

Victoria Primary School
Newsletter 29
3rd May 2019



Dates for your diary:

6 th May	-	Bank Holiday - School closed
7 th May	-	Spofforth School visiting Malala Class
8 th May	-	AM Nursery to Hesketh Farm
13 th - 16 th May	-	SATS Week
21 st May	-	PM Nursery to Hesketh Farm
24 th May	-	School Closes
10 th June	-	School Re-opens

Dear Parents / Carers / Children,

Support for people in need

Every year we collect donations of food for people less fortunate than ourselves and as a school we are always proud of how generous many of you are with your donations. We are in the process of working with local supermarkets to establish a more formal support service that can hopefully operate all year. This is likely to begin in September and more details will follow. Until that time we are asking for donations of food for us to distribute to families less fortunate than ourselves. There is a collection point in the main office at school, please help if you can and leave your donations at the main office. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

Reception Drop Off

Please can all parents/guardians, drop their Reception children off using the outdoor Reception Class entrance in the front playground. The children being dropped off through the school corridor is causing the corridor to be very crowded, which is a health and safety hazard.

Free Breakfast Provision

As you know we have been running free breakfast provision since January and we would like to thank all parents for bringing their children to school at the earlier time of 8:30am. This is helping to make a lovely, calm start to the school day and we have seen a significant reduction in the number of children who arrive at school late in the morning. When children have eaten a good breakfast, they are better able to concentrate on their work and make progress. Thank you again for your continued support with this.

School meals

School meals prices are £1.80 per day, £9.00 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.

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 Miss Skillicorn in the office.

Achievement

 There have been a lot of hard working children at school again this week. The nominations this week are:



Pythagoras Class - Adil, Kasim, Laiba



Mandela Class - Easa, Laiba, Meher, Aleesha



Angelou Class - Fareed, Amaan

Rosa Parks Class - Aipril, Paigen



Malala Class - Danish, Aleena, Sahara



Anne Frank Class - Nabeel, Hanzala

Rosen Class - Melanija, Sania



Burningham Class - Safaa, Usman



Annan Class - Mehak, Aaiza



Donaldson Class - Sulail, Jaydonlee



Murphy Class stars of the week - AM - Manha, Ismaeel

PM - Menaal, Saif

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

Attendance Award

The winners for the best attendance this week are Angelou Class with 99.2%. 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, Annan, Burningham, Rosen, Malala, Rosa Parks, Angelou, Mandela and Pythagoras Classes. Well done, keep it up!

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Dark 