

22nd March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this term. Life in Vernon Park is almost back to normal: learning experiences are challenging your children daily and there is a real buzz about the school as the children embrace their learning each day.

In order to keep your children properly hydrated, we encourage them to drink water throughout the day. Please do not send juice into school, other than as part of a packed lunch, as this will negatively affect your child's teeth. Please make packed lunches as healthy as possible; do not include sweets or lollipops.

Children wearing PE Kits and Forest School clothes to school has been extremely successful. Please label all clothing items clearly with their full name and encourage your child to follow the uniform policy on PE Days.

We continue to have an amount of lost property in school. Please do put your child's name on everything that comes into school.

The School Council asked that we organise an Easter Trail as they had thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Trail. Therefore, all classes will be taking part in our Forest School Easter Trail next Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th. A separate letter has been sent to inform you of the day your child/ren will need to bring their wellies / outdoor shoes.

We would also like to invite all children Nursery to Y6 to join in our Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 1st April at 9am in the Junior and Infant playgrounds. All the children will parade around both playgrounds and we are delighted to invite families and carers to come into the playgrounds to watch the parade. Easter Egg prizes will be awarded to the most creative.

The Easter Raffle tickets are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased on the School Money system. The draw will take place immediately after the Easter Bonnet Parade in the KS2 playground.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the school community towards our fundraising events. The Valentine's Raffle raised almost £500! That money is the first in the pot towards financing your children's Christmas Celebrations 2022. The Raisin Challenge raised £525.31. Miss Dakin's class raised the most money and they have chosen 'edible treats at playtime' as their prize. The EY sponsored 'Friendathon' has raised over £1000! Many thanks for your continued generosity, which all our children will benefit from. Our KS1 and KS2 Sponsored Quiz will take place next half term, along with VP Race for Life - more details to follow nearer the time.

Many of you have asked how school can be involved in supporting the current crisis situation in Ukraine. We would like to have a cake sale at breaktime and after school (if there are still cakes to sell!) on Wednesday 30th March. This will be held in the hall at break and then in the Junior Playground at 3.15pm - weather permitting. We will also be selling second hand books with all donations going to the aid of Ukraine. If you would like to help, please send cakes and biscuits into school on Tuesday 29th March or on the morning of Wednesday 30th (please name containers clearly if you would like them returned). All sales will be by donation - no change given - and all money will be donated to Ukraine.

If you need any help or support, please do not hesitate to contact us, in person, by telephone or email.

Yours sincerely
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