

25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the Summer Term draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your continued support during yet another challenging year. It has been wonderful to welcome you back to share the delights of the Sports Afternoons, Race for Life, the Summer Fair and for the UKS2 families, the Y5 and Y6 Production of The Jungle Book. We enjoyed welcoming new families to our New Intake Meeting at the end of June and we are looking forward to celebrating Y6's final couple of days with their families at our traditional events: The Y6 Leavers' Family BBQ, The Leavers' Assembly and Coffee Morning.

Thank you for supporting our fund-raising events this term. The KS1 and KS2 Sponsored Quiz raised £977.55. The money will be divided between the phases to enhance the curriculum for the children. Race for Life raised an amazing £2,110.60. The Summer Fair raised a huge £1,289.42 and the Summer Raffle £381.00. The raffle money will be added to the money raised from the previous raffles to pay for the Vernon Park Christmas for the children.

Planning for next year is well underway. We are very much hoping to see you all in the school building from September at the many events we have planned: Family Assemblies, Parents' Evenings, Parent Workshops, Reading Together Afternoons and Monday Circles. Please do consult the calendar on the school website from September for the dates.

As the cost of living continues to rise please do be aware that Mrs Bommer can provide you with Food Bank Vouchers. You may be eligible for Free School Meals for your child, which at Vernon Park also entitles you to half-price school trips. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF). You have to apply before each holiday for this support, please contact your local council to find out how to apply. Free School Meals is different to Universal Free School Meals, which is the entitlement of a lunch in school for all Reception to Y2 children. Please apply directly to the Council for Free School Meals. Unfortunately, Universal Free School Meals does not entitle you to any other assistance.

With rising costs in mind, I would like to signpost you to our uniform thrift shop. You can access this directly through Facebook: search Vernon Park Primary Thrift Shop and join the group.

We have an enormous amount of lost property at school. All lost property will be displayed in the playgrounds today and tomorrow: if you think something belongs to your child, please take it. After school on Tuesday, we will display all lost property that has not been claimed: please help yourself to any lost property that remains and may be useful to you, as all lost property will be recycled or disposed of before the children return in September. May I take this opportunity to remind you to please name all of your child's belongings clearly to avoid losing items.

In the new school year, we will be continuing with children coming dressed ready for Muddy Monday, Forest School and PE. Please name all personal items of clothing including coats, waterproofs, uniform, shoes, trainers and wellington boots. We will endeavour to ensure your child returns home with all their belongings. As you may be aware all children, N to Y6 require a book bag as cloakroom space is limited, so larger bags and rucksacks cannot be safely stored on a day to day basis. Book bags are available to purchase via School Money.

We appointed two new teachers last week, one for Y1/2, Mrs Johnson, who has already met her class, and Miss Jones, for Y3/4. Teachers for next year are as follows:

Nursery -	Mrs Sweeney
Nursery/Reception -	Mrs Poyner & Mrs Broxson
Reception -	Miss Dakin (EYFS Lead) & Miss Barton
Y1/2 -	Mrs Calhoun (KS1 Lead), Miss Brierley & Mrs Johnson
Y3/4 -	Mrs Mickle (LKS2 Lead) Mr Pattison & Miss Jones
Y5/6 -	Miss Green (UKS2 Lead), Mrs Ingram & Mrs Freeman, Mr Pearson & Miss Ridgway

The teachers and children are supported by an amazing team of Midday Assistants, Teaching Assistants, Higher Level Teaching Assistants and our Pastoral Manager, Mrs Bommer. Our efficient office team Mrs Walley, Mrs Lamond and Mrs Worsley-Blair led by our School Business Manager, Mrs Morrison and supported by Mr Broad (Dennis) are the backbone of our school communicating with yourselves and ensuring that Vernon Park runs smoothly.

As always, we are all here to ensure your children receive the best possible education, whilst supporting their wellbeing and personal development is a continued focus. If you require any support, have any questions, concerns or queries please do contact us in person around school, via telephone or by making an appointment through the school office.

Goodbye and good luck to the children, the families and members of our staff who are leaving us this week.

Have a happy, safe and fun filled summer and we'll see the children back (KS1 & KS2) on Monday 5th September from 8:45am.

Yours sincerely

Claire E Lee  
Head Teacher