



VICKERSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

WINTER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Providing an outstanding education in the
Heart of the Community

Welcome to this term's issue of the Vickerstown School Newsletter. We hope you find the information useful and interesting

This time we have added some information about Friends of Vickerstown who are working really hard to get events organised throughout the year.

We have had quite a few fund raising days, harvest and our shoe box collection over the autumn term, we would like to thank you all for your generous donations, a lot of people will benefit from them.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friends of Vickerstown is a small group of parents, carers, relatives and staff whose aim is to raise funds by holding regular events such as Christmas Fayre, quiz night and Summer Fayre to help fund events and treats for the children as well as contributing to specific resources for the children.

To make all of this possible we need your help - if you think you could help out in any way please come and join the team!

If you would like to help out with no commitments please leave your name and email address at school reception or email chairperson on wicksmith@yahoo.co.uk

Term Dates 2017

Spring Term	Thursday 5 th January – Friday 17 th February
Half Term	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February
Spring Term	Monday 27 th February – Friday 7 th April
Easter Holiday	Monday 10 th April – Friday 21 st April
Summer Term	Monday 24 th April – Friday 26 th May
Early May B/H	Monday 1 st May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Summer Term	Monday 5 th June – Thursday 20 th July



Friday 20 th January	Y5 class assembly
Friday 27 th January	Y3 class assembly
Friday 3 rd February	Y6 class assembly
Friday 3 rd February	FOV Quiz Night
Friday 10 th February	Y1 class assembly
Wednesday 1 st March	Parents Evening
Thursday 2 nd March	Parents Evening
Friday 10 th March	Reception class assembly
Friday 17 th March	Y4 assembly
Friday 31 st March	Y2 assembly
Mon 4 th – Wed 6 th April	Y3 trip to Tower Wood
Friday 7 th April	FOV Easter film treat

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.**

celebrate!

Miss Brown gave birth to a baby girl called Ivy congratulations to all the family

We raised £234 at our Macmillan coffee morning

We donated 246 items to the local food bank from our Harvest Festival collection – thank you and well done everyone

This year we managed to fill 130 shoe boxes for the Boxes of Hope charity

We took part in the Big Spotacular for Children in Need and raised £201.33

Friends of Vickerstown organised a Christmas Fayre which was a great success and £1,079 was raised.

Trips and Activities

During the autumn term we had lots going on here are pictures of just a couple of the things that took place !



We took part in the Big Spotacular for Children in Need

We had a whole school Christmas production of Tinsel and Tea Towels



Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

On Thursday 8th December we had our Christmas Lunch, it was also our Christmas Jumper day!



Dawn Andrews

Sadly at the end of the autumn term we said goodbye to Vickerstown teacher and Senco Dawn Andrews.

Dawn is leaving us to emigrate to New Zealand - we wish her and her family well in their new venture.

Meet the Governor Andy Jones-Barnes

Hi my name is Andy Jones-Barnes and I am a parent governor at Vickerstown School.

I have two sons who attend Vickerstown School in years 2 and 5. My eldest son has autism and so I have a great interest in the area of Special Educational Needs and am also the SEN governor.

I live in Dalton but I am originally from Swansea. I trained as a chef in the army and am now a confectioner for a local bakery.

As a governor you get to see how the school is run and have input on how to help the school progress and improve. It is a purely voluntary role but can be quite rewarding. I try and spend one day each term visiting school which is fantastic.

If you have ever wondered about becoming a governor why not leave the Chair of Governors (Mr Mike Macaulay) your contact details at the school office and he will contact you with more information. Or if you have some spare time and want to help with events to raise money for resources and treats in school, contact Friends of Vickerstown as they are always on the lookout for extra volunteers.