



VICTORIA DOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after a lovely Easter break. We hope you had a nice break and the children are raring to come back to school. We have a very busy term ahead of us as we begin our new topic, 'African Adventures'. The children will be learning all about the different animals that live in Africa as well as comparing where we live with those who live in Kenya, Africa. They will also be learning about different food chains in the animal world and classifying carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Later in the term we will also have the opportunity to visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park as part of work around African animals.

The PE timetables have changed slightly and PE times are shown below. It is really important the children bring their PE kits to fully take part in the PE sessions. It is a statutory part of the curriculum and it is therefore necessary they have the correct clothing to take part safely.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Outdoor PE (All KS1)			Indoor PE (Miss Argent and Mr Chatfield)	Indoor PE (Mrs Hague)

For indoor PE the children require a black pair of shorts and a plain white t-shirt as per the school policy. Outdoor PE requires a tracksuit and a sensible pair of trainers. In the warmer weather they welcome to wear their indoor kits with the addition of trainers.

Year 2 SATs will take place during the final week of term, starting on Monday 20th May. The children are well prepared and are familiar with the testing process. We will have lots of nice activities to do around SATs to ensure they stay relaxed and relieve any pressure they might feel. Please ensure some good nights sleep and a hearty breakfast to help them along with this.

Year 1 will also begin preparing for their Phonics Screening which will take place on the week beginning, Monday 10th June. The tests consist of reading a series of words, applying their phonics skills to decode correctly. The children are used to this process as part of their daily phonics sessions. The results of this screening will be shared as they are available.

Homework

The children's homework choices should appear on the school website soon. Spellings will begin to be shared again in response to requests from parents. Thank you for your support in this.

School Uniform

Over the Spring Term we noticed a dip in standards in terms of children's uniform. Some of the concerns are detailed below;

- School Shoes - please ensure black formal shoes (not trainers). As summer approaches, girls are able wear sensible white or black sandals as part of their uniform.
- Hair accessories - small, blue, black or yellow bobbles, ribbons and bands are requested. Children wearing large bows or hair bands will be asked to remove them.
- Nail varnish - children should not wear nail varnish as per the school policy. Children will be asked to remove their polish should they wear it to school.
- Jewellery - children are able to wear simple, plain studs. Again children wearing hoops or decorative earrings will be asked to remove them as they pose a health and safety risk during break times and PE.

Thank you for your support in this matter. It's important to ensure high standards and for children to set an example to others.

Important Dates;

20.05.19 - Year 2 SATs

07.06.19 - School class photographs

10.06.19 - Phonics Screening Year 1

14.05.19 - Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit

Other dates will be added to the diary as they are confirmed so please keep checking the school websites for further dates.

Yours sincerely

Mrs G. Hague

Key Stage One Leader