

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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Dear parents,

Welcome back to a new term and we look forward to working together again.

Staff

We welcome Miss Normansell and Mr. Evans who are teaching two of the year 5 / 6 mixed classes and also our new learning support staff, Miss Bennett, Miss Griffiths, Miss Mear and Mr. Smith.

After 13 years of teaching at Victoria Primary school Mr. Stansfield has decided to leave as he would like to explore new opportunities. Consequently he will no longer be teaching at our school. We wish him luck in his new endeavours and for the future.

Please see our reminder of important procedures.

Full policies and procedures can be found on the school website.

School opening times.

The morning bell will ring at 8.55 am.

Please do not send children to school before 8.45 am as they are not supervised until that time. Only pupils attending breakfast club are permitted on site from 8.10 am and they should go straight to the canteen.

Infant children may enter the building from 8.45.

Junior pupils wait on the yard until the bell or will be allowed in if it is raining.

Any pupils arriving after the bell must report to the school office to be registered in the Late book. This is monitored by our educational welfare officer.

If a child is ill, school must be notified on the first morning of the absence.

School finishes at 3.25 pm for reception and 3.30pm for all other year groups, the red security gates are opened at 3.20 p.m.

Reception and year 1 parents collect pupils from the reception outdoor area.

Please stand well back from the fence so that staff and children can see you.

Please leave promptly when you have collected your children.

If you are waiting for children from other classes please move away to their collection points.

Uniform

Please dress your children in uniform every day and ensure all clothing is labelled clearly. Please ensure that the children have a change of clothing for PE lessons as well as suitable outdoor footwear and waterproof coats for outdoor play with them at all times.

No jewellery other than watches is allowed to be worn to school. This is for health and safety reasons. Thank you for supporting the school's uniform policy.

Dinner money

School dinners cost £1.80 per day so please send in £9.00 for the week ahead each Monday. Please make cheques payable to the Vale of Glamorgan County Council .If you are entitled to Free School Meals please see Mrs. Moreton. Please note that a Pork Dinner will be served on the 29th of September and a fish meal on the 30th, this differs from the planned menu.

Breakfast Club

Children who have already been registered need not apply again. Breakfast club forms are available from the office or bookcase in the main foyer.

Simply complete the form and return to the school office or breakfast club staff.

Pupils should be dropped off at the canteen between 8.10 am and 8.35 am.

Volunteers

We are always glad to welcome anyone who would be able to give some of their time to help our children whether it is on a regular or occasional basis.

There are a number of areas where adult help would be appreciated e.g. reading, maths games, play partners for the younger children, art and crafts, cookery, gardening and sports. If you can help please see the class teacher or learning support assistant or Mrs. Jones in the lower corridor of the main building.

School Trim Trail, Climbing Wall, Play equipment.

We are asking pupils to show respect for their school environment.

Please do not allow your child to climb on the seats or fences.

Children are not allowed on the Trim Trail or Climbing wall at the start & end of the day.

Communication

This newsletter is going out to all families as first of the year, please note that future newsletters will be published on the school website and hard copies only sent out to those who have requested them. New reception and nursery parents should see the staff to request hard copies of our newsletters. Newsletters will be published on a Friday as and when needed. Please check the school website every weekend in case of updates.

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We have placed a bookcase in the foyer just inside the main entry door and we will put a supply of holiday application forms, breakfast club forms, administration of medicine and leaflets for parents. When completed they can be taken to the school office or passed to the class teacher.

Parent Governor Elections

We are looking for another parent governor. Nomination forms will be distributed next Tuesday September 21st and need to be returned by Tuesday September 28th.

Friday Oct.1st Harvest Festival

Nursery and infant parents please send in tinned food donations for local distribution, junior parents are asked for a donation that will be sent to the Pakistan Flood Relief Fund. The junior children will make envelopes for their donations.

Please see our planned calendar attached, more events may be added.

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This is our planned calendar of events for the year, some changes may arise and some additions made but parents will be given due notice.

Autumn Term

Friday	Oct. 1 st	Harvest Festival	11.00 Whole School
Monday	Oct. 4 th	Individual and family photographs	8.30 onwards
Monday	Oct. 11 th	Open Day for Prospective Parents	9.30-11.30 & 1.30-3.00
Wednesday	Oct 13 th	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30
Thursday	Oct 14 th	Open Evening	3.30 – 6.30
Tuesday	Oct 19 th	NSPCC Assembly	1.00 - Juniors, 1.45 Infants
Friday	Oct 22 nd	Governors Curr. Meeting	9.00 – 12.00

Monday Oct. 25th HALF TERM

Friday	Nov 12th	INSET day	
Monday	Nov 29 th	Open Day for Prospective Parents	9.30-11.30 & 1.30-3.00
Wednesday	Dec 1 st	Open Hour	3.30 – 4.30
Friday	Dec 3 rd	Christmas Fayre	2.30 - 5.00
Wed 8 th & Thurs. 9 th		Infant Concerts	10.00 & 2.00
Friday	Dec 10 th	Junior Carol Service	pm (To be confirmed).
Saturday	Dec 11 th	Breakfast with Santa	8.30 – 11.30
Tuesday	Dec 14 th	Nursery Concerts	10.45 & 2.30
Wednesday	Dec 15 th	Parties	
Friday	Dec. 17 th	Last day of term.	

Spring Term

Tuesday	Jan 4 th	Spring Term starts for staff and pupils	
Wednesday	Feb 16 th	Open Hour	3.30 - 4.30

Monday Feb 21st HALF TERM

Monday	Feb 28 th	Welsh Activity Day	
Tuesday	March 1 st	St. David's Day Eisteddfod	All Day
Monday	March 21 st	Open Day for Prospective Parents	9.30-1.30 & 1.30-3.00
Monday	March 28 th	PGL week, year 6	
Monday	April 4 th	SEN review week	
Wednesday	April 6 th	Open Evening	3.30 - 6.30
Thursday	April 7 th	Open Evening	3.30 – 6.30
Friday	April 15 th	Year 5/6 Presentation for parents.	
Monday	April 18th	EASTER HOLIDAYS	

Summer Term

Tuesday	May 3 rd	Start of summer term.	
Thursday	May 26 th	Reception Assembly.	

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Monday	May 30th	HALF TERM
Friday	June 10 th	Year 3 assembly
Friday	June 17 th	Year 4 Assembly
Thursday	June 23 rd	Nursery Closure Day, new parent interviews
Friday	June 24 th	Year 2 Assembly
Saturday	June 26 th	Summer Fayre 9.30 – 1.30
Wednesday	June 29 th	Sports day
Monday	July 4 th	Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday	July 5 th	New reception parents & pupils
Wednesday	July 6 th	New reception parents and pupils Drop in evening for new parents.
Friday	July 8 th	Year 1 Assembly
Thursday	July 14 th	Nursery Graduation
Friday	July 15 th	Reports out to parents
Monday	July 18 th	Open Afternoon
Wednesday	July 20 th	Change over afternoon
Thursday	July 21 st	Leavers' service and Party.
Friday	July 22 nd	Endeavour Assembly End of Term for pupils.

Monday July 25th and Tuesday July 26th Inset Days. Three more to be decided.

Holiday Dates for the next 5 years are available from the office or on the school website.