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Sport Update

Gifted and Talented

Ten pupils from years 3 and 4 will be taking part in the gifted and talented competition at Priory School on Monday 8th February. We wish them luck in this event.

Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics

Pupils from years 5 and 6 will be competing in the Portsmouth Schools indoor athletics event. This takes place on Tuesday 9th February at the Mountbatten Centre from 12:00 to 4:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend and support the school. If your child has been selected they will need to come into school in their tracksuit and PE kit (sky blue t-shirt, blue/black shorts).

Girls Football

The girls will be playing a friendly football match against Northern Parade on our school MUGA. This will take place on Wednesday 10th February from 3:45 to 4:30pm. Parents are welcome to attend.

Boys Football

There will be boys football on Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:15pm. Mr Midgley will be running this session.

Cheerleading

There is **no cheerleading next week** as the coach has another commitment. The next four sessions will run from 3:30 to 5:00pm, starting on Monday 22nd February.

Planet Education

Dance – Wednesday 10th 3:30 to 4:30pm

Multiskills – Friday 12th 3:30 to 4:30pm

Dates

13th to 21st February 2016 – Half Term

24th March – INSET Day

24th March 2016 to 10th April 2016 – Easter Holiday

2nd May 2016 – May Day Holiday

28th May 2016 to 5th June 2016 – Half Term

1st July 2016 – INSET Day

Photographs on Facebook

Can we please ask that Parents do not put photos of children at school events (other than their own) on Facebook.

Smartwatches

Please do not send your child to school with Smartwatches which allow them to take photographs or videos. Watches that take videos or photos are not permitted for safeguarding reasons.



Change to School Dinner Menu

Please be aware that with immediate effect we will no longer be offering a school packed lunch. The cold weather has prompted us to reconsider what we offer our children for their school lunch and until the weather improves, we are offering jacket potatoes on a daily basis instead. Once the sunshine comes back again and the temperature rises then packed lunches will make a return.

Thank you for your continued support.

Junior Dance Off Winners 2016

On the 29th January 2016 The Victory took part in the Junior Dance Off at The New Theatre Royal. The competition involved 11 schools all learning a choreographed street dance routine.

For many of our pupils this was their first experience of learning street dance as well as performing on stage to a live audience.

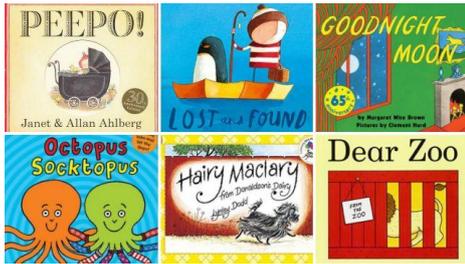
The Victory won best overall performance and best choreography. Special mention to Terrell who got third place on the freestyle competition and Lottie for getting the coach award.

This is my 25th year in teaching during which I have had many memorable moments and have taught over 15,000 pupils, many of whom are now parents themselves. When you are fortunate to help children achieve in sport it makes you feel you are doing a good job. Another teacher commented to me the other day "you have the best job in the world" and I quickly replied "Yes I have". This was felt at the Dance Off competition on Friday night. I was there as a supportive teacher who witnessed true teamwork and determination shown by all the pupils who were a credit to their school and families. Well done Victory, you should be extremely proud. I certainly am!

Mrs Unitt



National Story Telling Week



(Pictures: Amazon.com)

What better way to celebrate National Storytelling Week than by reading lots of fantastic stories to your kids?

We're spoilt for choice with amazing picture books for children. These books are ideal for toddlers and children in **Nursery, Year R, 1 and 2** – but any age can enjoy them!

1. Peepo, Janet and Allan Ahlberg
2. We're Going on a Bear Hunt, Michael Rosen
3. Lost and Found, Oliver Jeffers
4. Paper Dolls, Julia Donaldson
5. Mr Magnolia, Quentin Blake
6. Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy, Lynley Dodd
7. Stick Man, Julia Donaldson
8. The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Eric Carle
9. Meg and Mog, Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski
10. Dear Zoo, Rod Campbell
11. Where the Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendack
12. Goodnight Moon, Margaret Wise Brown
13. Green Eggs And Ham, Dr Seuss

National Story Telling Week Continued.

14. The Elves And The Shoemaker (The Ladybird First Tales version of this one has great rhythm and is lovely to read aloud.)

15. The Tiger Who Came To Tea, Judith Kerr

16. How Tom Beat Captain Najork And His Hired Sportsmen, Russell Hoban

17. Octopus Socktopus, Nick Sharratt

18. Hippos Go Berserk, Sandra Boynton

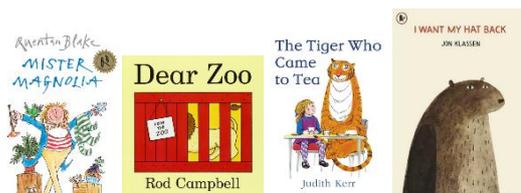
19. Aliens Love Underpants, Claire Freedman

20. I Want My Hat Back, Jon Klassen

Mrs Lyndon also recommends;

Lunchtime, Rebecca Cobb. It isn't too long and is great for putting on voices!

Room On The Broom, Julia Donaldson. A slightly longer read with lovely rhyming and great illustrations.



Bikeability

If your child is taking part in the bikeability programme, they will need to bring in their bikes and helmets in preparation for this on **Monday 8th February**. The programme will run from Monday 8th February until Friday 12th February.

Outstanding Opera

On Tuesday years 3 to 6 had a performance from the English Pocket Opera Company. This is what Tyler Taylor (age 7) thought of it:

On Tuesday the Pocket Opera Company came into our end of the day assembly. First they introduced themselves and then they explained what opera is. After that they told us what all the parts of opera were. One was music, another was action and the final one was singing. I went in the show and I was a soldier in the opera of Carmen. I thought it was great because there was a lot of interesting parts to the story.

Safety

This week we have had an assembly on bicycle safety. Please do not allow your children to cycle on the roads until you have trained them to do so safely. If children want to cycle to school they must wear a cycle helmet. Children without a helmet will not be permitted to leave their bikes at school.

Staff Illness

We have had a number of staff off work due to illness this week. I apologise for the disruption this has caused.

High 5 Netball Competition

Well done to The Victory A and B teams who played at King Richard School in the local cluster competition. The A team were the overall winners. Well done to all the players who represented The Victory School.



Uniform

I have noticed a number of children not wearing school uniform including footwear recently. Please can you ensure that your child follows the school dress code.