



Victoria Primary School

September 2017

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all our families for this new session. As a staff we are excited for the year ahead and look forward to meeting you all individually at various points across the year.

I would like to say a special welcome to our new P1 children, our new nursery pupils, our new staff members and all of our new families who have joined our learning community for this session. We know you will be very happy and settled in Victoria Primary.

*The children have returned to school looking very smart and ready for learning in their new **uniforms**. Thank you so much for this wonderful effort, as a school we truly appreciate the huge cost that a new school year can bring. Can I please ask you to ensure that all clothing has your child's name on it as we have already gathered quite a lot of lost property which no one is claiming. The lost property can be found just inside our conservatory area where you are welcome to check for missing items.*

Staffing Update

We have a number of staff changes across the school this session

- A warm welcome to Miss McPherson who has joined our team as P6 teacher.*
- A warm welcome to Mr Mcleod who has joined our team as our P7 teacher*
- Mrs Todd is our depute Head Teacher, leads our nursery team and has responsibility for P1.*
- Mrs Soroka is our Principal Teacher and is responsible for Ist level Pupils p2-p4.*
- Mr Stewart is our Principal Teacher and has responsibility for our 2nd Level pupils P5-P7.*
- Miss Logan got married during the summer and is now called Mrs Kerr. Mrs Kerr will take classes across the school as well as be our nursery teacher.*
- Mrs Mizon and Mr Waters are teaching in our Butterfly room and Lego room this year.*



Primary 1L Mrs Lilley



Primary 1M Mrs Minto



Primary 2G Mrs Gallagher



P2M Mrs Morris



P3W Mrs Williamson



P3T Miss Thomson



P4C Miss Cleaver

Pupil Safety

The start of a new session is a good time to remind parents and pupils of **safety** issues.

- Pupils who cycle to school **should dismount and walk** with their bike inside the playground.
- Pupil should **remove earrings** before coming to school on their PE day
Pupils will not be allowed to use tape unless their piercing is new.
- Pupils and parents should be careful to stay on pavements on arrival and departure from school.
- Parents should think carefully about the **best place to park** to ensure safety of all the pupils. A special thank you to parents for working with the school to keep our children safe and parking responsibly.
- A reminder that **dogs are not allowed** in the school playground. This is Falkirk Council Policy. Although your dog may be gentle, some of our children may be frightened.
- Parents are **not allowed in our playground** at lunchtime whilst all our pupils are in the playground. If you are taking your child home please either drop them at the school gate or at our school office on your return.

Conduct

It is essential that we all treat each other with **respect** and **good manners**. This applies to pupils, staff and parents.

Pupils will be supported in class and in the playground to ensure that all pupils feel safe and happy in both environments. This should continue as pupils walk home and out with school.

Within Victoria Primary we have a **zero tolerance to hitting**. Pupils should be safe and happy at school at all times. Please remind your child of this and support our efforts in helping our children to thrive in a supportive learning environment. If your child is hit or feels threatened in any way then they must inform a member of staff who will provide support. You will be informed and asked to support if your child hurts others intentionally.



P4S Mrs Clarke



P5H Miss Hedges



P5P Mrs Paton

Dates for Your Diary

11.9.17	September Weekend; School Closed
15.9.17 30 minutes	Meet the Teacher Event 2.15-2.45pm or 2.45-3.15pm
25.9.17	Victoria Voices AGM 6pm (all welcome)

Meet the Teacher; Friday 15th September

Parents are invited to meet with their child's class Teacher and hear what is planned for the upcoming year. Class teachers will run the same session on two occasions to allow flexibility for parents.

PE Kit

All children are required to have 2 hours of PE every week. This is not a choice, pupils must take part in their gym lessons unless they are ill and have a letter from a parent or carer. This year we have purchased extra shorts and trainers in many sizes. If your child has forgotten their kit then we will be able to provide one for that day. A huge thank you once again to Victoria Voices for supplying every child in the school with a coloured T-shirt matched to their house colour.

Contact Details

Could we please ask all parents/carers to ensure that we have your most up to date telephone contact. In emergency situations we have often found that telephone numbers have been changed and we are unable to reach any members of a family. New addresses, emergency contacts or new mobile numbers can be handed in to the school office.

Can you also ensure that we have an email contact so that we can send you newsletters and details directly?

Thank you

Julie McKenna
Head Teacher



PsM Miss McPherson



P6W Miss Watson



P7A Mr McLeod



P7M Mrs Mackie/Mr Stewart