

Victoria Road Newsletter January 2024

Welcome to 2024!

January has been an exciting month including welcoming our new additions to our school family. Guinea pigs Bonnie (Bon Bon) and Penelope (Mrs P) have settled in well and the children have been feeding them, petting them and cleaning them out. The classes have started to have visits from them in their play pen too and talk about their habits, feeding and rules for taking care of them. If you have not completed your consent form yet, please drop it to the office or email admin@victoriaroad.cheshire.sch.uk stating your child's name and class and if you give your consent.

Our Year 6 Junior Safety officers, Pippa and Ever, have delivered their monthly assembly to all the children focussed on Seat belts and Online Safety in January. They have met with the PCSO's and discussed issues around school such as dangerous parking near the school. They have designed their own parking tickets and have already put some on cars! The PCSO's are handing out official warning notices to cars that are parked on the corners of the roads as this makes a hazard for other cars to see and puts our children at risk crossing the road. We have spoken with Cheshire West Council about having a crossing on Victoria Road to ensure our families have a safe place to cross the road, better signage that reminds people it is a 20 zone, clearer road markings and another bike shed at the front of school. Fingers crossed!

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 February 2024 are:

Friday 2nd February 2024 – Non-uniform day. Donations for St Lukes Hospice are greatly appreciated.

Monday 5th February 2024 – Year 1 are going on a local walk into Northwich in the afternoon as part of their History and Geography topic.

Tuesday 6th February 2024 – Safer Internet Day – All children in school will take part in an assembly delivered by myself and the Year 6 children. Activities will continue during the day in individual classes.

Thursday 15th February 2024 – Celebration Assembly for parents/carers. 2.45pm

Friday 16th February 2024 – School is closed for children as this is a staff INSET day then half term.

Monday 26th February 2024 – Children return to school.

Monday 26th February 2024 – Readathon Assembly for children in preparation for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

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

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%

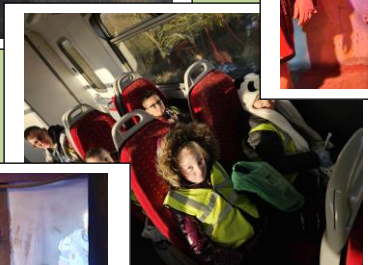
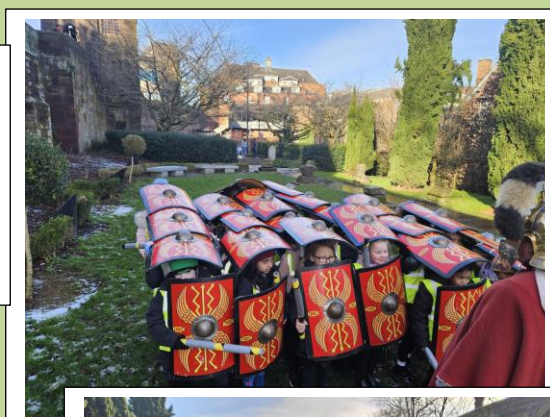
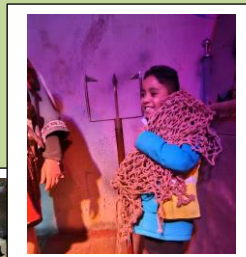
We understand that there can be health problems, but:

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.

JANUARY TWEETS



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

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