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## THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# ISSUE 103

### Headlice

Headlice are again becoming a problem. From time to time we have sent Parents reminders about how to get rid of headlice and its very annoying and expensive for Parents / Carers to deal with. The problems are:

- Headlice are very persistent – they want to stay alive. Hair needs to be checked regularly and treated correctly or they will come back quickly.
- Headlice can only be controlled at a school level if all families take responsibility. The truth is that if all Parents were following our suggestions we would not have a problem.

Suggestion: some schools insist that long hair is tied up in school. We are exploring this idea and I would be grateful if Parents / Carers who have an opinion about this feedback to us. If Parents / Carers have any other ideas about how we could tackle the problem together, we would be pleased to hear them.

Unfortunately 'nit nurses' no longer exist. We are communicating with the school nursing service to see if they can come in to give advice to parents.

### Treatments

Did you know that headlice treatment lotion is available for free from the chemist on Allaway Avenue?

### Award

The school has won an award for being one of the top schools in the country for raising attainment and accelerating the progress of disadvantaged pupils. Well done to staff and pupils.

### Dates

24<sup>th</sup> March – INSET Day

24<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.

### Planet Education After School Clubs

Dance – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 3:30 to 4:30pm

Multiskills – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 3:30 to 4:30pm

### Attendance

Attendance for the whole school last week was 94.5% and the top classes were Crab and Turtle with 95.9%. Our aim for attendance is to be above 96.4%. Thank you to all the Parents for supporting your child at the school.

Starfish 81.9%

Penguin 93.3%

Puffin 94.5%

Seahorse 95.3%

Crab 95.9%

Turtle 95.9%

Octopus 95.4%

Dolphin 93.9%

Sealion 94.0%

Catfish 94.2%

Swordfish 94.1%

Shark 93.4%

Stingray 94.6%

Orca 94.0%

Rainbow Fish 1 94.7%

Rainbow Fish 2 93.4%

Attendance still needs improving in most classes.

Now the weather is getting warmer we are hoping that children's attendance will improve.

## Can We Win?

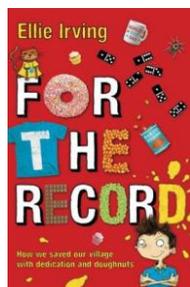
So far 71 books have been read – well done everyone! If your child hasn't signed up and is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 then do it today:

Go to [www.readformyschool.co.uk](http://www.readformyschool.co.uk) to sign up. You will need our school code:952375

This week's book suggestions:

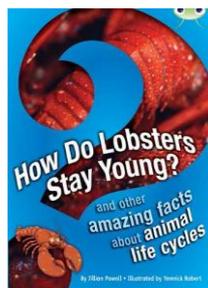
### For The Record by Ellie Irving

*Luke is a gifted but awkward ten-year-old who is obsessed with world records, and is nervous about starting senior school a year early. When Luke's tiny, unique Jersey village is in danger of being bulldozed to the ground to make way for a waste incinerator plant, the only way to stop it is by putting the village on the map: by breaking 50 world records in a week. With the help of geeky adjudicator Simon and a colourful cast of oddball village characters, this is Luke's chance to shine, to solve his mum's relationship problems, and to face his biggest fears - with bizarre, extraordinary consequences*



### How Do Lobsters Stay Young? And other amazing facts by Jillian Powell

*Did you know that some baby animals eat their own brothers and sisters, and some even eat their mum? Or that Dracula ants drink the blood of their babies? Find out some amazing facts about animal life cycles and try some experiments yourself!*



## Sport Update

### Boys Football

The next match will be on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at ROKO. If your child is selected they will receive a letter.

### Girls Football

The next match will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at Goals. If your child is selected they will receive a letter.

### Basketball

The next practice is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March from 3:15 to 4:15pm.

### Girls Football Practice

This takes place on Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Please bring in shin pads and appropriate footwear.

### Cheerleading

The next practice is on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Please attend the final few rehearsals as the competition takes place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

### Years 1 to 3 Writing Challenge

In the end I had 46 entries into the writing challenge. Everyone who entered got a reward of one sort or another. Harlen Hiles won the prize for the best effort overall. We are making a display of some of the stories in the Library.

