

Dates for the Diary

Event	Key Date	Information
Gymnastics Festival	Tuesday 3 rd December	Class 1 at Spennymoor Gym Club in the Leisure Centre
KS2 Police Cyberbullying Visit	Wednesday 4 th December	Classes 3/4/5
Christmas Fair	Friday 6 th December	Fair begins at 2.30pm. Children to be collected at 2.15pm
Nursery Church Service with Father Gary	Tuesday 10 th December at 10am	Nursery parents and children visit St James' Church
BATH Christmas Show	Wednesday 11 th December	Classes 4/5 visit to King James 1 Academy
KS2 Christmas Production <i>Five Gold Rings</i> Dress Rehearsal	Tuesday 17 th December at 9.45am	Further information to follow Tickets will need to be ordered
KS2 Christmas Production <i>Five Gold Rings</i>	Wednesday 18 th December 2pm and 6pm	Further information to follow Tickets will need to be ordered
KS1 Christmas Production <i>Little Angel gets her Wings</i>	Wednesday 18 th December at 10am Thursday 19 th December 2pm	Further information to follow Tickets will need to be ordered
All Christmas Parties/ Christmas Disco	Friday 20 th December	Further information to follow



Victoria Lane Academy

November 2013

Autumn at VLA has been hectic but fun with so many exciting events and visits to ensure your children receive the best possible education. Many of the highlights are featured on the school website that has recently been updated with a lot of new photos and important information. The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Christmas is coming to VLA!

All of the planned Christmas events are listed overleaf in the dates for the diary section and we look forward to celebrating the festive season together.

Christmas Fair

School is holding a Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December at 2.30pm. All children will need to be collected from school at 2.15pm on that day. Thank you for all of the items that have been sent into school already. We urgently need the following items and would be grateful if you could send them in by this Friday:

Raffle items

Any bottles including of wine, bubble bath, sauce, pop etc.

Items for chocolate/sweet tombola

Good quality toys/teddies

Toiletry sets/items for tombola

Any children from families who kindly donate any items for the fair will be rewarded on Friday with a toy session and a treat from the chocolate fountain!

Every penny raised at the fair will be spent on extra treats such as visits and rewards for your children to enjoy.

Attendance

On Friday 25th October, all 53 children, who had 100% attendance from September onwards were rewarded with 30 minutes on a bouncy slide. We are working closely with St Joseph's Primary to raise school attendance figures in the local area. Every half term, children with full attendance will be rewarded with a well-earned treat. Currently, 73 children at VLA will be eligible for the next reward if they do not miss any school until 20/12/13.

Staff News

We would like to welcome a new member of staff this week. Mrs Lowery is our new classroom assistant, who will be working in Class 4 every morning alongside Mr Adams and Mrs Benson.

PE and School Sport Festivals

This half term, a range of sporting activities are being held. Class 5 attended the recent Sportshall Athletics festival. Class 1 are participating in the annual Gymnastics festival on December 3rd, where they will be performing a gymnastic routine.

Father Gary –School Chaplain

Victoria Lane is delighted to welcome back Father Gary, who has returned after a period of sick leave, and is now working closely alongside our staff, children, governors and parents to support our school community. Father Gary can be contacted either through the school or at the vicarage on 603312 or by email at frgary@hotmail.com.



Lateness

Please can you ensure that your child arrives at school before the bell at 8.55 am to avoid a late mark. Whilst we understand sometime it is unavoidable, lessons are often disrupted by latecomers and this week the total minutes lost by latecomers was 106!

Friends of the school Meeting

Anyone who would like to come along to join our thriving Friends of the School is welcome at 3.30pm on Monday 2nd December to help to organise the Christmas Fair. Children can be supervised in the breakfast club during the meeting.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday 13th December for all staff and children on school dinners. Any children, who are on packed lunch are welcome to stay for their lunch that day at a cost of £1.80. If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please can you return the form and dinner money in a labelled envelope or money bag.

School Lunches

Please note the option of school lunch on a Wednesday and Friday and packed lunch the other three days is proving to be popular. Please contact the office if you wish your child to take up this option.

Uniform

Please ensure you have your child's name clearly printed on all items of uniform and outdoor coats to avoid confusion and prevent items being taken home by mistake. We have been really impressed with the new uniform supplier because of the high quality of the products and the good service that they have provided.

Learning Together Sessions

are being held in all classes throughout this week. Please come along to your child's classroom and learn how to help support your child with Mathematics.

