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## THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Breakfast Club

As you know we have a breakfast club every day which has always been free. We believe it to be the only free breakfast club in Portsmouth. The club costs the school thousands of pounds a term to run even with the sponsorship of Greggs. Unfortunately, with the cuts to school budgets, this is not sustainable.

From next term we will be trialing a scheme to fund breakfast club. The parents / carers of children who attend (whether it be the breakfast club in the hall or the Nurture group) will be asked to donate 50p a day for breakfast and childcare. Should this be sustainable we will continue operating on this basis. If not enough families contribute then we will have to start making compulsory charges for breakfast. My request to parents is therefore that they play their part in ensuring that the breakfast club has a future.

The second change is that from the Autumn term breakfast club will be for children only. The rationale behind asking parents to drop off their children are:

- To encourage the independence of children
- For safeguarding reasons



### End of term report from the Head Teacher

The end of term has arrived and the children and staff are exhausted and ready for a break!

In many ways it has been a challenging year because of the demands which the new curriculum has brought. Not only are we having to teach a new curriculum but the new curriculum is much more difficult than its predecessor particularly in the areas of mathematics and spelling.

However, despite the changes outcomes have improved in the following areas this year:

- End of EYFS assessments
- Year 1 Phonics test
- End of KS1 Reading, Writing and Mathematics SATS
- End of KS2 Writing SATS

Unfortunately, like many schools there have been significant drops in the end of key stage 2 assessments for reading and mathematics. Our challenge will be to significantly improve in these areas next year.

In response to the challenges of the new curriculum governors will be looking at our homework policy again. There is likely to be an increased expectation with regards to spelling and multiplication tables.

Other successes for the year include:

- Continued success in sports most notably in the Dance Off Competition, cheerleading, gifted and talented competitions and athletics.
- Significantly increased reading at home. More children now regularly read at home than do not

### End of term report Continued

- An increased number of after school activities including clubs for younger children.
- Good parental involvement in school events such as sports day and in year group activities
- Improved handwriting across the school
- A parents forum has been established

#### Areas for improvement

- Behaviour of a minority of the older children. We will be introducing a few interventions next year in response to that.
- Attendance across the school is still too low
- Litter in the playground remains a problem

Thank you for your support this year and I wish you a happy holiday with your family.

### Apologies

Unfortunately, we had to close school for the second time this year due to water problems. This time we had a broken pipe in Early Years. Unfortunately, we couldn't stop the water flooding the classroom without turning off the mains which meant we had to shut the school. It is likely that we will have to make an insurance claim for the damage.

### School Dinners

The price of school dinners is increasing by £0.05 to £2.05 as of September 2016.

### Diary Dates

19<sup>th</sup> July – last day of term for children

6<sup>th</sup> September – First day back

### Leaving

The following teachers will be leaving at the end of term and we wish them the best for the future:

Mr Meaden

Mr Meaden will be leaving at the end of term having been with us for three years. Mr Meaden has been an enthusiastic asset to the school and has taken responsibility for science and residential trips. He is leaving teaching to take up other opportunities in education.

Mr McNie

Mr McNie has been with us for 1 ½ years. He will be returning to Australia with his family at Christmas. Mr McNie who has been popular with the children will be returning to do some supply work with us next term.

### School Reports

The aim was to send the reports out to you yesterday however we were thwarted by the flood. Please contact the school if your child has lost his/her report.

### Community Day to tidy school grounds – Saturday 24th September

Members of the parents' forum are organising a Community Day on Saturday 24th September from 10am-3pm, for all those who would like to lend a hand in tidying up the school grounds. The idea is to clear the area down by the railway fence, and to treat the wooden posts round the pods, as well as some other fun bits and pieces! We'll be having a barbecue too, to make a day of it, so put it in your diaries now and bring your families and friends to come and help! More details at the beginning of next term, but if you have any questions do email [admin1@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin1@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk) and mark it FAO Dave Aarons.