 2024

- Forest School: Easter Trail

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 25th March**. Please send your child into school in their usual Muddy Monday clothes for Forest School.

All LKS2 children will take part in the Easter trail on **Monday 25th March**. Please send your child into school in their normal school uniform on this day, unless it is a PE day, in which case send them in PE kit. 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 KS1 children will take part in the Easter trail on **Tuesday 26th March**. Please send your child into school in their normal school uniform on this day, unless it is a PE day, in which case send them in PE kit. 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.

If your child is already attending forest school sessions this term, the trail will replace their usual session and the above information applies.

All UKS2 children will take part in the Easter trail on **Tuesday 26th March**. Please send your child into school in their normal school uniform on this day, unless it is a PE day, in which case send them in PE kit. 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.

If your child is already attending forest school sessions this term, the trail will replace their usual session and the above information applies.

Wednesday 27th March 2024

- Spring Fair: 3.20pm - 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.

Thursday 28th March 2024

- Easter Bonnet Parade - (Nursery to Year 2)

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 - (Year 3 to Year 6)

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 9am.

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.

Thursday 28th March 2024

- Easter Service at St Mary's Church (Years 1 to 6)

As part of our Easter celebrations we will be holding our Easter service at St Mary's Church on Thursday 28th March at 2.00pm. Miss Finlayson'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 1.30pm 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.