

Victoria Primary School
Newsletter 14
15th December 2017



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 3rd January - school reopens
Thursday 4th January - Donaldson Class open day for prospective parents
Wednesday 10th January - Family Links 10 week programme begins
Wednesday 10th January - Mandela Class learning about Fire prevention from fire service
Thursday 11th January - Rosa Parks Class to Bradford City Football Club re healthy eating
Monday 15th January - Wednesday 17th January - Residential visit to Robinwood
Thursday 18th January - Rosa Parks Class to the Peace Museum
Thursday 18th January - Pythagoras Class to Cliffe Castle
Tuesday 23rd January - Group of Mandela children to Holy Family language carousel
Tuesday 23rd January - Annan Class to Abbey House Museum
Wednesday 24th January - Rosen Class to Abbey House Museum
Wednesday 24th January - Mandela Class to Cliffe Castle
Thursday 25th January - Burningham Class to Abbey House Museum
Tuesday 30th January - Murphy Class visit to Keighley Library
Wednesday 31st January - Anne Frank Class to the Peace Museum
Thursday 1st February - Malala Class to Bradford City Football Club re healthy eating
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Monday 5th February - Parent's evening
Wednesday 7th February - Parents' evening
Thursday 8th February - Malala Class to the Peace Museum
Friday 9th February - break up for half term

Dear Parents / Carers / Children,

Dinner Money price increase

The price of a school meal will increase from the 3rd of January 2018, the new cost for a dinner and pudding will be £1.70 per day or £8.50 per week. This applies to children in years 3,4,5 and 6. Thank you.

Dropping children off at school

When dropping off your children at school, please make sure you **get out of the car with them and escort them into the school premises**. Children must not be 'let out' at the side of the road and left to make their own way in. The road is dangerous and this could result in an accident. Thank you.

Packed lunches

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

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.

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 - Safa

Mandela Class - Iqra



Rosa Parks Class - Abdullah, Haroon



Malala Class - Raheem, Nafeesa, Alina, Daanish, Areeba, Yousaf, Ibrahim

Anne Frank Class - The whole class!



Annan Class - The whole class!



Rosen Class - Zyaan

Burningham Class - The whole class!



Donaldson Class - Usman, Mehak



Murphy Class stars of the week - AM Safah, Amira
PM Faizan

Our Accelerated Reader Progress points winners this term are:

Tatenda, Subhan, Arbaaz, Areeb, Meher, Benyamin, Muskaan, Naymat. Well done to you all for reading so much and making great progress. Keep up the good work next term!

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 Rosen Class with 97.8%. 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, Burningham, Annan, Anne Frank and Malala Classes. Well done, keep it up!

And finally...

Thank you to everyone for all your hard work this term. Have a well-deserved rest. To those celebrating have a lovely Christmas and I hope everyone has a restful break. I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Wednesday 3rd January.

Have a lovely holiday.

Mrs Dark 😊