



# VICKERSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## AUTUMN 2016 NEWSLETTER

Providing an outstanding education in the  
Heart of the Community

Dear Parents/Carers

This is the first copy of our newsletter which will be sent to you each term. We would welcome any feedback of items you would like to see on the newsletter or things you think would be better left off!

We hope you all had a good summer break and it was lovely to welcome all the children back to school where we are very excited about all the learning opportunities we have in store for them.

Mrs Phizacklea



### Class Teachers this Year

YR	Miss Leahy Miss Robinson
Y1	Mrs Cunningham Miss Robinson
Y2	Miss Heap Mrs Sibley
Y3	Mr Holmes
Y4	Mrs Briscoe Mr Brewerton
Y5	Miss Foster
Y6	Mr Brown

### Term dates 2016/17

Autumn term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Half term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
Winter term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December – Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
Spring term	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Spring term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April
Easter Holiday	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
Summer term	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Early May B/H	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May

- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan coffee morning
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Y1 class assembly
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Y5 class assembly
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - School photos
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Y4 class assembly
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Y2 class assembly



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.**



Mrs Dawes gave birth to a baby girl called Lily, a sister for Jake and Josh

Miss Metcalfe has got married and is now Mrs Taylor

We had our 'Wear Purple' day for Kidsafe where we raised £500

The Race for Life took place which was a 5k walk/run around Walney and pupils, staff, family and friends all raised money for a worthy cause

Friends of Vickerstown organised a quiz night which was great fun and quite competitive! The money raised will be used to fund events for the children

## School Trips

During the summer term we had quite a few trips.

Some of Y4 and Y5 went to Bradford to learn about different religions

Y3 spent a few days at Tower Wood doing lots of activities

Y1 and Reception class went for day trips to the Water Park at Coniston again taking part in lots of activities.



Year 3 Tower Wood



Year 1 Water Park

## Sports Day

Sports day was held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and there was good competitive spirit between all the teams. The blue team won KS1 and the green team won KS2, but the green team were the overall winners



## Leavers Assembly

Our Leaver's Assembly was on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July where we said goodbye to the 26 children who were in Year 6. We wish them well as they start the next stage of their education at Walney, Dowdales, St. Bernards, John Ruskin, Chetwynde, Sandside and George Hastwell Schools.

## Meet the Governor

Mike Macauley - Chairman

Why would anyone want to be a School governor?

*As an ex-pupil of Vickerstown School I have nothing but fond memories of my time there, playing 'Internationals' with Mr Wilson in the yard after school, or singing Al Johnson songs at assemblies. I didn't think about it then, but my happy years spent at Vickerstown were the foundation of my young life.*

*Other than our parents, school is the single biggest influence on us during that 11-year period. So for me it is essential that my/our children get the best start and experience they deserve. That is why I became a governor, so I could be a part of a team ensuring Vickerstown School remains an environment where children can be happy, feel valued and leave prepared for new challenges.*

*I would recommend being a Governor to any like-minded parent - we really can make a difference*