

9th December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

Thank you for your continued patience, understanding and kind words of support in these difficult times.

As you will be aware, Stockport LA had advised schools to offer two days of home learning on the 21st & 22nd of December 2020. However, this advice has since been superseded by the Department of Education advice on 8th December 2020, which allows us to adjust term dates. The last day of term Friday 18th December will now be an inset day for teaching staff instead of Friday 9th July 2021. We will bring forward the start of the Spring Term to Tuesday 5th January 2021.

School will close to children on Thursday 17th December 2020 and will re-open to children on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

The DfE apologise that this communication has arrived late to school.

Senior School leaders will be working from 18th December to 23rd December 2020 monitoring the emails, tracking and tracing if we are alerted to any positive Covid cases. Please use the covid19@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk email address to report any positive cases.

All bubbles are busy rehearsing The Christmas Performances, which this year will be shared with you via a link on Dojo & Twitter as unfortunately, we are unable to welcome you all into school.

As usual, we will endeavour to ensure Christmas at school is as magical as always. The Vernon Park Christmas will therefore begin on Tuesday 15th December, which is Christmas Party Day. Children may come to school in their party clothes. School fund will pay for the party food, prizes and gifts and there will be no cost to families.

Wednesday 16th December is our Pantomime Day. The pantomime 'Aladdin' will take place in the afternoon and the children may come to school in their own clothes, dressing up clothes, pantomime clothes or their school uniform. The pantomime will be shared via Zoom from the Theatre Company, who traditionally perform in the school hall. The friends of Vernon Park have paid for the Pantomime so there will be no cost to families.

Our final day of learning on Thursday 17th December 2020 will be Christmas Jumper Day. You will have already received a letter about this with a link to the Save the Children Charity if you wish to donate, cash will not be collected in school. Christmas Jumper day coincides with the School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Performances. Children and staff will eat their Christmas Dinners together in their bubbles in the classrooms. Please order your child's dinner online as soon as possible. After their Christmas lunch the children, in their classrooms, will watch their Christmas Performance (filmed this week in small groups) and the performances from the other three bubbles.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee
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