

Victoria Primary School
Newsletter 2
15th September 2017



Dates for your diary:

Monday 18th September - Year 4 children water safety talk
Wednesday 20th September - Family Links Parent Group session 1
Monday 25th September - visitors in to talk about waste and recycling
Tuesday 26th September - Cooke Class to visit Cliffe Castle
Wednesday 27th September - Family Links Parent Group session 2
Tuesday 3rd October - Annan Class to Cliffe Castle
Wednesday 4th October - Family Links Parent Group session 3
Wednesday 4th October - Hockney Class to Cliffe Castle
Thursday 5th October - Burningham Class to Cliffe Castle
Wednesday 11th October - Family Links Parent Group session 4
Monday 16th October - 3.30 - 6.00 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th October - Family Links Parent Group session 5
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Dear Parents / Carers / Children,

Photographs

In school we regularly take photographs to capture children's learning and use them in children's books, on displays and on the school website. If any parents do not wish their child's photograph to appear on the school website, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Nursery places

We still have some afternoon nursery places available for children who will be three by the end of December. If you or any of your friends or relatives are interested in taking up a nursery place please speak to the staff in the Nursery or to Mrs Hudson in the office.

Multi sports club

On Tuesdays starting on 19th September we will be running a multi sports club after school from 3.30-4.30pm for children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4. There are still places available. If you would like your child to take part the cost is £15 for 5 weeks. Please see Mrs Hudson in the office or post your payment into the payment station outside the office labelled with your child's name, class and Multi Sports Club on the envelope.

Book Bags

The new style books bags are available from the office and are now £6. Please call at the office if you would like to buy one for your child.

New school diaries

All children from Reception to Year 6 have been given a new school diary for this year. Please could you sign your child's diary on the home school agreement page and on the e-safety page. Additionally, when you listen to your child read, or need to pass a message on to the class teacher, please write it in the diary. School staff will sign the diary every week. Please could you sign the parents' section of the diary weekly to let school staff know that you are listening to your child read and that you know the homework your child has. The maths passport targets are now also within the school diary. Please help your child practice their maths passport targets regularly at home. Thank you for your support with this.

NAMES IN UNIFORM

Please can we ask that you put your child's name in **ALL** items of their clothing. We have been having difficulty returning lost items to children as clothes are not named. Please write in your child's name in all their clothes and shoes with a permanent or laundry marker available from most supermarkets. All classes have a laundry marker pen and staff will write names in clothes that are not named. This is to help you keep your child's belongings with them and save you money! Thank you for your co-operation in this. Any items of clothing that is found will be sent to the lost property box near the children's entrance. Named clothing will be returned to the owner.

Dinner Money

Just a reminder, dinner money is £1.65 a day or £8.25 per week and should be placed in an envelope in the money collection point by the children's entrance. Any money for clubs and trips can be posted in the money collection point by the school office.

Highfield stay and play

The Highfield Centre **will be** holding their stay and play session in our community room every Monday morning from 9am. For further information, please contact Fozia at the Rainbow Centre on 01535 618005

Family Links

We will be running the 10 week Nurturing Programme for parents this term. For more information please speak to Mrs Mahmood or come to our **coffee morning on Wednesday 20th September between 9am and 11am.**

Registering for free school meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 now receive free school meals, regardless of whether they are eligible to register for them. **However it is important that if you are eligible, you register for free school meals. Registering for free meals means that school receives valuable additional funding for each child and means you are entitled to other benefits for your child, such as free school milk. If you receive any of the following you can register for free school meals:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Based)
- Child Tax Credit (but **NOT** Working Tax Credit*) and an income less than the amount set by the government (to find out this amount search for "Free School Meals" on www.bradford.gov.uk).
- Universal Credit

*Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit 'run-on' (a payment they may get for 4 weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) their children can get Free School Meals for this period. **Remember if you register it entitles you to access other benefits, for example free milk for your child at school. Additionally, the school receives extra funding for every child that is registered as eligible for free school meals and this money is used to help improve the progress and attainment of children in school. So.... if you are eligible to register for free meals please do so! If you would like any help or advice in registering, please come and speak to Mrs Hudson or Mrs Shields in the office.**

Achievement

Thank you to parents who supported their children in achievement assembly. It was lovely to see you in school and the children were very proud to have you there to see them receive their special stickers. There have been a lot of hard working children at school again this week. The nominations this week are:



Pythagoras Class - Adam



Archimedes Class - Ameena



Suu Kyi Class - Nafeesa, Areeba



Teresa Class - Madihah

Rosa Parks Class - Laiba, Isma

Annan Class - Umair, Yusuf, Eshal



Hockney Class - Aisha



Burningham Class - Khadijah, Abu-Bakr



Donaldson Class - Yusuf, Aliya



Cooke Class stars of the week - AM Anaya
PM Zakareeya

Well done to all our achievers this week - we are very proud of you!

Attendance Award

The winners for the best attendance over the week are Cooke Class morning children with 99.1%. Well done, keep up the good work!

Walking Sensibly and Quietly Around School

The winners for walking sensibly and quietly around school this week are Teresa Class and Pythagoras Class. Well done, keep it up!

And finally...

Our new Family Links parenting course will be starting this term. Please come along to our coffee morning on Wednesday 20th September at 9am to find out more from Mrs Mahmood.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dark

