



VICKERSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Providing an outstanding education in the Heart of the Community

As we close for the Summer Holiday, I just wanted to pass on my thanks for your support and understanding throughout this last year for what we have tried to do for your children in these unprecedented times. Every member of staff has been amazed at the resilience, perseverance and adaptability your children have shown in coming into school and so enthusiastically going about their work. I said on their return after the last lockdown that your children mean my job is the best in the world and this is still the case. They are amazing and I know how proud of them you are. Hopefully on our return on September 2nd we can begin to find our feet again as a school and become more like the place a school should be with no bubbles, more clubs and activities and whole school initiatives. It will be wonderful to be able to welcome you back into school for the many different events we hope to put on. Take care and best wishes from all of us at Vickerstown. Mr Holmes, Headteacher.

Term dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021	Thursday 2 nd September – Friday 20 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

No Parking



Parking on the school site is reserved for staff, parents who have applied for and been given a school parking permit or people attending meetings in school. No other parents should be parking on site at the beginning or end of the day or if there is an event in school as we have taxis, delivery vehicles and minibuses needing the space to park and manoeuvre. Please allow a few extra minutes to park away from school as the safety of our children should be everyone's priority.

Nut Free School



We are now a NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please refer to ParentMail or the school website for recent correspondence.

Shoe Box Appeal

It won't be long until we start preparing our shoeboxes for their long journey to Romania. As there is an international shortage of packaging currently Mrs Charles thinks it would be a good idea to be prepared and start sourcing and saving shoeboxes as soon as we can. We hear that some new shoes are being sold in bags, so please ask relatives, neighbours and friends to save the boxes for us. If you bring in boxes before October Mrs Charles will kindly wrap them and store them until needed.



Brambles

There are still places available for September 2021 intake, Places still available for September 2021, please call the school office or email h.wooldridge@vickerstownschoo.org.uk for more information.

Deadlines for January 22 intake:

24 September 2021

Deadline for April 22 intake:

15 January 2021

[Application form](#) & [information letter](#)

[Brambles Website](#)

Brambles: This half-term we have been learning about Summer, The Seaside and Mini Beasts. We have enjoyed exploring the different sounds we can make with the musical instruments, listened to lots of lovely stories and practised our counting and mark making skills. We currently have 22 children on roll, 11 of which are making the move to Reception in September. Places still available for September 2021, please call the school office for more information.



Year 2 have had an amazing year learning and playing together!



Y3 enjoyed an outstanding outdoor day both working in our school allotment and attending two interesting workshops at Allotment Soup.



This half term in **Reception** we have been learning about Castles, the people who live there and dragons. We read the book Cinderella and wrote letters to her. We also made Cinderella shoes drawing round our own feet. We looked at the carriages and the one the Queen travels in. Using the construction, we have built castles and labelled the different parts. The fairy god mother helped Cinderella, so we made wands and practiced our spells.

As part of our Wellie Wednesday lessons, we went on a bug hunt then used our senses and recorded what we saw, smelt, heard, and touched. In art we experimented with Transient Art, which is a term that has been coined for anything creative or imaginative that doesn't stay put in one place for long. We have been practicing dividing in Maths. We are busy now getting ready for Year 1 and continuing to work hard before the Summer holidays.



Y4 What a year!!

We would just like to say it has been a pleasure teaching your child throughout this difficult year. The children have worked extremely hard under exceptional circumstances. We would like to thank you for your support during home learning. This term we have had lots of fun outside making the most of the glorious weather, making Mayan masks and temples, and learning about famous inventors.

We wish them all the best and hope they continue to work hard in Year 5!

Year 1 have had a fantastic summer term. In literacy we have looked at nature poems, spotting the adjectives and the children then went on to produce some great written work. In maths we have concentrated on 'fact families' and started to learn to tell the time using o'clock and half past. In science we have been looking at inventors and the children loved learning about Ole Kirk Christiansen who created Lego. In geography the children have loved our topic on oceans and continents, using a great song to help them remember what they are. Well done Year 1, I am very proud of you all.



This term we've been busy in **Year 5** taking part in virtual sports challenges, making European inspired food, and enjoying rounders and cricket on the field. We've even had our lunch outside too. On 24th June, we went up to the beach to have a play on the park, sketching and an ice-cream at the Roundhouse Hub.



All of the **year 6** staff would like to wish our year 6's the best of luck in the next step of life's adventure. We are really looking forward to our water fight & pizza next week!
As you move on remember, be brave, be good and be kind.
You are stars.



The end of this academic year has come upon us so quickly. As I look back on everything achieved in school, from the pupils and staff and with the support of parents, it gives me a huge sense of pride to be a member of staff at Vickerstown School, as we continue to live, learn and work together, in these exceptional Covid19 times.

For me, within my work in school, I am pleased I have been able to support small groups of children in September, looking at transition back to school, through to whole class lessons, after the return in the new year, where we looked at what we were thankful for in our lives, as well as being able to work with individual children back in The Rainbow Room and to be able to support parents.

As ever, I am in awe of just how resilient and responsive the children are to change and how quickly they can adapt and settle into a new way of being. Most recently, we have completed the Kooth transition to secondary school lesson, with Year 6. This was very useful to them and they said they would recommend we should offer this to next Year's Year 6 class.

I wish everyone a happy and settled summer and I look forward to working with pupils and families in September and look forward to whatever the next school year brings.

Mrs Robinson
School Counsellor
N.N.E.B, H.E. Dip, MBACP

Pic: School Thankful Tree



This term we say a sad farewell to Mr Brewerton, Mrs Dawes, Mrs Ryan, Miss Haines & Mrs Dowker! We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.



Community Support

(Please click on each link for website access)

Barrow Food Bank Tel: 343436

BBC Housing Support Tel: 876550 (lettings)

Universal Credit

Family Support:

Family Action Tel: 821855

Family Action Newsletter

Children & Families Services

Local Clubs:

Leonard Cheshire

Walney Youth Club

Walney Musical Theatre Company

Walney Community Centre Central Drive

Walney Central Youth Rugby

Walney Island Juniors FC

Vickerstown FC U11

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

SEASIDE SOCCER

Walneys only football school for children age 3-6 will be launching in September, providing fun filled sessions by a qualified and experienced coach

SIGN UP NOW

Monday evenings £5 per session

For more information or to register, contact Andy on 0795022361 or email us at seasidesoccer@hotmail.com

Working in partnership with Walney Island FC & Vickerstown FC

KIDS CRICKET COACHING

Sunday 6th June and every Sunday after

10:30am - 12 @ Vickerstown Cricket Club, Mill Lane, Walney

For current school years 4, 5, 6 and 7
No experience necessary!

Contact 'Rainey Park' Facebook page for further details

For the latest Coronavirus updates please visit:

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

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

