

**Year 5 Bowden and Fothergill Classes Newsletter: 28th October 2019**

**Welcome back!**

We hope you have enjoyed a lovely break and the children are excited and ready for the next half term. It promises to be busy but we have lots of fun things planned.

**Induction Days**

To welcome the children back after the holidays, we will be starting with our two induction days, reminding ourselves of school rules and routines, exploring bullying and stereotypes and developing the key life skill of COLLABORATION.



**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)**

We continue this term with our Space theme as we begin to prepare for our end goal for this unit. Our learning in DT will include Mars rover designs. In English, our writing will be linked to the book Cosmic. We will be exploring the main characters and developing our ideas to create our own stories.

On **November 13th**, we will be going to The National Space Centre, a trip that is essential to support the children in our end goal as they will be setting up their own Space EXPO for you all to visit. **Please return the reply slip and money ASAP to the school office**. Many thanks.

Our EXPO will be taking place on **12th December** in the Sports Hall. Come and find out lots of fantastic facts about Space, play some intergalactic games and have an extra-terrestrial experience!

**Uniform and PE Kit**

Please ensure your child comes to school in the Victoria School uniform. This includes **completely black** shoes. They should bring their correct PE kit to school on a **Monday** and leave it here until **Friday** as sometimes the timetable can change and this may affect PE days. Everything should be clearly labelled including **coats** and **lunchboxes**.

**Homework and Reading**

There will be an expectation in Year 5 that **all** children have their reading diary and reading book in school **every day**. They will be given a suitable text from school but they should also be selecting their own books to read from home or in the classroom.

**Trips**

As you are aware, we already have a very exciting residential trip planned for Summer Term. If you need another letter about this, please come and see the office staff. We will also be going on other trips throughout the year to support our learning, which we see as invaluable to your child’s education here at Victoria. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to one of us. Thank you for your continued support.



**Diary Dates: Autumn 2019**

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| **Date** | **Year Group** | **Time** | **Event** |
| Wednesday 30th October | Year 4 | All Day | Ancient Greek Day (children are invited to dress up –optional) |
| Thursday 31st October | Year 6 | 3.00pm | Deadline for applying for a Year 7 place for September 2020 |
| Tuesday 5th November | All | After School | Book Fair in the Sports Hall this week |
| Friday 8th November | Reception Boot | 08.45 to 10.00 am | Stay & Play session - Boot Class families |
| Monday 11th November | All |  | National Anti-bullying Week |
| Wednesday 13th November | Year 5 | Day | Science trip to National Space Centre |
| Friday 15th November | All | Day | Children in Need Charity Event  Non-uniform day |
| Friday 15th November | Reception Bell | 08.45 to 10.00 am | Stay & Play session - Bell Class families |
| Monday 18th November | All | Day | Pupil Individual Photos |
| Wednesday 20th November | Nursery & Reception | Day | A visitor with owls! |
| Thursday 21st November | Cadbury | 2.00pm | Open Afternoon for families of  Cadbury Class |
| Wednesday 27th November | All | 2.00 – 4.30 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 28th November | All | 3.30 – 6.00 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Wednesday 4th December | All | Day | School Closed for Staff Training |
| Thursday 5th December | Choir | 3.00 – 4.30 pm | Meadows Christmas Lights Switch On |
| Friday 6th December | All | lunchtime | School Christmas Meal |
| Tuesday 10th December | Nursery & Reception | 9.30am | Early Years Christmas Nativity Show |
| Thursday 12th December | Year 5 | 2.00pm | Space Expo for Year 5 Parents |
| Thursday 12th December | All | Day | NHS Flu Immunisations (nose spray) |
| Friday 13th December | All | pm | Christingle at St George’s Church |
| Tuesday 17th December | Years 1 & 2 | 9.30am 2.00pm | Christmas Show Performance |
| Tuesday 17th December | Year 1 | Day | Homework Projects Day |
| Wednesday 18th December | Years 3 - 6 | 9.15am | Family Christmas Sing-along |
| Wednesday 18th December | All | 3.15pm | School closes for Christmas Holidays |