



Veritas Primary Academy

Newsletter

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Note from Miss Kerr

A warm welcome back to all our families, I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas. As always, children returned with a spring in their step and within minutes were immersed in their new learning for the term. We have a fabulous whole school topic to get us started this term, all inspired by the book 'The Tear Thief' by Carol Ann Duffy. We think these special events where children share learning discussions across year groups are really important. Our broad and balanced curriculum means learning comes alive in real life situations and contexts. Our children learn to be authors, mathematicians, scientists, artists, historians, geographers, and philosophers to name but a few whilst following the National Curriculum. We hope you enjoy hearing a lot about this topic! The curriculum map for your child's year group has been sent out today telling you all about what the children will be doing in class. The topic will culminate with an exciting special themed lunch on Thursday 18th January to celebrate our learning journey. More information about this will come next week. You will receive another curriculum map when the year group moves onto their next topic so you can support and show interest at home. Please remember all our letters are always on our website if not on the day then within a day or two of the letter going out.

2018

Happy New Year!



safer internet workshops



The internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect—opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world constantly changing, how can we make sure children are kept safe? Educating children about internet safety is becoming more and more important, so we are providing the opportunity for all children in Years 1 to 6 to attend an interactive workshop to learn how to stay healthy, happy and safe on the internet.

Monday 29th January: Captain Digi & her E-Safety Ship for Years 1 and 2

This one-hour workshop allows young children to explore both the good and more challenging sides of the vast cyber ocean, otherwise known as the internet! Using familiar characters, pirates and sea creatures, children will learn the importance of keeping safe online. Children will work in groups to navigate their way out of some tricky situations, sail the high seas of internet safety, all the while learning about those funny online words and how to spot them. Through playful and fun storytelling, pupils will learn how to keep safe when playing on the internet and realise that cyber space is perhaps not so different from the real world after all!

Thursday 1st February: It's Up To You #008 for Years 2 to 6

Join Super Bond #008 on his quest to tell the world how to stop, think smart and stay safe whilst in the depths of cyber space! During this one hour workshop, Bond and friends will provide the key tools needed to navigate through the web on all different kinds of technology: phones, iPads, gaming consoles - you name it! Through exploratory creative drama, pupils will learn how to keep safe when using the internet and realise that cyber space is perhaps not so different from the real world after all.

The cost of the workshop is £3.50 per child and can be paid online in the usual way. If you need any assistance with making payment please speak with Miss Houghton in the office or your child's teacher.



Thursday 4th January 2018



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Important Dates:

Spring Term 2018:

Friday 5 January	Reception Prospective Parents Evening at 4pm and 5.15pm
Thursday 11 January	5.30pm Parents Meeting for Year 5 & 6 France Residential
Thursday 18 January	'Tear Thief' Lunch
Monday 29 January	Safer Internet Workshop for Years 1 and 2
Tuesday 30 January	3.30pm or 5.30pm Year 2 SATS Meeting for Parents
Thursday 1 February	Safer Internet Workshop for Years 3 to 6
Monday 5 February	1.30pm Nursery Open Afternoon
Tuesday 6 February	3.30pm or 5.30pm Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents
Mon 12 - Fri 16 February	Year 5 and 6 Residential Trip to France
Thursday 15 February	PTFA Friendship Disco
Friday 16 February	Term ends at normal time
Monday 19 - Friday 23 February	HALF TERM
Monday 26 February	Terms begins
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day (dress up as our favourite story book characters) 7pm 'Gotta Sing' for KS2 Choir at the Gatehouse Theatre
Friday 2 March	Reports out
Wednesday 7 March	3.30pm to 7pm Parents Evening
Thursday 8 March	3.30pm to 5pm Parents Evening
Friday 9 March	Mothers Day Fundraising
12 - 16 March	Science Week
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief
22 - 28 March	Book Fair after school each day
Wednesday 28 March	3pm Easter Bonnet Parade (Last day of term for children)
<i>Thursday 29 March</i>	<i>Staff Inset Day</i>



Spring Term 2017:

Monday 16 April Term begins



Just a reminder...

Reception Applications

Parents of children aged 4 by September 2018, don't forget the closing date for applications is **Monday 15th January** so please ensure you submit your applications to Staffordshire County Council in time. Late applications may potentially mean that you will be less likely to get into your first choice school. If you need any help with making your application please speak to Miss Houghton in the office who will be happy to help.