



## A fantastic start to the term!

I have been incredibly impressed with the children's learning and behaviour over the last few weeks. Whenever I visit classrooms, I am always struck by the positive learning atmosphere, the children's enthusiasm and the wonderful attitudes they are showing towards their learning. It is a real pleasure to see. We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead, with Work of the Month, our Open Day, Harvest Festival and Halloween Disco all coming up. These are lovely opportunities for us to celebrate our school community and the many things that make our school so special. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events and thank you, as always, for your continued support. *Mr Connell*

### OPEN EVENING

We are delighted to be holding our annual Open Afternoon on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October**, with presentations from the Headteacher at 3pm and 5pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for Year 2 families to come along, explore our school, enjoy a taste of our school meals, and meet and chat with our lovely children and staff. Please do spread the word and share this with any Year 2 parents. We would love to welcome them! Year 2 children from Victoria Infants, will also be spending the afternoon with us on this day.

### YEAR 3 APPLICATIONS 2027

The window to apply for a Year 3 place at Victoria Academy is now open. Year 2 parents have until 15th January 2026 to do this. You can apply through this link. [Apply Here](#)

### APPLICATIONS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

The closing date for secondary school applications is Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Year 6 parents please ensure these have been submitted in good time to receive your guaranteed place at Furness Academy (if this is your first choice).

### SCHOOL UNIFORM & BREAKTIME

Please label **every** item of clothing. If it has a name in it, then we can easily return it to its owner if it becomes lost. Children should only wear one pair of studs, no other jewellery should be worn. PE shorts should be in line with school policy and not cycling type shorts. Children can bring a snack for playtime or buy snacks at tuckshop. If they bring a snack from home this must be either a piece of fruit or breakfast bar.



### HALLOWEEN DISCO

The PTA have organised the annual fancy dress disco for **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. The event will be £2 entry with hot dogs, refreshments and activities on sale (see diary dates for times). This is an opportunity for our children to wear their Halloween costumes and have fun with their friends. Year 2 children from Victoria Infants are also welcome to attend.

### YEAR 5/6 MANCHESTER PANTOMINE

The annual panto trip to see Dick Whittington, featuring Jason Manford will take place on Wednesday 16th December. This can be booked via ParentPay. The trip will be open to Y4 on 9<sup>th</sup> Oct if there are places available. Year 3 will be visiting Furness Academy for a very special pantomime on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME

Learning starts at Victoria Academy as soon as the children enter at 8:45am. The playground is supervised from **8:30am**, and free breakfast club runs from 8:15am so please ensure your child arrives on time and is ready to learn. The first part of every morning is dedicated to essential learning, including handwriting, times tables, spellings and reading, so arriving late means children can miss these important building blocks for future success.

**Being five minutes late a day may not seem a lot, but this adds up to 25 minutes a week and 2 hours 30 minutes a term of lost learning.**

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child make the very best start to their school day.

### OUR HEAD BOY & GIRL AND PREFECTS



### HARVEST FESTIVAL



Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. Performances will take place at 9:00am and 2:15pm. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend. Due to limited space in the hall we ask that you only attend one of these times. We will be selling tea and coffee as well as holding a raffle, so please do remember cash. Proceeds raised will be put towards our school PTA funds which are directly used to continue our school playground development. Any raffle prizes and cake donations will also be gratefully received—please send any contributions into school thank you!

This year we will be collecting items for Barrow Foodbank. Please send donations from next week.

### WORK OF THE MONTH AUTUMN DATES

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|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> -   | 8:50am Y3/4 | 2:30pm Y5/6 |
| <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> -  | 8:50am Y3/4 | 2:30pm Y5/6 |
| <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> - | 8:50am Y3/4 | 2:30pm Y5/6 |



## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER DIARY DATES

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Work of the Month

8:50am Y3/4 2:30pm Y5/6

**Wk Bg 5<sup>th</sup>** – Y5/6 Football County Mixed

**Wk Bg 12<sup>th</sup>** – Y5/6 Football County Girls

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>** – Open Afternoon for Year 2

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>** – Open Evening for Year 2

**Parents** - 3pm – 5:30pm

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup>** – Harvest Festival 9am and 2:15pm

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Wed 21<sup>st</sup>** – Y6 London Trip

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** – Y3/4 Football Competition

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup>** – Y3/4 Girls Football Competition

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Fun Run at Furness Academy

**Thu 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Halloween Disco

**Y2/3/4** - 4pm **Y5/6** - 5:15pm

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Work of the Month

8:50am Y3/4 2:30pm Y5/6

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Break for Half Term

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup>** – Closing Date for Secondary

School Applications

### NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Return to school

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Extra-Curricular Clubs Start

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Y3/4 Dodgeball Festival

**Thu 5<sup>th</sup>** – Swimming Starts for 5C

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** – Rocksteady Music Lessons Start

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>** – Y5/6 Dodgeball Festival

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup>** – Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>** – Children in Need Non-Uniform

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup>** – Cross Country Championship

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** - Work of the Month

8:50am Y3/4 2:30pm Y5/6

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** – Extra-Curricular Clubs End

