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THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Dinners

Apologies for some misinformation re school dinners last week.

1. We currently have 3 different choices on our daily menu and this includes jacket potatoes.
2. School dinners are £2.05 per day, however children from families who are receiving job seekers allowance may be entitled to a free school meal. The job seekers allowance has to be income based and parents need to complete the correct forms, which can be collected from our school office, and receive a letter of confirmation from Portsmouth City Council confirming entitlement.

Sorry if we confused you last week.

Mrs Pothecary-White

Attendance – Thank you

We are very pleased to report that attendance this term has been good. It is currently 96.4% which is in line with our target. Attendance has been particularly good in Jellyfish, Puffin, Crab, Turtle, Dolphin, Sealion, Catfish and the Rainbow classes. I understand why parents, on occasion, take children out of school for a holiday, however the evidence does show that this has a negative impact on their learning.

This summer term there will be national tests for children in years 1, 2 and 6 and so it is particularly important that these children have good attendance. We would ask parents who are thinking of making medical / dental appointments for their children in the summer term to check the dates with the Head Teacher first.

Mrs Carpenter

Community Clear-Up Day – Saturday 24th September 10am-3pm

Our Community Clear-Up Day at the school is taking place tomorrow from 10am-3pm. Many of you will have seen our sign up tables on various days after school, along with raffle entry to win prizes on the day. The plan for the day is to tidy up the school grounds by weeding, litter picking, planting bulbs and wood staining.

If you can come for an hour or two, it would make a real difference! We're going to have a barbecue for lunch from 12-1pm, so perhaps come for a morning or afternoon and have some food too. We'll be meeting outside the front of the school at 10am to divide up jobs, or if you're coming later look out for busy workers! If you have gardening gloves and trowels/small forks, bring them with you on the day.

The raffle will be drawn at lunchtime, so if there are any tickets left in the morning, there will be one last chance to enter to win a Butlins day pass, Playzone and Flip Out vouchers and more. See you tomorrow!



Dave Aarons

Lost Property

Thank you to all the parents that came into school to claim their children's lost property last Wednesday. I did manage to return all named clothes to their owners or siblings. Also, thank you to the parents that came this Wednesday and purchased some of the many coats that had been left. The remainder of the lost property has now been given to charity. Please please please name your children's clothes.



Mrs Wyatt

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

Consequences

At The Victory Primary School, we have many things that can be put in place to tackle incidents of challenging behaviour. These are known throughout the school as 'consequences'. Children, who have made the wrong choices about their behaviour throughout the day may be issued a consequence.

These could be:

- Owing minutes to the class teacher at break/lunch/after-school.
- A formal lunchtime detention to be held with either the Behaviour Manager or the Deputy Head Teacher. Parents will be informed of this.
- A formal after-school detention to be held with either the Behaviour Manager or a member of the pastoral team. Parents will be contacted beforehand before any time can be completed.
- A period of internal isolation until the next unstructured break time. Parents will be contacted and paperwork will be sent out in the post.
- In cases of extreme behaviour, an alternative exclusion may be arranged with another local school. This would mean that the child would spend a fixed amount of time at this school rather than their exclusion being completed at home.
- A child might also be given a fixed-term exclusion to be completed at home, at the discretion of the Head Teacher.

If a child has been issued a consequence, the school's Behaviour Manager will be in touch to talk about what actions have been put in place to prevent behaviours happening again. If your child has been given a consequence, please do not hesitate to discuss this with the Behaviour Manager.

Mr Hale

Homework by Mr Hartley

As you are aware the Governors have decided to make changes to the homework policy. This is in response to the new National Curriculum which has higher expectations for spelling and arithmetic. The new homework policy will now include a spelling and phonics element and a multiplication / number bands element in addition to this there is still the expectation that all children should read regularly at home (at least 4 times a week) even those children who are 'free' readers.

Reading

By now all year groups should have set their reading expectations. Children should be taking home appropriate reading books and their reading record books should be being checked at school. If this is not happening please can you contact Zoe Lyndon, our reading champion, via the office.

Spelling and Phonics

KS2 (years 3 to 6); The National Curriculum includes lists of words which children in KS2 need to learn to spell. Our children will be set spellings to learn at home every week according to their age and ability. They will be tested on these words on a weekly basis. The details of the system will vary slightly from year group to year group. Most year groups explained their system at the recent parent meeting. However, we will send out a summary of expectations for each year group in the near future.

KS1 (years 1 to 2) and Reception

There is no list of spellings in the KS1 or EYFS Curriculum. Homework will include activities aimed at embedding the phonic work that they will be doing in class. This has already begun in reception and will do so shortly in KS1. We will explain the new system in writing to you.

This term we will be holding a parent workshop aimed at giving parents ideas about how to support their children with spelling.

Mathematics KS1

Years 1 and 2 will be asked to learn number bonds eg the different ways of making 10 using two numbers eg 1+9, 2+8, 3+7 etc.

We will explain the system to you in writing within two weeks. In response to parent requests we will be holding some parent mathematics workshops after half term at which we will talk about how to support your children with their homework.

Mathematics KS2

Years 3 to 6 will be expected to learn and practise multiplication tables and / or related division facts at home. This has already started in some year groups.

Sport Update by Mrs Unitt

Netball

Well done to all the children who attended the netball trials on Wednesday. The next practice will take place on Wednesday 28th September from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

Football

The next practice will take place on Tuesday 27th September for the boys who have been selected for the under 10 and under 11 teams. This will be from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

Cup Matches

The results of the under 10 boys and under 11 girls will be in the next newsletter.

Tennis

A very good start for Swordfish who attended their first tennis session at the Portsmouth Tennis Centre on Monday. Please make sure your child has their school PE kit and training shoes to take part in this event.

After School Clubs by Premier Sport

There are still places left on the Multisports club for children in years 1, 2 and 3 and Fencing for children in years 3 and 4. Multisports will start on Monday 26th September and Fencing on Wednesday 28th September.



MICHAELMAS FAIR



Come and join us for our fun Michaelmas Fair

Saturday 24th September 11am- 2pm

FACE PAINTING



HOME-MADE CRAFTS

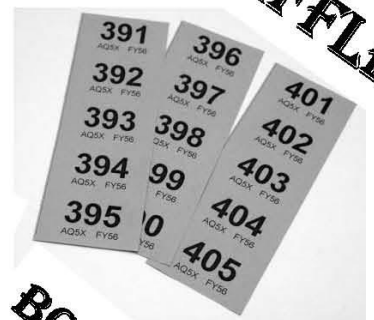
OUR FAMOUS BACON BUTTIES

HOME-MADE CAKES



BRIC A BRAC

RAFFLE



TOMBOLA

BOUNCY CASTLE



AND LOTS MORE!

