

## *Victoria Road Newsletter December 2023*

As my first year of Head of School comes to an end, I am excited to continue working with you all to develop high-quality education that also priorities your child's wellbeing.

December was an extremely busy month and I was amazed at the brilliant Christmas Performances your children took part in. They have worked really hard to continue their learning and fit this in. The dedication of the staff and children was incredible, including many thanks to those parents/carers who helped the children learn their lines and support in the costumes.

We have also fit in singing Christmas Songs for residents at Daneside Mews, a trip to the Weaver Hall Museum and the whole school attending the Pantomime at the Brio Centre which was generously fully funded by Northwich Rotary Club.

The Christmas Raffle raised an amazing £726.00 for school funds and will be spent on resources for your children. A huge thank you to all the donations for prizes and parents/carers and the community for buying the tickets.

We have 2 vacancies for parent/carer Governors at Victoria Road Primary School. If you are interested in applying or would like further information please email [admin@victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk)

Future dates for January 2024 are:

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – INSET day

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – All children return to school

Friday 5th January 2024 – Non-uniform day for Yellow house for winning the most house points last half term.

Thursday 11th January 2024 – 2.30pm – 3.15pm Years 3,4 & 5 mixed classes drop in parents/carers session.

Thursday 18th January 2024 – School Census Day

Monday 29th January 2024 – LAC (Local Academy Committee) Governors meeting. 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

Thank you for your continued support

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## Reporting your child absent

If your child is unwell and absent from school please use the absence line to advise us before 9.00am (01606 663061). You can leave a detailed message or speak to one of our team in the office.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## DEBTS

We would be grateful if you could bring all ParentPay accounts up to date as a matter of urgency.

We recognise that this is often just an oversight and payment can be quickly made via ParentPay.

If you need any support please contact the office on 01606663061

If you'd like any help setting up or using your ParentPay accounts please come and ask for assistance at the Office.

# ATTENDANCE



School Attendance aspiration = 96%

School Attendance to 31/12/2023 = 95.17%

We understand that there can be health problems, but:

Don't believe that the 'odd day off can't harm.' Research carried out on the effects of broken weeks and achievement is astounding. A student can have 95% attendance but still have 10 broken weeks! Hugely detrimental to a pupil's learning, leaving big gaps in knowledge!

- Try to judge how 'severe' the pupil's illness is. Do they really need to stay at home?
- How many of them are better by lunchtime? Send them back to school!
- If a pupil has an extended or intermittent but persistent condition, contact the attendance officers and arrange a meeting to set up a supportive action plan. There are lots we can offer to do, to prevent a pupil missing education.
- Non-urgent doctor, dental appointments and check-ups should be made outside school time – school finishes at 15:15.
- If an appointment must be set in school time, absence will only be authorised for a reasonable margin of time. Not half a day to go to local GP/dentist. We understand orthodontic treatments and hospital clinic appointments may take longer. Try to minimise time out of school.
- Try to vary the days of these treatments to avoid missing the same lessons in a cycle.

Pupils need to be in school to maximise their learning and success.

## Reception 2024 places

The deadline for on-time Reception 2024 school applications is Monday 15 January 2024.

To make an application, please visit

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/reception-admissions/making-an-application>

For any support please visit the school office.



Victoria Road Primary School is part of the Tesco Community Token Scheme!

Voting starts 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 until mid- January 2024.

Please support us by putting your tokens in our pot!

If we win, the money will be used to buy books for our school library.

#Tescobluetokens #tescocommunitygrants

## Holiday dates 2023 TO 2024

	Date of opening (First day back at school for pupils)	Date of closing (Last day in school for pupils)
<b>2023 Autumn Term</b>	Wednesday 6th September	Friday 20th October
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Monday 30th October	Friday 15th December
<b>2024 Spring Term</b>	Wednesday 3rd January	Thursday 15th February
<b>Spring Term</b>	Monday 26th February	Thursday 28th March
<b>2024 Summer Term</b>	Monday 15th April	Friday 24th May
<b>Summer</b>	Tuesday 4th June	Wednesday 24th July

### INSET DAYS 2023-2024

INSET DAY 1 - Monday 4th September 2023

INSET DAY 2 - Tuesday 5th September 2023

INSET DAY 3 - Friday 29th September 2023

INSET DAY 4- Tuesday 2nd January 2024

INSET DAY 5 - Friday 16th February 2024

INSET DAY 6 - Monday 3rd June 2024