



Principal's Newsletter

December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the final Principal's Newsletter of 2023!

I would like to start this newsletter by saying a massive THANK YOU to our wonderful Victoria Primary School PTA for organising a really fantastic Christmas Fair last week.

It was lovely to see the school full of members of the wider school community all enjoying spending time with each other.

The Christmas Fair helped to raised just over £2000 for PTA funds which is an amazing amount. Thanks to the wider school community for continuing to support our school.

Last year, the PTA very kindly used their funds to purchase a brand new sound system for the school hall at a cost of £4,400. As a school, we are very thankful to the PTA for supporting us with this project as the old sound system had, unfortunately, been past its best for some time now.

Many thanks,

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day

On Friday 8th December we will be having our Christmas Dinner Day (Christmas Party Boxes). If you wish your child to have a party box on Friday 8th, please ensure you make a school dinner booking for that day via school money.

Children can also wear their non-uniform and a Christmas Jumper on this day. (£1.00 cost for non-uniform day)

Children will finish early on Friday 8th December.

P1, 2, 3 and 4 – Finish at 12.30pm

P5, 6 and 7 – Finish at 12.35pm

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



Open Day for Nursery and Primary 1

Monday 8th January 2024

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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Victoria Primary School has just completed the Summerhill Parents Programme which was available to our school community and offered to parents at surrounding local primary schools. This was a great success, sharing ideas and opinions about busy family lives as well as connecting with new friends. The group co-ordinator did a fantastic job delivering the programme, thank you Colleen.

Here's what some of our parents thought.

'We found the Summerhill Programme helpful in so many ways and will definitely use this newfound information.

From planning more nutritional meals and getting ideas on how to engage play with our children to understanding how to efficiently manage money; especially in the current climate and look after both our children's and our mental health needs this programme has really helped. The ideas and opinions of the other parents there also showed you are not alone. In addition, just getting out of the house for a cup of tea and socialising was an added bonus. I don't know what we are going to do on our Monday night's now! '

Parent – Seanna and Ryan Orr





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The Caring Connection

COFFEE, CONVERSATION AND SUPPORT @
VPS

After having a range of very successful parent coffee mornings, parent training evenings etc, we intend to extend our provision for parents by introducing **'The Caring Connection – coffee, conversation and support @ VPS'** during Terms 2 and 3.

We will be running a range of coffee mornings to support our children and families through a range of issues and concerns. These may include support for parents of children with Autism, Special Educational Needs and much more.



We are delighted to welcome Tiny Life charity to lead our first **Caring Connection Coffee Morning** with an informative programme called Tiny Learners on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 9.15am in our Canteen. This charity supports families of babies born prematurely or who will start life in the neonatal unit.

The PRISM training will provide information for our Staff and our parents on how to help children at home and how we can meet their needs in school. We will send a Google Form out via the school messaging service and ask

you to sign up if you would like to attend. As you know we are always keen to provide a free breakfast too! If you would like more information, please visit www.tinylife.co.uk



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

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

- Tuesday 19th December
P1, P2 and P3 Disco
Children can wear own clothes.
Disco £1. Glow Sticks 50p
- Wednesday 20th December
P4 and P5 Disco
Children can wear own clothes.
Disco £1. Glow Sticks 50p
- Friday 22nd 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: **Intimate Care.**

This policy outlines the many different ways, in school, that we support the continued attainment and progress of your child with a focus on Intimate Care. This policy directs school in managing all aspect of intimate care that can be provided for your child.



Intimate Care Policy

Date of next policy review	2025
Name of person responsible for this policy	Christopher Fulton
Issued to	Staff, governors, parents
Date of issue	September 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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Parent and Toddler Group @ Victoria Primary School

We are DELIGHTED to invite parents, carers, grandparents and toddlers (0-4 years) to our NEW, weekly Parent and Toddler Group.



Starting on WEDNESDAY
20th December, from
9.00am – 10.30am with
our wonderful Nurture
Teacher Mrs McMillan.

For more information and to register your
interest, please use the link provided.

Fully Booked



As a school, we would like to say a massive thank you to the charity **CITHRAH** who will be providing some much needed help and support to some of our school families by providing food and other provisions on the run up to Christmas.

We can't thank Cithrah enough for helping at this time.



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TERM DATES FOR 2023 / 24

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