

29th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again, the summer holidays are rapidly approaching; let's hope the weather is kind to us all in August!

As always, I would like to extend an enormous thank you to all families and carers for your continued support this year: your communications and involvement with your children's learning supports their success.

Again, your contributions to our fund raising throughout the year have been amazing - thank you!

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| - Summer Fair | £1,162.57 |
| - Summer Raffle | £370.10 |
| - Readathon | £500.00 |
| - Father's Day VIP Shop | £90.56 |

Our commitment to 'Poverty Proofing' remains resolute. A free education is the right of every child; we endeavour to ensure all children are able to equally access all the opportunities that we provide.

Miss Brough's Uniform Shop 'Reuse, Reduce, Recycle' continues to be a huge success: it is still open this week for donations and purchases. A similar shop is open in Merseyway Shopping Centre during August, also selling pre-loved uniform, should you want to stock up during the holidays.

Summer Holiday Food Bank Vouchers are available on request from Miss Brough. Please email admin@vernonpark.stockport.sch.uk if you feel you may be entitled to one.

Please do look on Class Dojo for: family activities throughout August in Stockport and surrounding areas; a voucher for a free family visit to Lyme Park; and Information about The Summer Reading challenge held in all Stockport Libraries.

Ready for the children's return to school in September, please clearly name all uniform, coats, shoes, water bottles and lunch boxes. Any additional items coming into school for PE should also be named.

In order to protect your child's teeth, please send bottles filled only with water in every morning for during the day. Children may bring an additional drink to have with their lunch if you wish. Water bottles can be filled up throughout the day too.

Fresh fruit and vegetables will again be provided for EYFS and KS1 children in September; however, as it often takes a couple of days at the beginning of term for the deliveries to begin, you may wish to send fruit or vegetable snacks into school with your child. Occasionally, the fruit and vegetables are not all eaten by the EYFS and KS1 children, so they are offered to KS2 children, but If you wish your KS2 child to have a healthy snack every day, please send a piece of fruit or vegetables into school with them. Please remember we are a nut free school and be mindful of other children's safety when sending in food.

Lunches provided by our school kitchen should be pre-ordered using the app; packed lunches should be in keeping with our commitment to being a healthy school. We do not allow nuts (this includes Nutella or any kind of hazelnut spread) or sweets, and treats should be balanced by a healthy savoury option.

If your children has any school reading books or library books at home, please could they be returned to school? Stockport libraries offer free membership services to support your child with reading over the summer.

Your children have taken part in both Lockdown and Fire Drills this term and we were very pleased with the children's calm response to both drills, evacuating the building and hiding to keep themselves safe. If you require more information on either of these procedures, please visit our school website for parent guides.

As a result of the questionnaire responses, from September, school will close for pupils at 3:25pm every day: this is in line with the recommendation that schools are open for compulsory schooling of thirty-two hours per week. Our morning registration is at 8:55am and the gates open at 8:45am. Punctuality and attendance remain critically important to every child's success, please continue to support us with this.

Breakfast & After School Club continues to be extremely popular. We currently have thirty-two places for children in Breakfast Club and After School Club. To meet demand we are increasing After School Club on a Monday to Thursday to forty places, Friday will remain at 32 places. Children must be booked in and paid for (non-refundable) at least 24 hours before the place is required. Unfortunately, once we have filled all the places, we will not be able to accommodate any additional children. Before a child may attend Breakfast or After School clubs, registration forms must be completed and returned to the school office. There is a one off registration fee for the After School Club.

From September you will be notified about any first aid your child receives via email; we are moving to the Medical Tracker service. For more serious incidents, we will continue to telephone home as well.

As always at this time of year we say goodbye to our Y6 children, some families and staff: Miss Finlayson (CT), Mr Lampard (HLTA), Mrs Jenkins (HLTA) and Miss Richardson (MA). Mrs Smith (BC and ASC Manager) has resigned from these positions after many years and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for the care given to VP children over the years. She will remain in school as a TA.

I do hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming KS1 and KS2 children on Tuesday 3rd September from 8:45am. As always please do not hesitate to contact us should we be of any assistance.

Your sincerely

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