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THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# ISSUE 128

## Dogs

We have a no dogs on site policy. This is to protect the children. Just in case there is any confusion this includes **all** dogs ie: little dogs, cute dogs, dogs in arms, pedigree dogs, Yorkshire terriers and dog fish but with the exception of guide dogs which are allowed.

## Scooters and Bikes

Please ensure that your child is equipped with a lock so they can secure their bike/ scooter when they get to school.

## Homework Club

Thank you for your responses to my letter about homework club. The most popular day was Fridays so I will hold it then starting the first week back after half term. Homework club will start straight after school. Children should be collected at 4:15pm from the office. Parents who are interested in their child attending need to give written permission in advance because I will need to keep control of the numbers. On acceptance into the club I will write back explaining the expectations.

I have asked the teachers to keep an eye on who is and who is not doing their homework. It may be that children who do not do their homework will be required to attend homework club.

Mr Hartley

## Photographs Reminder

If you would like to order any photographs the orders need to be in school by 2<sup>nd</sup> November at the latest please.

## Poppies

We are supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year and Poppies will be available from the tuck trolley at break time from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October for a donation. There are also other Poppy items available for sale including wrist bands and many other fun things.

Example prices: bracelets £1, wristbands 50p.



## Diary Dates

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

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

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Year R Parents Evening

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery Parents Evening

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

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




## Reading






















As some of you may be aware, we are making changes to our colour banded system for home reading. Our current system sees children become 'free readers' once they can independently read a Lime level book. We are changing this by adding extra colour bands (please see the table below). This will provide the children with a more supportive route to become real 'free readers'. Your child will be told what their new colour is and the library will be ready for them to choose colour appropriate books on the first Monday after the half term holiday.

These new books have been purchased using the money raised from The Love Reading Festival and come at quite a cost to the school. Please support us in looking after them. We will need to purchase more books once more funding becomes available. Now some colours are similar (e.g. Red and Ruby, Blue and Sapphire), on occasion, your child may bring home the wrong colour in error. Please let a member of staff know if this happens.

The table below also shows what colour band an average child should be reading in each year group. The expectations have increased over the years, so you can see why it is more important than ever to read every day with your child. To move through the colours quickly they need practice, practice and more practice!

### Key

Autumn Term	
Spring Term	
Summer Term	

Colour Band (Book Bands)	NC Expected Level of Achievement						
	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1 Pink							
2 Red							
3 Yellow							
4 Blue							
5 Green							
6 Orange							
7 Turquoise							
8 Purple							
9 Gold							
10 White							
11 Lime							
Copper							
Topaz							
12 Ruby							
Emerald							
13 Sapphire							
Diamond							
Pearl							

## Sport Update

### Tennis

Well done to Swordfish who finished their five weeks of coaching at Portsmouth Tennis Centre. **Catfish Class will start their tennis on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Please make sure your child has their school PE kit to take part in this event.

### Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 will start their swimming lessons on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Please return your consent forms to Mrs Unitt asap. Unfortunately, without these your child can not take part. All children will need a swimming hat which can be purchased from school for a cost of £1.50.

### Year 5 and 6 Boys and Girls Football

This will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. Please attend this practice as our first boys match will be on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### Netball

Mrs Unitt will be giving out letters to children on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to children who have made the team.

### Dance Off

Mrs Unitt will be giving out letters during the first week back to children who have made the dance off team.

### Premier Sport After School Clubs

Just a reminder the last after school club for multi sports and fencing will take place on the following nights:

Multisports – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Fencing – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Mrs Unitt will give out letters for children who would like to attend the second block of these activities.



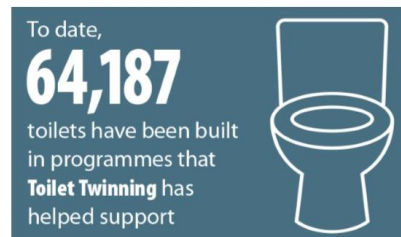
Come and enjoy a fun party at Paulsgrove Baptist Church, with games, food and stories about Jesus, Light of the World!

**Monday 31st October 2016**  
**School years Reception to Year 6**  
**5.30-7.00pm**

More information from Dave Aarons  
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Our Light Party is a free event, but we are having the option of making a charity donation to [toilettwinning.org](http://toilettwinning.org). For £60 we can help build a toilet in the developing world so a community can have access to clean water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education. This vital combination works together to prevent the spread of disease. When this is done, we will receive a framed picture to twin the new toilet with ours at the church!



If you would like to make a contribution to this, we will have a collection tin at the registration desk on the evening.

Please don't come in Halloween costumes – if you would like to dress up come in something fun and bright!

## Half Term Reading Challenge



Visit a library this holiday! When you visit, ask the desk to sign the slip below (and stamp if they have one). Return it to school and all slips received will be placed into a draw with the chance to win some Where's Wally? Books and book bag charms.

Any library counts!



### New Dinner Menus

Your child should have brought home the new dinner menu this week. This will start the first day back after half term.



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**Half Term**

**Reading Challenge**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I visited \_\_\_\_\_ Library today!!!

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_