



Parent/Carer Newsletter – 24th October 2019

I would like to thank all parents and carers that have attended parents' consultation meetings with teachers this week. It is always lovely to see so many of you and your support for your children continues to make a huge difference to the progress that they are making in school. If you haven't been able to attend, please contact your class teacher on dojo or in person and they will be happy to arrange an appointment after half term. We also look forward to seeing

Onyx class's parents after half term too.

We have had a really busy half term. The children have been working hard in their new year groups and have been enjoying their new theme learning and BIG questions. Some classes have been on out of school visits to support their learning and children have represented us in a number of sporting competitions locally and across Rotherham. I am always proud of how the children represent the school and this half term has been no different. They are polite, courteous and always display our golden rules of being 'ready, respectful and safe.'

Our curriculum

Every time we move into a new block of learning, your child will bring home an information sheet explaining what they will cover. I hope that this helps you to talk about their class work with them. You can also find out what your child is learning on their class page on our school website www.wathvictoriaprimary.co.uk/classes . Please do visit our website which is being updated with useful information weekly. Our next block of learning begins on the 18th November, so look out for the class information sheets coming out after half term.

In the meantime, we have two exciting weeks before then:

Week commencing 4th November – Aspirations week – children will be thinking about what 'aspirations' are and learning about a range of opportunities for their futures including work on handling money and finances and learning DT skills to apply to their own designs involving mechanisms. We will have a visit from the AMRC to introduce their Leaders Award, a visit from Ann Foxley-Johnson from the Anti-Bullying Company to support children to learn how to be an 'upstander' in society, a visit from the South Yorkshire Mounted Police team, who will introduce the children to the horses of the mounted division and talk about their work, and we hope to confirm other exciting visitors for the week too.

Week commencing 11th November – Kindness week – Monday will be remembrance day and we will read and write our own remembrance poetry. Look out for our display at the front of the school building. Tuesday is 'Odd Socks Day' (don't forget to wear your odd socks!) where we support the anti-bullying alliance to think about how everyone is different and should be celebrated as such. We also have an online safety day on the Thursday, and Friday 15th November is Children in Need Day. More details to follow about that closer to the date.

Dates for your diaries – These are the confirmed Christmas dates so far so that you can make a note of them. More details to follow after half term:

Wednesday 4th December – Digital storytelling parents' workshop for Y3/4 – a.m.

Monday 9th December – Pantomime in school.

Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 and 2 nativity 2pm.

Thursday 12th December – F2 nativity 2pm.

Wednesday 18th December – EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Christmas party/dojo reward.

Wednesday 18th December – F1 Christmas singing performance.

Thursday 19th December – Y3 – Y6 Christmas party/dojo reward.

Friday 20th December – school closes at normal time for Christmas holiday.

Please check dojo school story and your dojo messages regularly for updates and details of school events.

Goodbye and good luck to Mrs Horton who is leaving us on the 5th November to start a new role. We wish her all the best and know that she will do a super job! Thanks for all that you have done at Wath Victoria and for the James Montgomery Academy Trust.

I hope that everyone has a good half term break and if you intend to celebrate Halloween, stay safe, warm and have a fun time!

Mrs Miller

Headteacher