



Principal's Newsletter

November 2018



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the half term break to the entire school community. The countdown to Christmas is well and truly on with just over six school weeks to go....and what a really busy 6 weeks it is set to be.

In the coming days and weeks, we will have our school open morning for new Nursery and Primary 1 pupils, children will take part in our Remembrance Assembly, Nursery will be preparing their Christmas Show, the school choir will be out and about at different locations in the local community singing wonderful Christmas songs and carols, the PTA will be hosting their Christmas Fayre, our annual Christmas Carol Service will take place and the list goes on and on. So it is going to be a jam packed few weeks with all of those wonderful events happening. In advance of these, can I, on behalf of the parents and carers, thank all members of school staff and the PTA for the time and effort they will be giving in order to make these events special for all the children in school.

Before our half term we had our first lot of parent interviews. I would like to pass on my thanks to parents and carers for finding time to come along to these very important interviews.

Many thanks,

Mr C. Fulton

Principal

A reminder....

As all parents and carers will be aware of, the road just outside our school becomes a very busy place at the start and end of the school day. Our main priority is to keep all the children safe as they come into school and leave.

Please pay extra attention when driving and parking around this area. It is imperative that you do not stop cars to drop off / pick up children on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the main school gates. These lines are there for the sole reason to keep your children safe.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal

Mr C. Fulton

Acting Vice Principal / Head of Foundation & Key Stage 1

Mrs J. Orr

Special Needs Co- ordinator and Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Miss J. Minnis

Nursery Lead

Mrs P. Addis

Head of Key Stage 2

Mrs R. Miskelly

I'M WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD IN SCHOOL.

If you are concerned about the welfare of a pupil in school, please speak with Miss Minnis (Designated Teacher for Child Protection)



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Congratulations to Mrs Galbraith who has been appointed as school's Temporary Pastoral Lead.



Mrs Galbraith will be taking over the role of Pastoral Lead, on a temporary basis, from Miss Minnis. (Until April 2019). Mrs Galbraith will take over the lead of the pastoral side to school life, including Personal Development and Mutual Understanding, the school Worry Box (a place for children to write down any worries or concerns) and become a link person for parents and carers. Mrs Galbraith has been into every class this week to speak with the children.

THANK YOU to Miss Minnis who has agreed to take on the role of DIRECTOR of this year's school show!!



Miss Minnis will be taking a step back from the school's Pastoral Lead for a short while as she has now taken on the very important job of Director for this year's school show. Between now and April Miss Minnis will be preparing a script, leading auditions, sourcing costumes etc all of which will lead to a fantastic production. We do have a bit of an idea as to what the show will be.....but we are keeping that to ourselves for a little bit longer. Watch this space!!

MEGA MARATHON
WEEK TOTAL SO
FAR...

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THANK YOU!!!!!!



At Victoria Primary School we pride ourselves on having a focus on school attendance. I'm sure you will agree that regular attendance at school is an important part of ensuring that all the children have the best possible start in life via their education. Our attendance target for the whole school is 96%.....here is how our classes are doing.

Class	%	Class	%
1JM	97.7%	1JO	97.1%
2AH	97.8%	2JS	96%
3PC/JMM	96.2%	3LMF	98%
4PMC	96.6%	4JMC/RMC	95.9%
5VD	97.1%	5JL	96.6%
6GH	97.8%	6HG	96.5%
7RMIS	97.5%	7AN	96.7%

Green = 96% +

Amber = 94% - 95.9%

Red = 95.8% and below



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Principal's Tea Party – October 2018

At the end of last half term, a child from each class was nominated to attend a Principal's Tea Party as a reward for following our Golden Rule of **'We Work Hard'**. Well Done to all the award winners....have a look at how they got on below:



Remembrance Assembly In School

The children have had the opportunity to take part in a very special assembly remembering all members of the armed forces, in wars past and present, during our school's Remembrance Assembly led by Mrs Montgomery. Thank you to the school community for supporting the Royal Legion's Poppy Appeal this year.





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Term Dates 2018 / 19

A reminder of our term dates for this year. Dates highlighted in yellow are dates that have been amended.

Autumn Term	
August	Wed 22 nd , Thurs 23 rd , Fri 24 th August – School Development Days (School Closed) Mon 27 th August – Bank Holiday (School Closed) Tues 28 th August – School reopens for P2 – P7 pupils (School will close at 12pm on 28 th , 29 th and 30 th of August)
September	Fri 28 th September – School Development Day (School Closed)
October / November	Fri 26 th Oct – School Closes at 2pm. Mon 29 th , Tues 30 th , Wed 31 st Oct, Thurs 1 st , Fri 2 nd November (School Closed for Half Term) Mon 5 th November – School reopens
December	Fri 21 st December – (School closes at 12pm for the Christmas Holidays)
January	Thurs 3 rd January – School reopens Mon 21 st January – School Development Day (School Closed)
February	Fri 15 th February – School Closes at 2pm. Mon 18 th February – School Development Day (School Closed) Tues 19 th , Wed 20 th , Thurs 21 st , Fri 22 nd February (School Closed for Half Term) Mon 25 th February – School reopens
April	Fri 12 th April – (School closes at 12pm for Easter Holidays) Mon 29 th April – School reopens
May	Mon 6 th May – School Closed (Bank Holiday) Mon 27 th May – School Development Day (School Closed)
June	Thurs 13 th , Fri 14 th June – School Development Days (School Closed) Fri 28 th June – (School closes at 12pm for Summer Holidays)