## 06/09/19

## Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Welcome back to the autumn term 2019 and welcome to our new pupils and families who have joined the school. We are very proud of how well the children have settled into their new classes and the nursery children in their groups. Everyone has commented on how smart the children look in their uniform.

We have a very exciting year planned for the children and we are reviewing and planning the curriculum to ensure that it meets the needs of our current pupils and that we offer a full rich and stimulating curriculum.

Last academic year we said goodbye to Mrs O'Pray she has chosen a new career and we wish her all the very best for the future. We welcome Miss Hodgson who has moved from Year three and Mr Jones who is moving to year three. Miss Park has moved into Class 3 and we welcome our new teacher into class 5- Miss Hodsgon. Mrs Robertson has returned from maternity leave and is working in the Nursery. We are delighted to have a Senior Teaching assistant in every class working alongside the teacher.



We have an open door policy and welcome all parents/carers into school. If you have any queries, concerns or celebrations we would like you to come and talk to our staff and we will do our best to help you. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss anything:

head@victoria-inf-workington.cumbria.sch.uk

#### Lunchtime

All pupils in Reception, Year one and Year two have their meals paid for by the government. This year I have been working with Orian to reduce the price of the Nursery meals Pupils in Nursery will have to pay £2.00per meal which includes a drink, Milk and juice

Children can purchase milk for 50p per week. We encourage pupils to have milk as it promotes healthy lifestyle. In winter we provide hot chocolate for the children for 50p per week.

Water bottles are provided and filled daily. Flavoured water is available for £1 per week.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child can be the best that they can be.

Mrs Hepburn-Fish Headteacher

Governing Body

On behalf of the Governing body, I would like to welcome you all back to the new school year and thank you to our new parents for choosing Victoria School for your child's education. When I visited the school this week I was very impressed with how smart the children looked in their uniform and how happy and polite the children were. The staff have worked very hard over summer to get the school ready

for the children and it looks brilliant. I am sure the children will enjoy their new classes and work very hard over the year. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Nicola Cowan Chair of Governors Victoria School Federation

Tempest Photography

Tempest photography will be in school on the 17th September. if you would like individual or family photos please come to the year 2 doors from 8.15am.

<u>Islay Day Care</u>

We offer a very popular childcare provision called Islay Day Care. We are open 7:50am until 6pm. Please see the website for information about costs.

Our holiday club is very popular from 8am-5pm during school holidays.

Car park

Please can parents NOT park in any parking bays- these are allocated to staff. If you wish to drop your child off for breakfast club or collect from after school club please do so before 8:30am and after 3:30pm to ensure that the pupils are safe.

## <u>Dress like a Pirate Day</u>

On Wednesday 19th September we are having talk and dress like a pirate day children can come to school dressed as pirates



## <u>Absence</u>

It is parents/carers responsibility to report your child as absent, please contact the school before 8.50am and leave a message on the automated service using option 1. Failure to report absences will result in a

phone call and a text from the school to explain the absence.

An e-mail was sent out to all parents with the absence reporting procedure this week please read.

## Roald Dahl Day

On Thursday 12th September children can come dressed up in their favourite Roald Dahl Character: If they do not wish to dress up then full uniform is required.



## Nursery

## <u> 2 Year Olds</u>

The 2 year old children have settled really well into the nursery this week. They have enjoyed exploring our new outdoor area enhancing their gross motor skills climbing on the climbing frame. This was funded by FOVISA. FOVISA work very hard during the year to raise money for the school. Thank you

#### 3 Year Olds

The 3 year old nursery children have settled really well this week. The older children have been collaborating with the new children to ensure they can become familiars with the nursery routine and environment. We are looking forward to starting our topic 'Autumn' next week

Reception

Receptions have had a wonderful start to the year and have settled into their new classrooms. They have been learning new routines and have made lots of new friends. The children have enjoyed their dance, music and P.E sessions throughout the week!

## Year 1

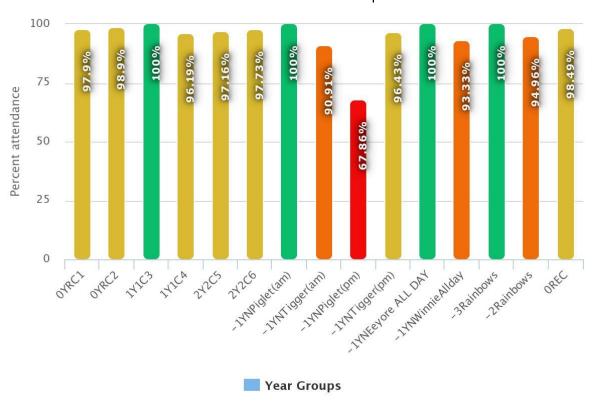
The new Year Ones have had a fabulous first week in their new classes. They have enjoyed getting to know their teachers and new class members and are settling in well. They are exciting for the year ahead and are ready for the challenges that they face.

Things Are' we have wrote a response to an illustration from the book and also used our imagination to pretend we are the main character Max. We have enjoyed getting to know our new teachers and the other children in our classes and we are looking forward to our team building trip to 'Clip and Climb' next week.

## Year 2

Year 2 have had a super week settling into our new routine. We have all persevered with our initial assessments. To begin our power of reading book 'Where The Wild

# Attendance Matters Whole School Attendance 3<sup>rd</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019



Diary Dates

Monday <sup>9th</sup> September	Roald Dahl week learning planned around Roald Dahl	
Wednesday Ith September	Year 2 team building activity trip.	Year 2 children
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl dress up day children can come dressed as their favourite character	Whole school
Tuesday 17th September	Tempest photography in school individual and family photos available from 8.15 am year 2 doors.	
Wednesday 18th September	Talk and dress like a pirate children can come dressed as pirates	All children
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day. Children can come to school in jeans £1 donation	All children
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Breakfast week Pupils will be given a different breakfast each day	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	PE assessment day Amaven Pupils will be tested on the physical ability	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Macmillan coffee afternoon. Please join us from 1.30pm to support this event.  We will be looking for parents/carers to kindly donate cakes for our coffee afternoon.	Parents/ carers and children
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Walk to School week	Pupils are encouraged to walk to school.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Festival in school assembly	Reception, Year one and two pupils.
Thursday 3 <sup>th</sup> October	Mighty Zulu Nation Visits the school to perform for the children	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Poetry day parents invited to hear performance 9am in school hall. Open morning for parents to see the children's new classes and activities. Coffee in the hall	All pupils and parents/ carers welcome
Monday 14th October	Assessment Week. Children will take part in assessments to assess their knowledge, skills and understanding of the curriculum.	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	World food day Children will taste food from around the world	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Kinder Cricket year 1 & 2	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Sportivator Visit	All pupils
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	PSCO talking to the children about bonfire safety 10am	

Wednesday 17th October	Kinder Cricket year   & 2	
Friday 19th October	Break up for half term	

Please note for the most up to date list of activities and events please visit the school website, <u>www.victoriaschool.org.uk</u> or contact <u>admin@victoria-inf-workington.cumbria.sch.uk</u>