

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

## APRIL 2023

### A MESSAGE FROM MR FULTON



Welcome back to the final term of this academic year. As always, the Summer term is packed full of really wonderful things happening across our school.

In this newsletter, I have taken the time to provide you with an updated key dates list for this term so that you have all the information you need on special events taking place in school.

We have an EXTRA SPECIAL event taking place next Friday, 28th April to celebrate The King's Coronation and you can find out all the information you need to know further on in this newsletter.

As we approach the end of this school year, children across our year groups will be completing their end of year assessments. These will take place during the last week in April and continue on into May.

Thanks,

Mr C. Fulton  
Principal

### REMINDERS



**SNACK SERVICE** – School can provide your child with a daily snack. Cost £3 per week, sent into school on a Monday.



**SCHOOL LUNCHES** – School lunch menu is available on the school website.



**KIDS' CAVE** – A reminder that Kids' Cave booking envelopes are available from the school office.

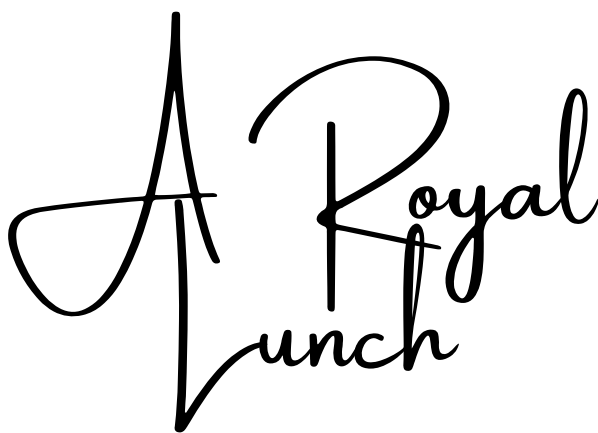
### FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

A reminder that we, as a school, are an authorised supplier of food bank vouchers for Carrickfergus Food Bank.

If you would like access to these vouchers, please do reach out. You can call school on 028 9335 1781 or e-mail Mr Fulton directly on [cfulton579@c2kni.net](mailto:cfulton579@c2kni.net).

Your request will be treated with the strictest confidence.





## FRIDAY 28TH APRIL 2023

Here at VPS we love a good party! We couldn't allow the Coronation of our new King to pass us by without a celebration. That's why, on Friday 28th April 2023, our whole school will come together to enjoy **A ROYAL LUNCH AND GARDEN PARTY**.

On this day...

- Children can bring a packed lunch **OR** order a **ROYAL LUNCH** (party box) from our school canteen. The **ROYAL LUNCH** will cost £2.60 and orders and payment should be sent into school on Monday 24th April as normal.
- Children can come to school in non-uniform. Please feel free to add a patriotic twist! Maybe something RED, WHITE or BLUE...or even come dressed as a King or Queen.
- The entire school will come together, in the back playground, for an amazing garden party filled with flags, food and exciting games.
- This will also be the official opening of The Victoria Community Garden.

**We can't wait to celebrate, as a school community, the coronation of our new King and Queen.**

## Need To Talk?



Mrs Jayne Orr

[Designated Teacher for  
Child Protection / Pastoral  
Care](#)

If you feel that you need to talk to school about any pastoral care concerns in relation to your child OR you have concerns in relation to any Child Protection matter, please make contact with Mrs Jayne Orr by calling school on 028 9335 1781.

Mrs Addis, Mrs Kernaghan, Mr Clarke and Mr Fulton are also members of the school's Safeguarding Team and can assist if Mrs Orr is unavailable.



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Some important  
dates for this  
term.

Thursday 27th April	Primary 1 and Primary 2 Parent Coffee Morning. 9am in school canteen.
Friday 28th April	A Royal Lunch
Mon 1st - Mon 8th May	SCHOOL CLOSED (Pupils return on Tuesday 9th May)
Thursday 11th May	Primary 3 and Primary 4 Parent Coffee Morning. 9am in the school canteen.
Thursday 18th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - Local elections. School used as polling station.
Monday 29th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Tuesday 30th May	P6 Transfer Test Information Evening for Parents - 6:30pm
Wednesday 31st May	Sports Day - More info to follow
Thursday 8th June	PTA Summer Event - More info to follow
Friday 9th June	Nursery and Primary 1 children OFF TODAY
Mon 19th - Fri 23rd June	All children finish at 2pm this week.
Tuesday 27th June	Primary 7 children finish school today.
Friday 30th June	P1 - P6 children finish school today.

**STATE OF THE ART HALL SOUND SYSTEM**

A massive thank you to our PTA for agreeing to fund a new sound system for our school hall. This will really help for all of our wonderful school performances and shows.



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## Term Dates 2022 - 23

<b>Term Dates</b>	
<b>August</b>	<p>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 return (half day and half classes - surnames A – J only)</p> <p>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 return (half day and half classes – surnames K – Z only)</p> <p>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 return (half day and full classes)</p> <p>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Closed (Public Holiday)</b></p> <p>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 return to school full days.</p>
<b>September</b>	<p>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> – P1 and Nursery children begin school. Specific dates and times will be communicated to individual parents.</p> <p>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p>
<b>October</b>	Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> – School closed for half term
<b>November</b>	<p>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> – Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> – School closed for half term</p> <p>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p>
<b>December</b>	<p>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> – School closes at 12noon for all pupils.</p> <p>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – School closed for Christmas Holidays</p>
<b>January</b>	<p>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> – School closed for Christmas Holidays</p> <p>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – P2 – P7 pupils return to school. OPEN DAY (Nursery and P1 pupils off today)</p> <p>Tues 10<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and P1 pupils return to school.</p>
<b>February</b>	<p>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – School closed for half term</p>
<b>April</b>	<p>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for Easter Holidays.</p>
<b>May</b>	<p>Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – <b>Bank Holiday (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> (<b>School Closed</b>)</p> <p>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – <b>Holiday Day (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – <b>Bank Holiday (School likely to be closed for additional Bank Holiday for King's Coronation)</b></p> <p>Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – <b>Local Election (School Closed)</b></p> <p>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – <b>School Development Day (School Closed)</b></p>
<b>June</b>	<p>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – P7 pupils finish at 12noon.</p> <p>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – School closes for Summer Holidays</p>

