



Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to everyone. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy some special time with family and friends. As we begin a new school year, we have lots of exciting opportunities, events and learning experiences planned. It has been lovely to see all of our children arriving today looking so smart and ready to learn. They have made a fantastic start and we are incredibly proud of them already. A special welcome goes to our new Year 3 children and their families as they join the Victoria family. We are delighted to have you with us and hope you quickly feel at home in our school community. Here's to a happy, successful and exciting year ahead! *Mr Connell*

SCHOOL VALUES – RESILIENCE

This half term, our whole-school value is **resilience**, encouraging children to keep trying, learn from challenges and never give up, and this will be a focus in our assemblies throughout the term. We will also be celebrating children who demonstrate resilience through our **Work of the Month** assemblies.



THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME

Our school gates open at **8:30am**, and the school day begins promptly at **8:45am**, 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. Thank you for your continued support in helping every child make the very best start to their school day.

SUMMER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Lots of work has been going on during the summer holidays. One year 5 classroom has been made larger and redecorated, our new play gym equipment has been installed, we have invested in new 1:1 iPads for year 3 and new wall art is being installed shortly across school. Finally, our 3G 7-a side Pitch 3 has been finished and is ready to use. We always drive to make our school environment the best it can be. A big thank you to our site team for their continued hard work.



NEW STAFF AT VICTORIA

I would like to welcome Mr Casson (Y5 Teacher) Miss Johnson (Y3 Teaching Assistant), Miss Crellin (Y3 TA Apprentice) and Miss Lauderdale (Y4 TA Apprentice) to the Victoria Academy team.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our **free** breakfast club has started today from 8:15am. There is a wide range of breakfast choices and a chance for children to socialise before school starts. Reminder that this needs to be booked on ParentPay. Paid breakfast club also runs from 7:45-8:15am and costs £2.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

There is now a **20mph speed limit** outside the school, and we ask everyone to drive carefully and be mindful of our children during drop-off and collection times. Please do not park or stop to drop off or collect children on the yellow lines on either side of the road. These restrictions are in place to keep traffic moving safely and ensure children can be seen clearly when crossing. By working together we can help keep all of our children safe.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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.

WORK OF THE MONTH

Each month, our **Work of the Month** assemblies celebrate our children's outstanding work and achievements, recognising their effort, progress and success across the curriculum. Parents, grandparents and family members are warmly invited to join us in celebrating these special occasions.



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER DIARY DATES

- Thu 3rd** - Return to school Autumn 1
- Mon 7th** - Year 3 Parent Meeting 3:30pm
- Tue 8th** - Year 5 Parent Meeting 3:30pm
- Wed 9th** - Year 4 Parent Meeting 3:30pm
- Thu 10th** - Year 6 Parent & London Meeting 3:30pm
- Thu 10th** - Swimming Starts 55
- Fri 18th** - Karate Club Starts 3pm
- Wk Beg 21st** - Extra Curricular Clubs start
- Mon 21st** - Y3/4 Football Skills Festival
- Mon 28th** - Y5/6 Football Skills Festival
- Mon 28th** - Tempest Individual & Family Photographs

OCTOBER DIARY DATES

- Fri 2nd** - Work of the Month 8:50am Y3/4 2:30pm Y5/6
- Wk Bg 5th** - Y5/6 Football County Mixed
- Wk Bg 12th** - Y5/6 Football County Girls
- Mon 12th** - Open Afternoon for Year 2
- Mon 12th** - Open Evening for Year 2 Parents - 3pm - 5:30pm
- Fri 16th** - Harvest Festival 9am and 2:15pm
- Mon 19th - Wed 21st** - Y6 London Trip
- Mon 19th** - Y3/4 Football Competition
- Wed 21st** - Y3/4 Girls Football Competition
- Thu 22nd** - Fun Run at Furness Academy
- Thu 22nd** - Halloween Disco Y2/3/4 - 4pm Y5/6 - 5:15pm
- Fri 23rd** - Work of the Month 8:50am Y3/4 2:30pm Y5/6
- Fri 23rd** - Break for Half Term
- Fri 30th** - Closing Date for Secondary School Applications



YEAR GROUP MEETINGS

Year Group Meetings have been arranged **next week** to enable you to meet your child's class teachers and to learn about the expectations and routines of the new year group. Please see the diary dates for when these are taking place. We do hope that you can attend to get the school year off to a good start and to support school in the development of your child. I will also be on hand if you would like to discuss anything.

WORK OF THE MONTH AUTUMN DATES

- Friday 2nd October** - 8:50am Y3/4 2:30pm Y5/6
- Friday 23rd October** - 8:50am Y3/4 2:30pm Y5/6
- Friday 22nd November** - 8:50am Y3/4 2:30pm Y5/6

