

Victoria Road Newsletter March 2024

As we approach the Easter holidays I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and a well-deserved rest. The weather has been pretty miserable so far so I am hoping we get some sunnier days in April so the children can get out and about a lot more and explore new opportunities.

We would like to share the news that Miss C Chesters has secured a promotion at another school. Her last day with Victoria Road Primary School will be on Tuesday 30th April 2024. Whilst we think this is an amazing opportunity for Miss C Chesters we are very sad to be losing her from our school.

We have shared this news with the children in the class so they may wish to discuss this further with you. We understand that this will raise some questions about the rest of this academic year and we have worked hard to try and provide the best solution for continuity and your child's wellbeing.

Therefore, we are delighted to tell you that Mrs J Dodd will take over the class from Wednesday 1st May 2024. She has taught the children in Year 3/4 every Wednesday afternoon since September 2023 and is familiar with the class and the school. Mrs Dodd and Miss Chesters have time planned to work together prior to the change. This will ensure the smoothest transition possible.

Mrs N Rudd will continue to teach the year 3/4 class one day a week (Thursdays) and one day a week (Fridays) in year 4/5.

Mrs D Jones has agreed to teach the year 6 class full time for the rest of the year which will again ensure consistency for the children.

I will also be taking over Miss C Chesters SENCo role and I will ensure that this responsibility remains a priority at our school in supporting both the children and the parents/carers.

I hope you will join us in wishing Miss Chesters well in her new adventure. Please contact us if you have any questions.

We still 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

Future dates for April 2024 are:

Monday 15th April – Children return back in school after the Easter holidays.

Wednesday 17th April & Thursday 18th April – Year 4 at Petty Pool.

Friday 19th April – Non-uniform day for last half terms house winners – Green House

Monday 29th April – Northwich Sings – Year 5

Tuesday 30th April – Miss Chesters last day in school.

Thank you for your continued support
Sue Minor (Head of School)
head@victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk

We have received notification from our catering supplier, advising us that as of 1st April 2024, the prices of school lunches will be increasing.

The price of a school meal will be £2.95.

We would encourage families to use the link below to see if your child would be entitled to free school meals.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

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 27/03/2024 = 94.52%
(Slight decrease on previous month)

Top class – Year 1 = 95.15%

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.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for all the kind and generous donations, this is a picture of just a few of the prizes.



Holiday dates 2023 TO 2024

	Date of opening (First day back at school for pupils)	Date of closing (Last day in school for pupils)
2023 Autumn Term	Wednesday 6th September	Friday 20th October
Autumn Term	Monday 30th October	Friday 15th December
2024 Spring Term	Wednesday 3rd January	Thursday 15th February
Spring Term	Monday 26th February	Thursday 28th March
2024 Summer Term	Monday 15th April	Friday 24th May
Summer	Tuesday 4th June	Wednesday 24th July 1.15pm finish

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