

19th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our children and parents for another inspiring year at Victoria Park Academy. I wish a special welcome to all our new families in nursery, reception and throughout the school, who I'm sure will quickly feel part of the family.

Establishing routines

Please help us by ensuring children are in school by 8.40 at the latest (in preparation for an 8.45am registration), wearing the correct school uniform and prepared to learn. Nursery Children need to be in school and ready from 8:30am (morning session) and 12.30pm (afternoon session). On the school website you will find detailed information about the school day including school uniform information and what they need to bring for games and PE. We know it takes a day or two to get used to going to bed on time and settling back in and this is key to helping the children do their best.

Building works

There was a slight delay in the building schedule for our reception unit, however I am pleased to announce that our new classroom is now ready to be used. Unfortunately, the top gates will be locked for a few more weeks, so that heavy machinery can be kept there while the outside of the building is completed. I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and patience in this matter.

Supporting your child at home

Attached is a curriculum newsletter from your child's class teacher. This will contain key information about the curriculum for this term and also key dates for trips, visits and parent meetings. Please keep an eye out for the date of your INSPiRE workshop and reception parents be sure to note down the date of your phonics meeting. Details about home learning will also be outlined in this newsletter.

Staff changes

During the summer Mrs Dhesi has decided to resign as Head of School and has chosen to seek new challenges in her career. I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking Mrs Dhesi for all that she has done at Victoria Park and wish her all the best for the future.

In the meantime I am delighted to announce that Mrs Mapp will become acting head of school with immediate effect. Many of you will know Mrs Mapp from when she was an Assistant Headteacher at the school and we are very pleased that she will be taking up this position.

In the absence of a deputy head teacher, I am happy to inform you that Mrs Kainth and Mrs Upton will be sharing the role of Deputy headteacher for the time being. Many of you will know Mrs Kainth and Mrs Upton and wish them well in this position.

I would also like to welcome a number of new staff to the Victoria Park family:

Miss Howle - Reception teacher
Mr Daniels - Year 2 teacher
Miss Kaur - Year 1 teacher
Miss Blackstock - Year 3 teacher
Miss Moseley - Teaching assistant in reception
Mrs Tahira Iqbal - Dinner Supervisor

Forthcoming dates:

This week marks the start of our big adventure week. You will have received details about this in a separate letter.

There will be a newsletter sent out next week which will include details of further key dates.

Yours Sincerely

Andrew Morrish
Executive Headteacher