

Newsletter
Autumn Term
Week 1



Welcome

Welcome to our weekly newsletter which is normally sent out each Thursday. This will be the only paper copy you will receive as we email newsletters to you direct. If you haven't yet subscribed to the newsletters, please do so via www.victoriaschool.org.uk and use the newsletter link to subscribe. You can subscribe as many people as you like to receive our updates.

Class and Year group curriculum events will resume on next week's newsletter.

Returning to school

A very big thank you to all the parents who have supported the return to school. We had a bit of a difficult start, but over the week we have managed to ensure that the drop off and collection has improved.

Staff have worked hard under different working conditions to ensure that all pupils are kept safe.

Increased hygiene including the washing of clothes is key to keeping children safe and parents

being vigilant at home if there are any symptoms.

Next week arrangements

We will continue with the 20 min window to drop off 8.40 to 9.00am with the gates opening at 8.30am.

Collection from school will be at 3.15 the end of the school day for all pupils.

We ask parents to come onto the playground wearing a mask and avoid congregation around the gates to allow pupils going home, on their own, to feel safe as they pass adults wearing masks or observing social distancing.

Thank you for your co-operation.

After school activities:

Multi-skills will run on a Monday. £14.00 (up to October) paid through ParentPay, this will also confirm the child's attendance and allow you to inform us of how your child is to get home after the club.

Football on Thursday £16.00 (up to October) paid through ParentPay will also confirm the child's

attendance and allow you to inform us of how your child is to go home.

Homework:

Your child will bring home a plastic wallet with their homework. We are requesting that this is the only item carried to school in order to reduce cross-contamination. These will be sanitized when brought to school and parents are asked to sanitize at home and keep the books and homework in the folder.

School Photos

Pupil photographs will be taken on 7th October for individual pupils. Due to the COVID-19 situation family photos will not be able to take place, however we may be able to arrange for these later in the academic year.

Nasal Flu:

The date for the Nasal flu is Thursday 10th December further details will follow closer to the time

Parent Pay

As you are all aware, we now ask for all payments to be made via Parent Pay; whether this be for dinner money, trip money, or even after school clubs ran by school. So far, we have had an excellent start with it, parents are paying through ParentPay which is significantly reducing the need for

parents coming into school to make payments.

Children cannot turn up for after school clubs if parents have not yet paid through ParentPay as this gives us the consent for your child to attend, plus any arrangements for after clubs.

We are still waiting for 26 parents to sign up to the service. If you are having issues with this, please contact us via email at admin@victoriajunior.cumbria.sch.uk or by telephone on 01900 606053 and we can try to talk you through the process. Phone calls will be made to parents in the coming weeks to help get parents signed up to the service.

We thank you very much for your cooperation and hope you too are finding this more convenient.

Abernethy

The DFE Guidance does not allow pupils to stay overnight on a residential. Therefore we are unable to take the pupils to Abernethy at the end of September. The year 3 and 4 pupils who have paid for Abernethy will receive a refund for the money that they have paid. We have decided to offer our year 2 and 3 pupils a choice of activities that will be provided by Abernethy staff at Victoria School. This will be part of our year 2 pupils transition in getting to visit Victoria School Junior site.

Victoria School

Nursery, Infant and Junior Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Starts: Tuesday 1st September 2020

Half Term: Monday 26st October 2020- Friday 30th October 2020

Ends: Thursday 17th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

Starts: Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021

Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Good Friday: 2nd April

Easter Sunday: 4th April

Easter Monday: 5th April

Summer Term 2021

Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Friday 28th May- Friday 4th June 2021

Ends: Friday 16th July 2021

May bank holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

INSET are determined locally

Please note these may differ from Cumbria County Council term dates