



# Principal's Newsletter

## November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term here at VPS. As always, during this half term, we see a very busy calendar of events as we hit the run up to Christmas.

Further on in this newsletter is an overview of events happening during November and December – please pay particular attention to this information.

I would like to take a moment to say a massive THANK YOU to our VPS PTA. Our new PTA is now in its second year of operation and all members are doing a really wonderful job in helping to raise much needed funds for our school.

The PTA held its Annual General Meeting last month and the following officers have been elected:

Chairperson: Francis Lindsay

Secretary: Nicola Jackson

Treasurer: Karen Greenaway

Many thanks,

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

### SCHOOL FUND CONTRIBUTION 2023 / 24

Thank you to the parents / carers who have paid their school fund contribution of £20 per child for this academic year.

The money raised so far will go a really long way to allowing us to continue to provide a range of activities and resources for the community of VPS – far beyond what we could provide with the basic funding given to us by Government.

For those still yet to contribute, if you are able to, the payment option is still open within School Money and, as a school, we would be grateful for any further contributions.

THANK YOU!!

### SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal

Mr C. Fulton

Vice Principal and  
Special Needs Co-  
ordinator

Mrs L. Kernaghan

Head of Foundation  
& Key Stage 1

Mrs R. Miskelly

Nursery Lead

Mrs P. Addis

Head of Key Stage 2

Mr J. Clarke

Pastoral Lead

Mrs J. Orr

I'M WORRIED ABOUT  
A CHILD IN SCHOOL.



If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Mrs Orr (Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Pastoral Lead).



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**IT'S OPEN MORNING TIME AGAIN**

**[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR SPACE](#)**



## Open Day for Nursery and Primary 1

Monday 8th January 2024

[www.victoriaprimar.org.uk](http://www.victoriaprimar.org.uk)

'A very good school  
and Nursery Unit'  
Department of Education

Our Open Morning will take place between  
9.30am - 11.30am - Book a time for your visit via our website!

Visiting Parents are invited to: Tel: 028 9335 1781

Meet the  
Principal

Chat with Nursery  
and Primary 1  
Staff

Look Around  
Our Nursery  
and P1



What our parents and carers say about us (Parent Questionnaire):

'I would like to thank all the nursery staff for preparing my child for P1 and helping her blossom to be the person she is today.'

'My child really loves school. She never wants to miss a day. She has had wonderful teachers who have made her school life so enjoyable. Thank you so much.'

'Victoria PS has been the best school for our children. It supports children academically whilst also acknowledging the child as an individual and developing their personalities.'





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## VPS – AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE 2023



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let Us Forget*

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, our school community came together, with members of the local community, to remember. We are thankful to have the opportunity to do this each year.







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### What's happening in school this term....

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November                      SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December                      Carol Service at North Street  
Presbyterian Church @ 6.30pm
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December                              Christmas Dinner Day and  
Christmas Jumper Day (£1 for own  
clothes day)  
Children will finish at 12.30pm
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December                        Primary 1 Christmas Show  
Miss Baird's Class – 9.30am  
Miss Smyth's Class – 11am
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December                    Primary 2 Christmas Show  
Mrs Miskelly's Class – 9.30am  
Mrs Skillen's Class – 11am
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December                      Primary 3 Christmas Show  
Mrs McFadden's Class – 9.30am  
Miss Key's Class – 11am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December                        Nursery Christmas Show  
Morning Nursery – 9.45am  
Afternoon Nursery – 1.15pm
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December                        P6 and P7 Disco  
Children can wear own clothes.  
Disco £1. Glow Sticks 50p

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December P1, P2 and P3 Disco  
Children can wear own clothes.  
Disco £1. Glow Sticks 50p
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December P4 and P5 Disco  
Children can wear own clothes.  
Disco £1. Glow Sticks 50p
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December Children finish for Christmas  
Holidays. (11:50am and 12noon)





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## Policy of The Month

Each month, I am going to give you a bit of an oversight of 1 policy within school. This month I want to update you on our policy: **Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Policy.**

This policy outlines the many different ways, in school, that we support the continued attainment and progress of your child with a focus Special Educational Needs and Inclusion. This policy directs school in managing the provision of SEN.



### Special Educational Needs And Inclusion Policy

Date of next policy review	September 2024
Name of person responsible for this policy	Leigh Kernaghan LSC/Mr C. Fulton (Principal)/BOG
Other related policies	Behaviour and Citizenship, Pastoral Care, T&L, Assessment
Issued to	Staff, governors, parents
Date of issue	Sept 2022

Click on the image of the policy to be taken to an online copy.

### Start of the Day

A reminder that children in P2 – P7 **should not** go through the double gates by Mrs Ritchie's office, in the morning, until the bell goes. We do not have any members of staff in the playground to supervise children until this time.

Parents / carers should not pass the double gates.



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## Pre-loved Christmas Jumpers

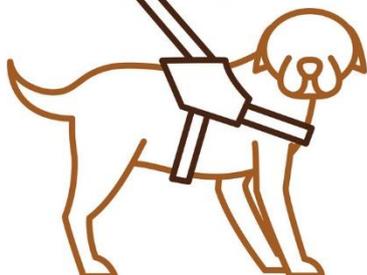
Our wonderful PTA will be operating a pre-loved Christmas jumper stall this year.

If you have any good quality Christmas jumpers that your children no longer need please send them into school from Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November



**If you would like to collect a Christmas jumper from the stall, you can call into the school hall from 8:30 - 8:45 or 3pm - 3:15pm between Tues 21st and Fri 24th November. Donations accepted.**

**NO DOGS  
EXCEPT  
ASSISTANCE  
DOGS**



We do love dogs here at VPS! We love them so much that we have our very own Kobby in school every day. As you know, Kobby is a fully trained assistance dog.

No other dogs, other than fully trained assistance dogs, should be brought onto the school grounds at any point.

Thanks for your understanding.



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# Cool FM

Just before the half term break, we had the opportunity to welcome Pete, Paulo and Rebecca from The Cool FM Breakfast Show to VPS.

Paulo, now better known as Mr Ross, had the opportunity to see just how hard a job teaching can be. 😊

Thanks to the Breakfast Show team for being great sports and getting involved in everything we, and our children, threw at them.



Visit our school  
Facebook Page  
to see how they  
got on.



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### TERM DATES FOR 2023 / 24

<b>Term Dates</b>	
<b>December</b>	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> – School closes from 11:50am - 12noon for all pupils. Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed (Christmas Holidays)</b>
<b>January</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed (Christmas Holidays)</b> Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 pupils return to school. OPEN DAY (Nursery and P1 pupils off today) Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> – Nursery and P1 pupils return to school.
<b>February</b>	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed (Half Term)</b>
<b>March</b>	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – School closes from 11:50am-12noon for all pupils (No school canteen and transport) Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> - School closes from 11:50am-12noon for all pupils. Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed (Easter Holidays)</b>
<b>April</b>	Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed (Easter Holidays)</b>
<b>May</b>	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed (Bank Holiday)</b> Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> – <b>School Closed (Half Term)</b>
<b>June</b>	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> – P7 pupils finish at 12noon. Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> – School closes for Summer Holidays