

Victoria Primary School
Newsletter 16
12th January 2018



Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th January - Wednesday 17th January - Residential visit to Robinwood
Wednesday 17th January - Family Links programme begins
Thursday 18th January - Rosa Parks Class to the Peace Museum
Thursday 18th January - Pythagoras Class to Cliffe Castle
Tuesday 23rd January - Annan Class to Abbey House Museum
Wednesday 24th January - Burningham Class to Abbey House Museum
Wednesday 24th January - Mandela Class to Cliffe Castle
Thursday 25th January - Rosen 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 - PCSO Wright available to advise parents on online safety
Tuesday 6th February - 12.45 - 3.00 A group of Y4 children to Primary Music Live at Victoria Hall
Wednesday 7th February - Parents' evening - PCSO Wright available to advise parents on online safety
Thursday 8th February - Malala Class to the Peace Museum
Friday 9th February - break up for half term

Dear Parents / Carers / Children,

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.

School meals

New school meals prices from January are £1.70 per day, £8.50 per week. Please use the payment station by the children's entrance to pay for school meals.

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.

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.

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 - Anisa

Mandela Class - The whole class!



Rosa Parks Class - May Faatimah, Zaina



Malala Class - Mhd Daanish, Haleema

Anne Frank Class - Yousaf



Annan Class - Farhaan, Hafsa

Rosen Class - Amina



Burningham Class - Hawa, Marwa, Umayr



Donaldson Class - Ruqayah, Rehan

Murphy Class stars of the week - AM Hasan, Isa
PM Naveed, Zainab



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 Malala 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, Anne Frank and Malala Classes. Well done, keep it up!

Internet safety

Do you know what your child is doing when they are playing on computers, tablets or mobile phones? Please make sure you supervise your child when they are on the internet and ensure the device your child uses has appropriate parental controls in place. If you would like some advice on this, please come and speak to Miss Renton in school.

And finally...

The internet is a great resource for children to use to help them with their learning; however it can be a danger. At school, all access to the internet is strictly monitored. At home children can also easily access the internet through mobile phones and tablets. It can be difficult to monitor what your child is doing on the internet at home if you are not confident on how to do this through the parental controls on your devices. We want to help you to be confident you have the appropriate parental controls in place and so on Monday 5th and Wednesday 7th February, PCSO Michael Wright will be coming to parents' evening and will be available to support you in how to keep your children safe when using the internet. Please make time to speak to him and help us to help you keep your children safe online.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Dark 😊