

Victoria Lane Voice

April 2021



I cannot believe that the final summer term is well underway and we can look forward to a little more normality returning to our lives as lockdown gradually eases. We are delighted with how your children have settled back into full time education despite the second school closure during spring term. The children are now accessing the full curriculum and we aim to ensure they catch up on as much lost learning as possible this term.

Keeping everyone safe remains our utmost priority and thank you for following all the systems including socially distancing and wearing masks when dropping off and collecting your children.

The children remain in their bubbles and the school systems of staggered start and finish times/ separate bubbles/lunchtime arrangements will in all likelihood continue for the rest of this school year. School systems and the risk assessment have been reviewed so Class 4 and Class 5 will be socially distanced in school as they are now separate bubbles. Your children have adapted really well and we cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

We are sorry but at this current time we are still unable to offer any wraparound care, before and after school due to use of staff in bubbles and the strict cleaning schedules that need to be followed. This is continually being reviewed and we will keep you updated if this will change after half term break.

Once again, thank you for your patience.

If you are unsure of anything or require additional information, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or Mr Blake, we are usually at the gate every morning and you can contact the school office by telephone or email at office@victorianeprimary.co.uk.

P.E and School Sport

PE and School Sport is continuing in school but children are not attending any events off school site. After half-term, some coaching on outdoor and adventurous education will resume in school for bubbles. Please can you ensure your child has a PE Kit in school including a change of footwear as all classes have 2 PE sessions a week. The Colour Run was held in school today and was a delightful, fun event that Reception up to Y6 participated in and thoroughly enjoyed! Apologies for any rainbow coloured hair. I can assure you it will wash out! Further events to follow for some pupils this half term include a cycling day and fencing day. More information will follow for the children involved in these events.



School holiday dates/closure

This year, school teacher training days have been arranged a day before official school holidays begin so prices should be cheaper and ensure your child will not have to miss any school. School is due to close for May half term break on Thursday 27th May and school will resume on Monday 7th June 2021.

Reading Homework

If you have any reading books or storytime books (Reception/Year 1) that were sent home last year, please can you return them to school as a large number have still not been returned. Thank you as these are expensive to replace. Reading is sent home weekly either online or with a book sent home but please can you ensure your child brings their reading book and reading diary back into school every day as classes issue rewards for regular reading at home. We really need your continued support with reading with your child at home and school will be contacting you if your child is not reading at home at least three times a week but ideally more. Some children have access to Oxford Owl while most children in KS2 have access to Reading Plus, an excellent online reading programme and we are recommending that they access this twice a week at home (log in details are in their reading diaries). Teachers are able to log in and monitor how well your child is doing on Reading Plus.

Election Day Closures

Please can we remind you that next week school will only be open for three days. In addition to the May Day bank holiday on Monday 3rd May (next week), school will also be CLOSED for all children on Thursday 6th May. This is due to the school being used as a polling station for local elections. After consultations with health and safety consultants, it was determined that due to the pandemic, the whole school will have to close for all pupils on this day but will reopen to all pupils **except nursery** on Friday 7th May. On Wednesday, an activity pack will be sent home for your children to complete on Thursday 7th May. Many apologies for any inconvenience caused by the school/nursery closure.

Teacher and Parent Consultations

We are still unable to proceed with face to face parent and teacher meetings in school. However, teachers will be having a telephone parental consultation (week beginning May 10th) to discuss how your child is progressing and what their next steps are so you can support them at home. Further details will follow by text as it really does make such a difference if home and school work together to support your child with their education.

Change of Phone Numbers/Address

Please contact school immediately if you change your address or mobile telephone number as we need up to date contact details for emergencies. **We must be able to contact parents at all times.** Also for safeguarding reasons, if someone different to the contacts listed for your child is collecting your child from school, please inform the office or leave a message at the gate with a member of staff.

COVID 19 Symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you, your child or any household member develops coronavirus symptoms or has a positive test result, you must contact school immediately. If school is closed, you can email the school office (office@victoriananepriamary.co.uk) as this email is being monitored out of hours and we will contact you for details.