



VICKERSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUTUMN/WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Providing an outstanding education in the
Heart of the Community

It only seems like five minutes ago that we were welcoming the children back to school in September and now we are finishing for Christmas. Your children continue to be superstars, being kind, caring and polite to everyone in school and working hard in class. Thank you to you parents and carers for all the support you give to school be it supporting our charity days or in saying nice things about us on social media.

The children enjoyed our Panto day and were thrilled to meet our special visitor, I would like to thank the Friends Of Vickerstown for organising this. We finished the sporting year on a high when our footballers won a tournament on Monday night at Furness Academy. As in every visit away from school we have the team were a credit to our school.

All of us at school hope you have a brilliant Christmas and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th of January.

David Holmes, Headteacher

Term dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021	Thursday 2 nd September – Thursday 16 th December
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October
Spring Term 2022	Wednesday 5 th January – Friday 1 st April
Half Term	Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February
Summer Term 2022	Wednesday 20 th April – Friday 20 th July
Half Term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June
Good Friday - 15 th April	Easter Monday - 17 th April
Early May Bank Holiday –	Monday 2 nd May

Nut Free School



We are now a NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please refer to the school website for further information.

Support over Christmas

If your financial circumstances have changed, please contact the school office, in confidence, for a food bank voucher for the Christmas break.

[Furness Homeless Support Group](#) – Xmas opening hours
Christmas Day, Boxing Day serving Christmas Lunch

[Barrow Town Hall](#)
Out Of Hour Emergency Homeless Number: 811333

[Salvation Army](#)
Charity shop open Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd December
Christmas service 25th December AM & then closed from 26th December until 2nd January

[Samaritans](#)
Whatever you're going through, call us free any time, from any phone on **116 123**.
We're here round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. If you need a response immediately, it's best to call us on the phone. This number is FREE to call. You don't have to be suicidal to call us.

[Barrow Food Bank](#)
Abbey Road Baptist Church, Abbey Road (corner of park drive),
Barrow-in-Furness, LA13 9BD
Open as normal until 24th December 10am-12pm
Reopens 4th January usual opening hours

Brambles:

Brambles had lots of fun making some hedgehog bread this term. They developed their fine motor skills by using their pinchy fingers to make the spikes and add two raisin eyes.



Reception have had a wonderful start to their learning journey at Vickerstown School. We had 19 children join us in September. So far, we have enjoyed learning and exploring the field on Wellie Wednesdays and making and getting messy in Messy Wednesday sessions. The children decided on some of the things they wanted to learn this year which is animals and PE skills. We have enjoyed playing on the playground equipment and working as part of team. We also got a bit wet when we tried to catch big rain drops on our tongues! So far this term we have read lots of books about animals and are now reading and learning about Traditional Tales. In Maths we have been counting, continuing patterns, using 2D shapes and finding 1 more and 1 less and much, much more. Miss Leahy is very proud of us and is enjoying each day with her new class.



Year 1

Year One have enjoyed a super online STEM session and have had great fun learning and reciting poems.



Y3

Year 3 have had an exceptionally busy half term! During History we learned about The Stone Age. Take a look at the cave art drawings and jewellery that we created:



Y4

Year 4 have been finding out about Ancient Egyptians, learning about pyramids, mummification and Tutankhamun. The children have been making canopic jars in DT. We have been developing our hockey skills and creating dance routines. Year 4 have also had plenty of fun, a STEM workshop, dressing up for Halloween, the 10 year's celebration for school, making robots and playing recorders!



Year 2

Over this half-term, Year 2 have been working extremely hard and learnt lots of new skills. In PE, we have practised a range of ball skills, including encouraging each other within team games. To celebrate Halloween, everyone got dressed up in the amazing costumes and as a class they looked awesome!



Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have been adding the finishing touches to their Roman shields and using Latin commandments to form a Roman March. We've turned ourselves into Roman Gods and made some mosaics on paper and on the computer. We were also lucky enough to have a STEM day looking at engineering.



Year 5 & 6

Enjoyed a trip to The Roxy cinema to watch 'A boy called Christmas'. Everyone had a great time! A big thank you to the Roxy who were able to step-in and accommodate us at very short notice!

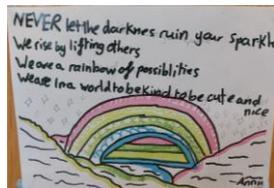


As we are nearing the end of the Autumn Term it has been good to take some time to reflect on how busy school life has been and how quickly the weeks have gone by, since returning to school in September. It has been good to see the children back in their classes, happily learning together and enjoying special time, playing with their friends. The enthusiasm felt in the atmosphere in school, from children and staff, has been encouraging and heart-warming to be part of. Two quotes written by pupils recently, which are displayed in school, some up perfectly the positive attitude which Vickerstown pupils have shown towards each other and others this term.

I Hope you like them as much as I do.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs K Robinson
School Counsellor
H.E.Dip, MBACP.



This term we say a sad farewell to Miss Robinson & Miss Boyle, who have both worked at Vickerstown for over 20 years!

We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.



Shoe Box Appeal

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas shoebox appeal, in gifts and shoeboxes. This is for the Boxes of Hope appeal. We donated 73 boxes which have all arrived in Romania in time for Christmas.

Thank you again. Mrs Charles.



WhatsApp Groups

WhatsApp can be a fantastic resource to socialise with other parents in your child's class and keep up to date with all the latest school news.

We would kindly remind everyone that we would expect all groups to follow the ethos of our school community keeping information factual and the manner kind & caring.

Community Support

(Please click on each link for website access)

[Barrow Food Bank](#) Tel: 343436

[BBC Housing Support](#) Tel: 876550 (lettings)

[Universal Credit](#)

[Women's Community Matters](#)

Family Support:

[Family Action](#) Tel: 821855

[Children & Families Services](#)

Local Clubs:

[YouthAbility Cumbria](#)

[Walney Youth Club](#)

[Walney Musical Theatre Company](#)

[Walney Community Centre Central Drive](#)

[Walney Central Youth Rugby](#)

[Walney Island Juniors FC](#)

[Vickerstown FC U11](#)

[Seaside Soccer](#)

[Kids Cricket Coaching](#)

If you know of any other local groups that would like to be shared with the school community, please email h.wooldridge@vickerstownschoool.org.uk

For the latest Coronavirus updates please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/>

