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Community Clear-Up Day – Saturday 24th September

Members of the parents forum have been planning a Community Clear-Up Day on Saturday 24th September, 10am-3pm. This is a day for families and friends to come and play our part by helping tidy up the school grounds for the year ahead!

The main things we'll be doing that day are: Litter picking, weeding, painting fences & posts around the pods with wood stain, removing branches and clearing the bottom area near the railway fence and planting bulbs. We'll also be having a barbecue at lunchtime to feed the hungry workers! On the day please bring along gardening gloves, trowels & small forks, garden bags, and paint brushes per person but if you have any spares we'd love to have these in advance.

Various companies have given us products as raffle prizes to help raise funds for extra equipment for the day, including Butlins day pass, South West Trains tickets, and Game Voucher – raffle tickets will be on sale next week on Wednesday & Thursday at school pick-up time at 50p each, where you can also sign your interest for helping on the day! Do bring along any equipment to hand in then. Let's get involved – we're Better Together!

Dave Aarons



School Uniform

The office staff, who see a lot of the children over the course of the day, have commented on how smart the children are looking this term. Thank you for making the effort to send them to school wearing the correct clothes and shoes.

I mentioned in the newsletter at the beginning of this week about the importance of naming school uniform. On a quick spot check today we found that under 50% of uniform is named. Please can you take action.

Our school uniform is available to purchase from both Hargreaves and Tesco's. This is to allow Parents / Carers to purchase the uniform that is best for their child. To visit Tesco's online shop please go to <http://www.tesco.com/direct/the-victory-primary-school/8315.school>

On the Tesco's website the pictures show children with a different school's logo on their uniform. Please do not worry this is our schools uniform. Tesco's just use some stock photos on their website.

A new addition to the Tesco range is a baseball cap with our logo on it.

School Dinners

School dinners now cost £2.05.

Breakfast Club

As you will be aware there have been some changes to breakfast club. We are now asking for a 50p per day (or £2 per week) contribution towards the cost. The news of how this worked in the first week are mixed. The vast majority of people who attended made a donation which is good because this level of donation would certainly mean that we can keep breakfast club open. The sad news is that the number of pupils who attended was significantly lower than before. The reason why we made payment voluntary was because we wanted the club to be within the means of everyone. If you would like your child to attend but feel that you cannot afford 50p per day please either make a smaller donation or not at all. We would like to see your children at the club. A change from next week will be that the families with more than one child would only make a donation for the first child.

Halloween Disco

This term we will be having the school disco on the week before half term rather than the week before Christmas. The theme will be Halloween. Children will be given the opportunity to go home and change before the disco. The disco will take place on:

Tuesday 18th October 4:30pm to 5:30pm – year R

Wednesday 19th October 4:30pm to 5:30pm –
Years 4 to 6

Thursday 20th October 4:30pm to 5:30pm – Years 1
to 3

Performance

This year Early Years and Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2) will be joining together for the Harvest Assembly and Christmas Nativity performance. Therefore, Parents will get a chance to see two performances rather than just one. Further details will follow closer to the date.

Football

The head teacher has been spending time with years 4 to 6 to train them to play football without falling out. A lot of the problems that we have with behaviour originate because of disagreements on the football pitch. In the past we have banned football when things get too rough. This term we are changing this so that only the children who have been involved in disputes, scuffles or swearing will be punished. The consequence will be to miss 1 or more days of football. There will be no discussing or debating the fairness of punishments given by adults just like there is no arguing with the referee.

Footballs

Please do not allow your child to bring their own footballs into school. The problem with them bringing their own in is twofold:

- Children get upset when their ball bursts or gets lost (we get through a lot of balls at school)
- We have to be careful which footballs we use. Leather footballs for example are too heavy and injure other users of the playground.

Diary Dates

Friday 21st October – last day of half term

Tuesday 18th October – year R Halloween Disco

Wednesday 19th October – years 4 to 6 Halloween
Disco

Thursday 20th October – years 1 and 2 Halloween
Disco

Monday 31st October – First day back

Thursday 15th December – last day of term

Children's Services

From time to time children make disclosures at school about things that happen out of school that could be classified as abuse. Sometimes they are true, sometimes they are partly true, sometimes they are lies and sometimes the child has become confused because of their age and simply made a mistake.

It is the duty of schools to pass on all disclosures to Children's Services. We are not allowed to filter these disclosures. We have to hand them straight on to Children's Services whether we believe the disclosure or not.

In the unlikely event that we have to pass on a disclosure to Children's Services made by your child we understand that you may well be upset but please don't be angry with us. If we did not pass it on:

- We would be considered negligent and get in trouble
- Would not be taking your child's welfare / safety seriously

Sport Update

Welcome back and we hope everyone had a great summer watching the Olympics. Over the next academic year there will be lots of competitions, clubs and sporting events for your child to take part in. There will be football trials starting next week for children interested in representing the school in our upcoming cup matches.

Reminder

Tuesday 13th September – trials for boys in years 5 and 6 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Wednesday 14th September – trials for boys in years 4 and 5 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Thursday 15th September – trials for girls in years 5 and 6 from 3:30pm to 4:15pm

If your child is attending any of the above trials please make sure they have **their own shin pads and suitable footwear** for the all-weather pitch.