

# Victoria Park Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3,

The children have had a fantastic first week. They have all worked hard and it has been lovely to see their smiling faces - I am really proud of how they have settled into their new classes. There has been a real buzz around school with the children laughing, having fun and enjoying spending time with their friends. Of course, they have also been learning!

Thank you for your help in making this a very successful first week at VPJS. I appreciate the organisation it takes to get the children in school on time. This has definitely helped their transition.

## Meet the Teacher

On **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September** there will be an opportunity for you to come and find out more about what your child will be learning this year. During the session, the class teachers will tell you about the routines, curriculum and homework as well as answering any questions you may have.

There will be two sessions; you only need to attend one of these. The first session will be from 3.40pm until 4.30pm. The second session will be from 4.25pm until 5.15pm. Your child(ren) is more than welcome to attend the session too. Please come to the hall.

At the start of the session, refreshments will be available in the hall with a chance to have a chat with Mr. Wilkinson and Miss Tidman.

*Learning and Achieving  
Together*



## Attendance

It is important that the children attend school every day. This is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development and their mental health. We know that there might be an occasion when your child is ill.

If your child is going to be absent, then you need to telephone the school office between 7:45am - 9:00am. As part of our attendance procedures, Mrs. Hall (Attendance Lead) will have a telephone conversation with you.

In August, the government brought in new guidance regarding children's attendance. The guidance is lengthy; however, it is important that you are aware of the main points and changes.

- If your child(ren) arrives after 9:20am (this is when the registers close), they will be given a U code. A U code is classed as an unauthorised absence.
- Holidays taken during term time will be unauthorised.
- If your child misses 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons (within a rolling ten school week period), then an 'Education Penalty Notice' may be issued. The fines have increased and are issued to each parent/carer. Fines per parent/carer are capped nationally to two fines within any three-year period. After this, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Please remember that it is important that we work as a team and if there is anything that you need support with, please contact the school office.

## Safety

We can assure you that the safety of the children is always our top priority. It is important that children are using the footpaths and do not walk across the car park without using the zebra crossing. Please can we ask that if you do need to use the car park to drive that you are aware of children and other pedestrians. **Nobody should stop or park on the zebra crossing.**

Please can I remind you that no dogs should be brought onto the school grounds, this includes the car park.

Please can I also remind you that no children should be playing on the gym equipment after school, either children who attend school or siblings/friends. We do not supervise it at this time & cannot ensure their safety.



## Clubs

Information about school clubs will be sent out next week. All clubs will start week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September.

### Clubs available to Year 3

Club	Day	Time	Cost
<b>Football Club</b> (children will need to bring in a football kit, shin pads and trainers)	Monday	After school until 4:15pm	£18.00 (6 weeks)
<b>Musical Theatre</b> (the club will involve singing, dancing and drama and is provided by the same company who offered it at the Infants)	Thursday	Lunchtime	£18.00 (6 weeks)
<b>Multi-sports</b> (a different sport each week, e.g. basketball, football and dodgeball)	Friday	8:00am - 8:45am	£15.00 (5 weeks)

## Weekly News

Starting from next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> September) I will start writing my weekly newsletter.

Take care and have a lovely weekend.

Mr. J. Wilkinson