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**Year 5 Bowden and Fothergill Classes Newsletter: 2nd September 2019**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed a fantastic summer break and are ready for an exciting start to Year 5! Mr Dalby will be teaching Bowden class, he spent part of his summer walking in Wales (so he probably needs another holiday)! Mrs Webb will be teaching Fothergill, she spent the holidays practising her bicycle riding skills and has the bruises to prove it! Miss Whistler will be our teaching assistant and she is very excited to work with you all.

We have many new things planned and we are looking forward to developing your child’s skills, knowledge and understanding in Year 5.

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

**Calling all Astronauts in Training for our Year 5 Space Mission 2019!**

Autumn Term will have a Science and DT focus on the theme of Space. We will start the term with a NASA training camp, learning about the Earth, Sun and Moon then moving onto DT skills of designing, making and evaluating a product. This will lead nicely into a visit to the National Space Centre and preparing our very own EXPO - more details on this to follow. Our English work will initially focus on report writing and our main text will be Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce. In RE, we look at inspirational people, another area that also links in well with our STEM work.

**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.

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**Diary Dates: Autumn 2019**

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| **Date** | **Year Group** | **Time** | **Event** |
| Wednesday 11th September | Cadbury Class | 2.30pm | Gallery Event |
| Thursday 26th September | All | 3.15 – 4.00 pm | Open Afternoon*Call in to meet the adults working with your child this year, have a look at your child’s work so far and ask any questions you need to. No appointment needed – all welcome!* |
| Friday 27th September | Year 6 | Day | History trip to St Peter’s Church |
| Tuesday 1st October | Year 6 | Day | History trip to Nottingham Caves |
| Thursday 3rd October | Years 1 - 6 | AM | Harvest Celebration Assembly*Donations for the food bank welcome* |
| Friday 4th October | All | Day | School closed for one day Staff Training |
| Thursday 10th October | Cadbury Class | PM | Theatre Trip to see The Gruffalo |
| Friday 18th October | All | 3.15pm | School closes for half term break |
| Monday 28th October | All | Day | School Closed for one day Staff Training |
| Tuesday 29th October | All | 8.45 am | School re-opens |
| Monday 11th November  | All |  | National Anti-bullying Week |
| Friday 15th November | All | Day | Children in Need Charity Event |
| Wednesday 27th November | All | 2.00 – 4.30 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Thursday 28th November | All | 3.30 – 6.00 pm | Parent – Teacher Meetings |
| Tuesday 10th December | Nursery & Reception | 9.30am | Early Years Christmas Nativity Show |
| Tuesday 17th December | Years 1 & 2 | tbc | Christmas Show Performance  |
| Wednesday 18th December | Years 3 - 6 | 9.15am | Family Christmas Sing-along |
| Wednesday 18th December | All | 3.15pm | School closes for Christmas Holidays |