



**Victoria Park**  
Primary Academy

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**Today's the day!** Children will learn who their new teachers are. They'll get the opportunity to spend time in their new classrooms and meet many of the staff in their new year group. I recognise some staff won't be here today as a result of NEU Strikes, but we've put in a second opportunity, next Friday, for all children to go up again.

This is the penultimate Newsletter of the year, and so it is a BUMPER edition, with lots to share...

**Trust Conference and updated school values :** On Friday we met with all ten schools across the Victoria Academies Trust. We now serve over 3500 children across the West Midlands. The focus of the day was how to ensure wellbeing and security to reach our Trust objective: To make all of our people become the best that they can be. Sharron Philpot, our CEO also launched our updated Trust Values that we will share with the children from September. These are: Unity, Integrity, Courage, Curiosity and Excellence. We want to work with colleagues and our children to understand and exhibit these everyday.

**Volunteer open morning:** Last call for adult volunteer placements! We've received lots of interest already. If you, or anyone you know requires a course placement for September, or wants to share their relevant experience with supporting a range of roles in school—then please, email [here](#) or call the school office to join our volunteer open morning on Friday.

**Year 6 Transition days (Sandwell changes):** Sandwell have contacted school to reschedule many of the Y6/7 transition meetings scheduled for today. Due to strike actions several schools have swapped from today until tomorrow. Your secondary school should have contacted you directly for more information.

**Uniform swap shop:** From Tuesday 18 July we will be collecting pre-loved, pre-washed uniform that children have either grown out of or no longer require. On Thursday 20 and Friday 21 we will lay these out on tables at the front of school for families to help themselves to. Please bring in any donations (ideally in a bag labelled with size/gender), to help us to sort and display.

**Holiday clubs (HAF) and Free School Meal Vouchers:** At the start of the week we shared the Sandwell HAF (Holiday and Food) vouchers that can be used to access a range of activities across the borough—including the provision here at VPA run by 4Community Trust. The £15 food vouchers should be distributed by email during the last week of term. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, or you would benefit from these but have no recourse to public funds (NRPF) due to your status—please see the guidance [here](#) and speak to the school office to learn more.



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**Tesco Community fundraising (and playground developments):** Throughout the Summer we will be one of the chosen projects for the Tesco Community Fund. Stores in Hagley Road, Quinton Road and Bristol Express will collect tokens given over at the till. Please promote this to help us raise up to £1500. The funds will go toward the transformation of break and lunchtime playtimes that we have planned with [OPAL](#) (Outdoor play and learning) across next year. We'll invite all parents into school in the Autumn term to share the aims and ideas of this exciting project.

**Summer Internet Safety links:** I've written extensively this year to all families and specific year groups to share the increasing risks we (and all local and national schools) that children have shared and displayed around online content. Alongside this Newsletter is a parent guide with links to help support conversations and raise awareness of these threats. These incidents have been some of the saddest we've dealt with in school this year. Another link to explore is [here](#), it provides age guidance for some of the most common games and sites that children use. Please help us to prevent more upset and ensure safety measures are in place.

**New class lists:** Below are the list of class changes for September

(New reception classes and teachers will be shared during stay-and-play sessions)

RAC— Mrs Hunt (1MH)

RLG—Ms Gill (1TG)

RJK—Mrs Hussain (1NH)

1GH—Miss Kaur (2KK)

1TG— Miss Prosser (1OP)

1FG—Miss Parton (2SP)

2KK—Miss Uppal (3SU)

2AY—Miss Blackstock and Mrs Pahal (3BP)

2SP—Mr Waldron (3SW)

3JF—Miss Sillwood (4OS)

3TB—Mr Atkinson (4PA)

3SW—Mrs Mahli (4PM)

4OS—Ms Grice (5RG)

4PA—Mrs Cavill (5SC)

4PM—Mrs Salter (5JS)

5RG—Mr Daniels (6JD)

5SB—Mr Atkinson (6MA)

5SU—Mr Cavill (6MC)

**Last few dates of term (and new ones for September):** We look forward to welcoming families in for the last two showcases of the year—the joint Year 2 assembly and the dramatic Year 6 Leavers Production (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) and their final graduation! Dates and timings to be sent this week.

With best wishes

Mr Reed