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## THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Girls Football

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September The Victory Girls Football Team played at Portsmouth Grammar School in the Portsmouth cup competition. The girls all played with great determination which resulted in seven wins and one loss. Our result means we have now qualified for the county finals which takes place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October in Southampton. This has been the highest achievement from any of our teams at The Victory School.

*“On Friday the girls football team went to Portsmouth Grammar School’s playing field to play nine games to try and make it to the finals. When we arrived, we sat down to lunch. Once we had finished we were called over to be told the rules. We were allowed to kick overhead. That day Mr McQuilkin (our librarian) came with us. He thought we played well and worked together as a team.*

*Sadly, we did not make it to the finals but we did come 2<sup>nd</sup>! Then, on Tuesday the following week something happened. Portsmouth Grammar School could not make the finals and they said we could attend the finals.*

*Thank you to Mrs Unitt for all your help and support.”*

By Emily Austin – year 6



### Reminder – Snacks

Our policy is for the children to only have healthy snacks at break time. These are available from the Tuck Shop. Alternatively, children can bring their own snacks into school, however, they should be fruit (fresh or dried) or vegetables. No crisps, snack bars or chocolate, which are not good for the children for a number of reasons. If you have an objection to this, please see me or email admin1@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk

Mr Hartley

### Playtime

This year we have chosen to make a big effort to make lunchtime a calmer and more pleasurable time for children. The actions we have taken include:

- Tighter zoning of the playground with timetables to assign a particular year group to use a zone.
- A dancing area with music
- Mr McQuilken and Mr Hartley supervise football with children most lunchtimes
- Cleaning of wild areas of the playground
- Better trained prefects
- An indoor games club

### Breakfast Club – Children

Now the mornings are getting colder why not come to our breakfast club where you can have some hot buttered toast with a choice of toppings or a bowl of cereal.

Afterwards you can have a friendly game of connect 4 or do a bit of reading until you are escorted to class.

### **Naming Uniform and PE Kit**

We have got a problem with un-named uniform and PE kit. Unfortunately, despite reminders most clothes are not named and this makes it very difficult when trying to match up misplaced uniform with its owner.

We have therefore decided that we will name it ourselves from next week using indelible pens. If you have got any comment about this, please email us at [admin1@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:admin1@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk)

Mr Hartley

### **Jelly Pots**

From Monday the Nurture Unit will be selling sugar free Jelly Pots (ie healthy) for 20p in the playground at break times. This is to raise money for the Nurture Unit to buy games, puzzles etc for the children to enjoy.

### **University Afternoon Contributions**

Thank you to all the parents / carers who have made a donation towards the cost of University Afternoons. If you have not yet made a contribution please can we encourage you to do so to ensure this afternoon can continue.

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – last day of half term

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – year R Halloween Disco

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – years 4 to 6 Halloween Disco

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October – years 1 and 2 Halloween Disco

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – First day back

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – children return to school after Christmas holiday

### **Sport Update**

#### **Under 10 Boys Cup**

Well done to the under 10 football team who played nine matches last Thursday at Portsmouth Grammar School. We finished fourth in the competition and all the players showed great determination and team spirit.



#### **Girls Football Practice**

Just a reminder girls football practice in preparation for the county final are on the following days:

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
from 3:30pm to 4:15pm

#### **Netball Practice**

This takes place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from  
3:30pm to 4:15pm

#### **Premier Sport After School Clubs**

Monday – Multisports

Wednesday – Fencing

Both clubs finish at 4:30pm.

Mrs Unitt

## Community Clear-up Day

On Saturday a number of parents and their children along with volunteers from South West Trains community officers and Tesco joined Mr Leavers, Mrs McQuilken and myself to tidy up the school grounds.

As well as picking up rubbish around the site they cleared a large strip of land adjacent to the railway track. On behalf of the school I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all that took part and acknowledge the huge physical effort that they put into the day. I have listed the names of the families that helped and I apologise if I have missed anyone out. If I have, please tell me in advance of the next issue of the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the parents forum for organising the day with a special big thank you to Kate Blake and Dave Aarons.

Mr Hartley



## Community Clear-up Thank you

Marie Spencer

Jackie

Emma Cake

Stacy and Ben Winter with Scarlett

Jackie Green & husband, with Jasmine & Caitlin

Marcia Hachem

Natalie Sims with Harry Burton

Louise Stapleford with Isobel and Harry

Lacey Burke with Eva

Emma Cake with Dillon, Kieron and Jake

Jemma Phillips with Hollie and Jacob

Mrs McQuilken

Dave, Sarah, Ben and Nathan Aarons

Kate Watkins and Freya

Mr Leavers

Mr Hartley and Otto

Carly Newman with George and Harvey

Damian Newman - cooked bbq

Evanna Herridge

Kerry Rogers and Joshua

South West trains Community Officers

Volunteers from Tesco



## **Homework Expectations**

As promised in an earlier newsletter, here are the details of each year groups' homework expectations. In the event that you, as parents/carers, are finding that this is not happening please email me or catch me when you see me. We will shortly send out some information detailing how we will be helping parents to support their children with their homework.

Mr Hartley

### **Nursery homework:**

Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week. Books can be changed daily and rewards are given to those that read the required number of times.

### **Reception homework:**

Autumn term

Children are expected to read at least 3 times a week. Books can be changed daily and rewards are given to those that read the required number of times.

Phonics colouring/handwriting sheets are sent home weekly to support practise/learning at home.

Tricky word pairs/activities are sent home every other week to support practise/learning at home.

Spring term

All of the above and...

A maths library will be available to all children. Games can be borrowed and swapped on a weekly basis.

Summer term

All of the above and...

Handwriting books/booklets will be given to all children to complete at home. A list of the high frequency words that children are expected to be able to read and write will be sent home.

## **Rainbow fish 1 & 2:**

Daily Reading

Speech and language programmes-see programmes for individual pupils

Phonics (RF1) Spellings (RF2)-Go home on Monday-Test on Friday

Counting/tables-Twice weekly

### **Year 1:**

Year 1 will send home counting in 2 5 or 10 relevant to the children's ability.

We will also be sending home the sounds of the week with a related activity to do at home.

Daily reading at home

### **Year 2:**

Year 2 will send home a sheet on a Friday with related maths and phonics activities from the week's learning.

Daily reading at home.

### **Year 5:**

Homework sent out on a Tuesday to be in on a Monday

Spelling 5-10 words tested on a Monday

Daily Reading

Times Tables tested once a week.

### **Year 6:**

Homework is handed out on a Monday and to be in on a Friday

Daily Reading

A Reading comprehension or Grammar worksheet

Spellings 10 per week - tested on a Friday

Times Tables awards sheet - tested on a Friday