



# VICTORIA ACADEMY

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Welcome to a new academic year at Victoria Academy. It has been lovely to see all of the children again and learning about their summer adventures.

It is lovely to welcome our Year 3 children and several new children in to other year groups - we will do all we can to make them all feel settled and happy very quickly.

Following the retirement of Mrs Gillett and Mrs Tindale, we are delighted to welcome two new teachers to our team Mr Blake will be a class teacher in Year 4 (but will also teach Music and P.E in other year groups) and Miss Schofield will teach P.E in Year 6. We know that both teachers will be brilliant additions to our team and look forward to you meeting them.

During the Summer Holidays Mr Rutherford was offered the post of Community Sports Manager at Barrow AFC. He was very torn about what to do but recognised that the job offer was a brilliant one. This will not be common knowledge until Monday. We are very proud of him but will obviously miss him very much.

To ensure our Football provisions continues to be a very high standard we are excited to tell you that Jason Walker will be joining our team. We have no doubt that he will be a real asset to our school.

Whilst ensuring our children have great fun in school and all feel inspired to learn, we will of course be working very hard to ensure high academic attainment for every pupil. We will have a particular focus on reading skills development this year and will also be prioritising teaching and learning of writing. We will continue our work linking with businesses in the area to give learning a real purpose and already have plans for visitors into school and many trips out to give our children new experiences. If any parents or family members have interesting job roles or expertise they would be happy to share within a class setting please let us know. In past years, our children have really benefited from visitors from our school community.

Next week, we will send out key dates for the year as we know parents find lots of notice for events helpful.

We are sure that this will be a very exciting and successful year for Victoria Academy, and look forward to working in partnership with you all. We have an open door policy in school and so, if you do have any worries or queries please pop in we will always be very happy to help.

**Ms Vernon**

Please note our Twitter address is @Victoria-Acad and our website address is [www.victoriaacademy.org.uk](http://www.victoriaacademy.org.uk)

**INTRODUCTION MEETINGS:** Next week we are holding Introduction to the Year Group

meetings in school.

The meetings are to give an opportunity for teachers to outline routines and expectations and to tell you about some of the things they have planned for the year.

See below dates for each year group:

Year 3 - Wednesday 13th September at 5.30pm

Year 4 - Tuesday 12th September at 5.00pm

Year 5 - Thursday 14th September at 5.30pm

Year 6 - Tuesday 12th September at 3.30pm

**SCHOOL MEALS:** If your child stays for school meals please can we ask you send the money in a named envelope. Just a reminder that school meal prices have increased to £2.30 per day and £11.50 per week. Thank you

**BEAMISH TRIP:** Our Year 6 children will be heading off to Beamish on Wednesday 27th September. Thank you to those who have already paid. If you are still to do so please can we ask you pay the full amount of £21.00 to school by **Friday 15th September**. Thank you

**KARATE:** Natalie Shields will be running Karate Lessons in school every Friday starting on **Friday 22nd September** 3.30pm - 4.40pm. The sessions will run for an 8 week block at a cost of £30..If you think your child maybe interested in taking part you can collect a form from the school office. Thank you



**MEALS FOR WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade Pepperoni Pizza Or Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Cottage Pie <i>or</i> <b>Beans on Toast</b>	Roast Gammon <i>or</i> Sweet Tomato Pasta with Garlic Bread	Homemade Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread <i>or</i> Fish Stars with New Potatoes	Fresh Beef Burger in a Bun <i>or</i> Veggie Burger
A choice of Jacket Potatoes and <b>Baguettes</b> with various fillings and salad available daily. All the above are served with a selection of potato / vegetables and breads.				
				
Oaty Currant	Pineapple upside-down cake	Carrot Cake	Ice-cream & Fresh fruit salad	Ginger Biscuit

A selection of fresh fruit, cheese & crackers or Yogurt available daily. Also milk, fruit juice or water.

Any concerns about allergens or special dietary needs please ask a member of staff or see the school website

[http://victoriaacademy.org.uk/School\\_Meals.html](http://victoriaacademy.org.uk/School_Meals.html)