

21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support as these challenging times continue.

We are ensuring that your children's learning experiences are as near normal as possible in school. For those children who need to isolate, home learning is available on Google Classroom and Class Dojo. Please do message class teachers directly on Class Dojo or via the school office if you have any queries or concerns. We still have a number of laptops available for children to use at home for homework or home learning during isolation. Please contact your child's class teacher who will arrange a laptop for you. A text will be sent to you when the laptop is ready for collection.

Looking back at the last two years, Christmas in school for the children has been magical. Other than Christmas Jumper Day all activities; party, pantomime, gifts from Santa and the Forest School Christmas Trail were funded by school at a cost of £2000. We would like to continue to fund the Vernon Park Christmas for the children, but need to begin some fundraising. School Council have once again sent out raisin boxes for our Raisin Challenge. Thank you for all your generous donations for the non-uniform day last Friday. As we are not yet able to hold large scale face to face events in school it is our intention to restart our very successful themed raffles. The first raffle will be Valentines themed. Tickets, priced at £1 for 5, will be available to purchase shortly via the School Money shop.

Many thanks to the 57 families that completed and returned the questionnaire to school. It's wonderful to read that so many of you know that your children are safe in school, incidents of bullying are promptly investigated and you would have no hesitation in recommending Vernon Park Primary to friends and family. Some of you indicated that you would like more information regarding your children's progress. A full report was sent home for all children in July. Parents' Evening (online) was held last term for all. A second Parents' Evening (online) for all children is planned for the first week in March and a further written report will be sent to you in July. In addition to this termly reporting, teachers are in the playgrounds after school every day where you are welcome to talk to them or make an appointment for a telephone conversation. Alternatively, within the working day, outside of teaching time, staff will respond to messages on Dojo if you have any questions, queries or concerns. For more immediate assistance please do not hesitate to telephone the school office.

A huge thank you to the parents and carers who are keeping the school community safe by using the Park and Stride Scheme, free car parking in Newbridge Lane Car Park at school drop off and pick up times. If you wish to be issued with a permit which is valid until July please contact the school office.

As always if I can assist with anything please do contact me in person or via the school office.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee
Head Teacher