

23rd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

It is strange to think that this time last year we were embarking on the most challenging time any of us have ever lived through. Even stranger is that it continues today, with just a glimmer of hope that an end is in sight and normal life may return this summer.

Covid-19

Thank you for supporting us to keep the school community as safe as possible during the pandemic by observing our staggered start and finish times, wearing a mask and social distancing at the gates, embracing Covid-19 testing and adhering to Track & Trace directives.

Staffing

Our best wishes go to Mrs Broxson, Mrs Rees and Miss Waldron who are due to begin maternity leave in April. We welcome to Vernon Park Mrs Sweeney who will be teaching our Speech & Language class from Wednesday 14th April and Miss Vesey who will be working as a TA in KS1 after Easter. We hope to appoint an HLTA and class teacher later this week. Mrs Vernon and Mrs Ogden will be working with the children from home, via video links, until they begin their maternity leave at the end of next half term.

Holiday Support for Families

Stockport Council will soon be sending information to families eligible for benefits related Free School Meals regarding the voucher scheme for Easter. Vouchers will be sent to eligible families by email and can be redeemed at local stores and supermarkets which support Paypoint. The vouchers can be used for food, fuel and other essentials and will have an extended expiry date of June 2021. Families for which there is no email address on record will receive a supermarket voucher by post.

In addition, limited holiday activities will be available during the Easter holidays for eligible families in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals. If you would like to receive more information about the holiday activities please send an email with your name and address to HAF@stockport.gov.uk or contact the Coronavirus helpline on [0161 217 6046](tel:01612176046). Life Leisure will also be offering sports based sessions in various locations across the Borough. For more information go to: <https://www.lifeleisure.net/active-communities-team/easter-holiday-activities/>

Food Bank Vouchers

Food bank vouchers are available from Mrs Bommer. Please telephone the office to arrange collection.

Pupils

There have been a variety of responses from the children upon their return to school. Some children have loved learning in the classrooms again and are enjoying the company of classmates while others have found the return to school difficult. Staff are supporting all to readjust to the school day. Please do keep your child's class teacher informed of anything that may affect your child's presentation in school.

Park & Stride Reminder

Parking permits are available from the school office if you wish to park in the Newbridge Lane Car Park and walk to school to drop off and collect your child/ren.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a school Governor. If you are interested in supporting Vernon Park in this way please arrange a conversation with myself or the Chair of our Governing Board Professor Stephen Campbell, via the school office.

If there is anything we can help with please do contact us via telephone, email or in person at the school gates.

May I wish you an enjoyable holiday and happy and healthy Easter.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee
Head Teacher