

**Victoria Primary School**  
**Newsletter 12**  
**1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**



**Dates for your diary:**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 2pm Christmas Fair

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Murphy Class visit to the Garden Centre

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Year 4 to Rewind to Christmas event at the Shared Church

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Burningham, Rosen and Annan Classes Christmas performance to parents - **2pm**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Rosa Parks, Anne Frank, Malala, Mandela and Pythagoras Classes Christmas performance to parents - **2pm**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Parties

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Break up for the Christmas holidays - school reopens on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Dear Parents / Carers / Children,

**Dropping children off at school**

When dropping off your children at school, please park your car in a **safe** place. The children must get out of the car on the pavement side and **not into the road**. Please use the child locks in your car to prevent children getting out in a dangerous place and make sure your child is wearing a seatbelt. Anyone parking in a dangerous, illegal or inconsiderate place will be reported to the police.

**Christmas Fair**

We will be holding our Christmas Fair on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. We are looking for donations of any books or toys in good condition, or any unwanted gifts for the tombola stall. We would also appreciate any donations of food on the day, for example, pizzas, samosas, pakoras. Please do not send rice as this is difficult to serve and eat during the afternoon. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

**School milk**

Milk is free for Nursery and Reception children. For children in Years 1-6 milk will be £11 for the term from January - March 2018. If you would like your child to have milk, please pay at the payment station near the school office before the order deadline of Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Packed lunches**

If your child brings sandwiches, please can you ensure they have a healthy lunch, including fruit. Chocolate spread or jam in sandwiches every day is not a healthy option.

**Year 1 and 2 children**

On Mondays, children in Year 1 and Year 2 should come to school in their PE jogging bottoms to save time changing in school. However, they need to wear their school shoes and will change into PE pumps just before their lesson. Thank you.

**Email addresses**

As a school we are working hard to become more environmentally friendly and save money in this time of reducing budgets. To help us with this we would like all parents / carers to sign up to receive letters and newsletters via email. If you do not have an email account and would like help to set one up, please speak to Mrs Hudson in the school office, who will be happy to help you to do this.

### **Computer games**

We are concerned that some children are playing on computer games at home that have inappropriate content for their age. All computer games have a PEGI rating that informs parents of the recommended age children should be to play the game. Please check your children's games for the PEGI rating and make sure your child is not playing games with inappropriate content.

### **Dinner money**

Reminder: If your child is now in Year 3 they are no longer supplied with free school meals under the Government universal free school meals scheme. If you are on a low income or finding it difficult to pay dinner money, please speak to Mrs Mahmood or Mrs Hudson, who will be happy to help you to apply for free school meals. If you have any concerns about your child's dinner money, please call in to school and talk to us about it. Thank you.

### **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**

There are still places available at our multi sports club every Tuesday for children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 . If you would like your child to take part please see Mrs Hudson in the 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. If you have young children or toddlers, **please join us for a cup of tea and a chat** and time for your children to enjoy the toys! For further information, please contact Fozia at the Rainbow Centre on 01535 618005

### **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](http://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 - Juwairiyah



Mandela Class - Thomas



Malala Class - Haleema, Zanko



Anne Frank Class - Ibrahim

Rosa Parks Class - Danyal, Amon



Annan Class - Umair



Rosen Class - Arafah, Amina

Burningham Class - Raheem, Safaa



Donaldson Class - Ruqayah, Mhd Adam



Murphy Class stars of the week - AM Jamal, Areeba  
PM Aliza

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 Rosa Parks Class with 98.5%. 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 Donaldson, Rosen, Anne Frank, and Pythagoras Classes. Well done, keep it up!

### And finally...

Next Monday we will be holding our Christmas Fair. Please send in any donations of good quality toys, books or games and donations of food such as samosas, pizzas or cakes on the day. We will be having a visit from Santa and the bouncy castle will be back so we hope to see you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dark 😊