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THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Polite Request

We have been asked by non-smoking Parents / Carers to ask parents who smoke to kindly refrain from smoking around the gate area. This is for the benefit of the children as well as other adults. Thank you.

New National Curriculum

You are invited to come and find out more about the new national curriculum and what you can do to help your child. We will be running two half hour sessions in the hall on 27th June at 9:00am and 2:45pm. All Parents / Carers are welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Raffle Prizes for the Summer Reading Festival.

A really big thank you to the following businesses who have kindly donated goods or services so far:

- Beals our Reading Festival sponsors who have provided our top prize of an Amazon Kindle Fire
- Pizza Hut – Meal for a family of 4
- The Real Escape – 1 team of 6 players
- Blue Reef Aquarium - 2 Family passes
- Hair OTT - £20 voucher
- Playzone – 2 passes
- Hayling Island Funland – 2 wristbands

If anyone works for or owns a local business who could donate something, then please speak to Mrs Lyndon if you think you can help. Many Thanks.

Breakfast Club – Reminder

No mobile devices should be used by parents or children at breakfast club for safeguarding reasons.

Zebra Crossing Update

You may have signed a petition recently lobbying the council to reinstate a lollipop person at the zebra crossing opposite the school. This was organised by the parents' forum, in response to concerns that cars are not slowing down sufficiently and a number of near-misses on the crossing.

We have since met with one of the road safety officers from the council who asked us to monitor the crossing and give some real examples of where drivers have not been stopping. We have done this and sent a letter back to the council, and are awaiting their response. We have made some recommendations including lowering the height of the Belisha Beacons and brightening the lights, erecting a flashing 20mph speed light near the crossing and raising the crossing to create a 'speed bump' (as is the case outside King Richard and the old crossing outside Westfield). We will update you when we have heard back from the council.

The parents' forum exists to get parents involved in making a difference to school life. We meet approximately once a half term. If you would like to get involved, email the school on admin1@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk (FAO: Dave Aarons), as well as using this address to contact the forum with other suggestions.



Diary Dates

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

7th 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

Reading At Home over Half Term

A BIG well done to all of those families who see how important reading is and are making sure their children read regularly. We have so many more children reading at home now and it is really helping the children's confidence and learning. Please make sure children read over the holiday – just ten minutes a day will make sure they don't lose the skills they have learnt. If we get the promised good weather next week, then why not take some books outside and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine. Just remember to fill in your Reading Diaries!

EYFS Fairytale Banquet



Attendance

Attendance for the whole school last week was 94.4% and the top classes were Seahorse with 95.5% and Crab with 96.2%. Our aim for attendance is to be above 96.4%. Thank you to all the Parents for supporting your child at the school.

Clownfish 90.0%

Starfish 94.3%

Jellyfish 93.7%

Penguin 92.8%

Puffin 94.4%

Seahorse 95.5%

Crab 96.2%

Turtle 95.8%

Octopus 94.9%

Dolphin 94.4%

Sealion 93.7%

Catfish 94.8%

Swordfish 94.6%

Shark 93.5%

Stingray 94.1%

Orca 93.8%

Rainbow Fish 1 95.0%

Rainbow Fish 2 93.9%

Can I thank all the parents who get their children into school on time.

Relief Lunchtime Supervisory Posts

We are seeking to appoint, on a casual basis, Relief Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants.

You would join our team as and when required working with pupils through lunch break, helping them whilst eating their lunch and ensuring health and safety of children is maintained at all times. You will supervise behaviour and lead playground activities, including supervising play inside the classroom in the event of bad weather. You will have a particular focus on the health and emotional needs of the children.

If you are enthusiastic and have a flexible approach to work and have the resolve to make a real difference to the lives of the children at The Victory then please contact Jill Potheary, Business Manager at the school for further details.

The Victory Primary is committed to safeguarding children; successful applicants will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Book Week - costume requests

We will be having two dress up days during Book Week. I know lots of you like to get organised during the holidays so here is a reminder:

Monday 27th June - Come in your pyjamas and bring your favourite bedtime story.

Thursday 30th June - Come dressed as a book character and then enjoy the Reading Festival in role. Please remember that we welcome homemade costumes and love to see how creative you can get. You do not need to go out and spend money on new costumes. Charity shops are great for parts for costumes. Look at this website for a whole host of ideas: www.themamastory.com/100-ideas-world-book-day-dress

Sport Update

Athletics

Just a reminder athletics will start back on Monday 6th June for children in years 5 and 6 and Tuesday 7th June for children in years 3 and 4. This is from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

Multiskills

This will start back on Friday 10th June from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Cricket Club

Mr McNie will be starting cricket for children in year 3. If your child has been selected they will have received a letter. This will start on Wednesday 8th June from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

Upcoming Event – Olympic Parade Friday 24th June

More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Sports Days

Just a reminder to put in your diary your child's sports day.

EYFS – Monday 20th June

Years 1 and 2 – Tuesday 21st June

Years 3 and 4 – Wednesday 22nd June

Years 5 and 6 – Thursday 23rd June

Nursery – September 2016

We still have some spaces left in our nursery for September 2016. So, if your child will be 3 years old in September please contact the office about securing a space for them.