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## THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# ISSUE 97 — SPECIAL MOANING EDITION

First of all I should say that I apologise if there seems to be quite a lot of moaning in this edition of the newsletter. However, all of the things that we talk about are said in the best interests of your children.

### Mobile Phones

Whilst we do not encourage the use of mobile phones we recognise that some children walk to and from school on their own and so parents/carers provide them with phones for safety reasons. In these circumstances only, children are permitted to bring phones to school.

This is with the following understanding:

- All phones need to be handed in at the beginning of the day.
- The school cannot be held responsible for phones kept at school. We therefore suggest that children have cheap ones.

### Scooters and Bikes

Despite numerous requests many parents/carers are still not providing their children with bike locks. As a result, Mr Levers has to waste time each day collecting unlocked bikes and scooters and locking them up. If bikes that are left unlocked are taken or damaged by others we feel that we have asked enough not to be held responsible.

### Coats

Now that it is colder children are bringing in winter coats many of which are the same brand. A quick survey of coats this week showed that less than 50% were named.

### Facebook etc

Before the holiday I wrote at length about the problems of social media and asked parents/carers to stop their children from using Facebook (they are legally too young) and if not, monitor their children extremely closely.

Unfortunately, in some cases this is not happening. In future we will be very reluctant to sort problems involving social media in circumstances where children are not using the Internet safely.

Next month we will be holding a safer internet day.

### Arrival at School

When you bring your child to school can we please ask that you bring them to the classroom door but do not congregate in the cloakroom, as it makes it hard for children to hang their coats up if there are lots of adults in there.

### Buying and Selling

Please can you ensure that children do not bring their home belongings (including unwanted Christmas presents) to school with the intention of selling them! Whilst we would encourage children to be enterprising doing this at school ends up in disputes and / or tears.

### They're Back!

Sadly we have had a number of children returning from their Christmas holidays with headlice.

Please can all parents/carers check their children's hair this weekend and blitz any headlice when found.

## **Sport Update**

### **Year 4 Swimming**

Year 4 have made a good start to their swimming programme. Just a reminder of the dates:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> February

### **Dance Off**

The children are working really hard on their routine for the Dance Off Competition. This takes place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January at The New Theatre Royal. There are a few tickets left and can be booked at the box office on 023 92649000 or online at [www.newtheatreroyal.com](http://www.newtheatreroyal.com). The last two rehearsals are from 3:30 to 5pm.

### **Boys Football**

Year 4 and 5 boys football will be on a Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:15pm. Please bring in your shin pads and tracksuit bottoms.

### **Girls Football**

The girls have their first competition on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at King Richard School. If your child has been selected, they will receive a letter with further details.

### **Cheerleading**

A great start to the cheerleading team and a quick reminder all children need to be wearing a pair of training shoes. The next practice takes place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January from 3:30 to 4:30pm.

### **Planet Education**

Dance Club – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30 to 4:30pm

Multiskills Club – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 3:30 to 4:30pm

## **Attendance**

Attendance for the whole school last week was 95.8% and the top class was Puffin with 100%. Our aim for attendance is to be above 96%. Well done to Puffin class achieving 100%. Thank you to all the Parents for supporting your child at the school.

Penguin 97.6%  
Puffin 100%  
Seahorse 92.7%  
Crab 99.2%  
Turtle 98.0%  
Octopus 90.6%  
Dolphin 96.6%  
Sealion 96.9%  
Catfish 94.6%  
Swordfish 93.3%  
Shark 93.4%  
Stingray 98.7%  
Orca 94.4%  
Rainbow Fish 1 91.7%  
Rainbow Fish 2 96.3%

## **Dates**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016 – Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to 10<sup>th</sup> April 2016 – Easter Holiday

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 – May Day Holiday

28<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – Half Term

1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 – INSET Day

19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 – Last day for children.

## Reading at Christmas

Well done to those of you who managed to fit in lots of reading over the holidays! A big congratulations to:

Year R

- Joshua Wells for reading 45 times!!! Harrison McMillan for reading 15 times, Jamie Creese, Tillie Calder and Benjamin Brogden

Rainbow Fish 1

- Szymon Adamek for reading 15 times during 2 weeks

Year 1

- Lexi Edwards, Theo Barker-Adama, Caighlee Newman-Nancarrow, Chey George, Shauna Davey, Fletcher Waites, Isobel Stapleford-O'Neill, Jess Garner, Matthew Miller and Phoebe Bartlett

Year 2

- Chloe Miller, Olivia Warren, Izzy Herridge, Kyeden Stevens, Jennifer Grice, Poppy Pearce and Nellie Westbrook



## Reading at Christmas Continued.

Year 3

- Evie Brunnen for reading 11 times, Sophie Petrie for reading 18 times, Kyla Tobitt for reading 20 times, Lucia Harris for reading 19 times, James Musasa, Daizeon Kelly, George Newman, Harry Frost, Benjamin Aarons and Tazmin Durbridge

Year 4

- Jake Ayling, Amy Packham, Callum Packham, Sam Brogden and Milly Garner

Year 5

- Kelsey Pye and Grace Pearce

Year 6

- Jacie White, Dylan Packham, Harvey Newman and Megan Lindsey

Rainbow Fish 2

- Caleb Mboso, Ryan Crawford, Kieran Street and Aiden McCullough



## Cold Weather Warning

We have received a weather warning from Portsmouth City Council that over the next few days the weather is set to be very cold and so can you please make sure you send your Child to school in a warm coat.

PCC say we should be sending the children out to play even in cold weather and so a warm coat will be necessary and maybe some gloves and a hat too. Please make sure they are labelled with your child name.