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THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Paulsgrove and Wymering Carnival

The Paulsgrove and Wymering Carnival will be held on Saturday 25th June and, as in previous years, the Victory is delighted to take part.

The theme this year is a sport one, so we have decided to represent the Ancient Greek Olympic games. There will be two workshops held at school on Saturday 11th and 18th June where the children will make costumes.

Children in years 3 to 6 can come to the workshops and parade unaccompanied by an adult, however children in year 2 and below must be accompanied by an adult.

If you would like to join us then please collect a permission slip from Mrs Bevan in Swordfish class (year 5). There are limited places so slips need to be returned by 27th May.

If anyone has any unwanted white sheets that they could donate to make the children's costumes, we would be very grateful. Please leave them at the main office.

The Play – Aladdin Trouble

This week we will be conducting some rehearsals for the play. Next week we should be ready to give confirmation of who will be in the cast and when the rehearsals will be.

The dates for the performance will be Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th July. We know that this is after the majority of year 6 have left to go to King Richard School but it should not make any difference because the performances will be at 6pm.

Family Disputes

Since I have been at The Victory I am pleased to say that there have been fewer disputes on the playground between parents than I have been used to at previous schools.

However, of late there have been occasions when domestic problems and fall outs have found their way into school. This not only upsets children but can also tie up staff time when their primary role is educating the children

Please can I respectfully ask Parents / Carers to:

- Avoid having 'adult' conversations in front of children.
- Ensure that any dispute takes place away from the school premises and children.
- Avoid escalating problems on social media.
- Model good behaviour to children and avoid swearing especially at school.

Appointments

The school day finishes at 3:15pm for younger children and 3:20pm for older children. Legally children should stay in school until this time. We are noticing an increasing number of instances where Parents / Carers are making appointments for themselves during the school day and are having to remove their children from school to accompany them. Please can Parents / Carers make appointments that are out of the school day.

Diary Dates

Monday 16th – 27th May – Year 2 assessment period. No holiday or appointments in school time please.

23rd May 2016 – Class Photographs

30th May 2016 to 5th June 2016 – Half Term

13th June – Year 1 phonics assessment week no holidays or appointments in school time please.

Week beginning 20th June – Sports Week

23rd June – EU Referendum voting in school – school open

24th June – Choir Singathon at The New Theatre Royal

27th June – Book week including summer fayre on Thursday 30th June

27th June-9.00-9.30 and 2.45-3.15 Parents meeting about the new curriculum.

28th June – Portsmouth School's Music at Guildhall Festival

30th June - Year 6 reports sent to parents

Friday 1st July – INSET day – school closed

5th and 6th July - parent's evening years 1-6

6th July-EYFS reports sent to parents

6th July – Year 3-6 Track and Field Competition

7th July - Y6 SATs results to parents

Friday 8th July – Last day for year 6 children going to King Richard School. Leavers assembly and Prom.

11th and 12th July – School Play

14th and 15th July – Transition days. Children spend two days in their new classes.

18th July – Return to old classes and reports for years 1-5 sent to parents.

19th July – last day of term for children

If your child misses out on going to school regularly they miss out on more than just their education...



...they also miss out on the chance to make friends.

portsmouth.gov.uk and search 'school attendance'

Found Book

We have found a grown-up's book in the playground written by Miss K. Price, if you have mislaid one please see Mr Hartley to reclaim it.

Attendance

Attendance for the whole school last week was 95.2% and the top classes are Shark and Rainbow Fish 2 with 100%! Our aim for attendance is to be above 96.4%. Thank you to all the Parents for supporting your child at the school.

Penguin 94.9%
Puffin 96.9%
Seahorse 97.6%
Crab 99.2%
Turtle 90.3%
Octopus 97.1%
Dolphin 96.9%
Sealion 93.%
Catfish 97.8%
Swordfish 89.6%
Shark 100%
Stingray 88.8%
Orca 89.4%
Rainbow Fish 1 97.9%
Rainbow Fish 2 100%

Missing Bag

If you have found a blue Levi bag with the name of a child other than your own inside please can you return it to school.

Sports Days

Monday 20th June – Nursey and Reception

Tuesday 21st June – Years 1 and 2 and Rainbow Fish 1

Wednesday 22nd June – Years 3 and 4

Thursday 23rd June – Years 5 and 6

A letter will be sent out with your child regarding house team colours and details of the event.

Sleepovers – Polite Request

Sleepovers are good fun but they are best kept for the weekend. We have had a few children over the past week either late for school or over tired because of mid-week sleepovers.

Safety

Mr Hartley and Dave Aarons from the Parent Council have been meeting with PCC Road Safety team to discuss issues around safety and travel. This is ongoing, however, we have included 2 communications to parents from PCC.

Sport Update

Athletics

Year 3 and 4 Athletics – Tuesday 3:30 to 4:15pm

Year 5 and 6 Athletics – Wednesday 3:30 to 4:15pm

Basketball

Basketball club has now finished as we have played all our league matches. Well done to the children who have attended and improved their skills for next year.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please can you send in any vouchers from Sainsbury's as the more we collect the more we can buy. The box is outside Mr Leavers office.

Multisports

The next multisports session will start on Friday 20th May and will run on the following Fridays:

27th May, 10th, 17th and 24th June

PE Kit – Warmer Weather

As the weather is improving please can you send your child in with; shorts, t-shirt and trainers for their PE lesson. Also, please can they bring in a sun hat and apply sun cream in the morning before coming to school.

my Journey
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Park & stride

With fuel prices going up and traffic increasing, there's never been a better time to look at how we make our day-to-day journeys.

If you drive to school, why not park a short distance away and walk with your child the last part of the journey?

As well as helping keep your child fit and healthy, it can save you a lot of time and money – the average journey time during the morning school run is 8-9 minutes per mile and costs £470 a year in petrol!

Please look over this **Park & stride** map, park your car within the timed zones and walk with your child the remainder of the way.

The Victory

Primary School

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**Road Safety and Active
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Ref: School Parking

Dear Parents

I am writing to provide you with some information about the changes that we have made to Allaway Avenue around Victory School. I am sure that you have noticed the additional bollards that have been installed, and the new built-out area of pavement near to the site where the Lollypop Lady crosses.

The reason that we have made these changes is to improve the safety of children walking and cycling to school. The grass verges and pavements are now protected from cars parking on them, which mean that pedestrians are safer on the pavement, children crossing the road are more visible and that the Lollypop Lady has a clear view of the road.

We appreciate that not being able to park near to the school can be frustrating, but I am sure that the vast majority of parents would rather park 5 minutes walk away than risk the safety of pupils.

To continue to support The Victory School in keeping children safe on the road, Portsmouth City Council Road Safety and Active Travel team have:

- Arranged a road safety assembly
- Arranged for our training provider Pedal Power to come to school to speak to Years 4 and 5 about safe cycling
- Continue to provide Bikeability training to Year 6 free of charge (details can be found here: <https://bikeability.org.uk/>)

Thank you for continued support in keeping pupils safe.

Kind regards

Liz

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