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Merry Christmas



Christmas Dates

4pm Sunday 11th December Carol service at St Michaels. All welcome. A group of children will be singing a carol at this event.

Monday 12th December 1.30pm Years 3&4 Baptist church.

Tuesday 13th December 9.15am Nativity play to parents and 1.30pm Years 5&6 Baptist church.

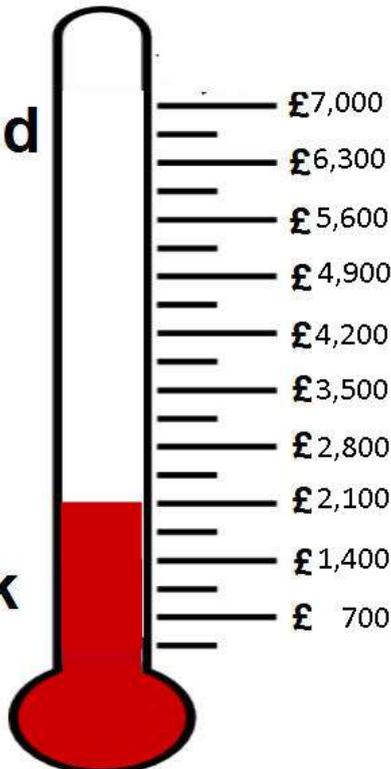
Wednesday 14th December Rainbow Fish show am, pm talent show (children only)

Thursday 15th December 9.15am Nativity play to parents.

Fundraising For Laptops

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Raised
So
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Thank
You



Be smart on the internet

S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, text messages, or opening files, pictures or links from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R RELIABLE Someone online might be about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows.

T TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART

Christmas Cards

We are pleased to say that the Christmas cards are proving very popular. All of the Christmas cards which have been ordered have now been given to the classes to be sent home. It is not too late to make your order. If you have mislaid your order form please contact the school office.



Diary Dates

Thursday 15th December – last day of term

Wednesday 4th January – children return to school after the Christmas holiday

KR Letter

Below is an extract from a letter that King Richard School recently sent out that we feel might be relevant to some of our children.

“It has come to my attention that a number of students have accepted Facebook friend requests from a man whose subsequent communication with them has been highly suspicious and inappropriate.

The man’s online name is George Randall and students are strongly advised not to reply to any messages from this person and to block any communication or friendship requests from him.

This is a useful time to remind you all of the risks to children online and the need for them to behave safely at all times and ask that you have this conversation with your son or daughter and reassure yourselves that they know how to do this. Basic principles like reporting suspicious behaviour and never giving out personal information such as photographs, addresses and phone numbers should be followed at all times.”

Mr G Hughes

Head Teacher King Richard School

Parent Voice

The latest copy of Portsmouth Parent Voice is available online at www.portsmouthparentvoice.org There are tips about how to survive Christmas and different groups and activities happening over the Christmas period.

The Internet and Computer Games – Please Read This

Every week I have lunch at least twice with a group of children. This enables me to find out more about the school and the children in an informal setting as well as being very entertaining. Now I don't treat everything that they tell me as the gospel truth because I know that they like to exaggerate however there are a few things that concern me:

- We still have some children using Facebook even though all parents should know the dangers of the Internet and all the children in our school are too young to be using Facebook, (they have to be at least 13 years old). Indeed children would have had to lie about their age when creating their account.
- Many children are playing computer games which are not age appropriate. I understand that it is difficult to say no to children but it has been proven that exposure to such games as Grand Theft Auto has adverse effects on children's language and behaviour.
- Many children are using devices that can access the Internet, such as a DS, unsupervised in their room – sometimes late at night. I know that to be the case because I have seen screen shots. This potentially makes your child vulnerable to abuse as well as meaning that they are tired and grumpy at school.

My wish this Christmas is for parents to show tough love to their children and follow the principles of safer Internet use.

Mr Hartley



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Telephone Advice: 023 9285 5855

www.portsmouthcab.org.uk

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Spotted this week

Reggi Moseley enjoying his favourite Diary of A Wimpy Kid books. Getting comfy and enjoying books is perfect in this chilly weather! Well done Reggi!



If you have a reading picture to share in 'Spotted this week' then please email:

reading@thevictory.portsmouth.sch.uk

Sport Update

After School Club

The only after school club running next week is **multi-skills** on Monday 12th December.

All after school clubs will resume the week beginning Monday 9th January 2017.

Jin, ex-Royal Navy and Anna, ex-RAF.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE POPPY APPEAL

TOGETHER WE RAISED £ 302.30

THERE'S A NEW GENERATION OF VETERANS THAT NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Your Royal British Legion poppy helps us support thousands of modern veterans, Service men, women and their families.

rbl.org.uk/remember

LIVE ON

Well Done Maisie



Awards recognise unsung heroes who want to help others



RECOGNITION The editor of The News, Portsmouth Mark Watson presents the Personal Achievement Award to winner David Wilkinson, and Helen, Maile Syrett, the Spirit of Youth Award Winner. Picture: Sarah Manning (left) and John Manning (right)

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IT WAS an afternoon full of determined winners, kind gestures and heartfelt messages.

This year's News We Can Do It awards celebrated the amazing heroes of our community and those who go that extra mile in our lives. The awards are a way to say thank you to those who make a difference and do so because they simply want to help.

From schools raising money to children supporting others, the ceremony at New Theatre Royal, in Portsmouth, was full of worthy winners.

Hosted by Steve Jones, from News 100, the awards were full of bright smiles and lots of cheer as winners and the 2019-20 award winners gathered.

There were 11 categories including Best Volunteer, Best Art/Community Project, Hero of the Day, Heroic, Best Garden, Best School, Best Street, Service with a Smile, Spirit of Youth and Personal Achievement.

One of the winners was nine-year-old Maile Syrett. She came out on top in Spirit of Youth which had lots of worthy nominees.

Maisie, a pupil at Victory Primary School, won the award after saving her

We Can Do It awards say thanks to people who go extra mile like Spirit of Youth winner Maisie



After winning, Maile said: "I had great fun and I was so proud to win the award. I broke my arm last year and I was in hospital during the summer holidays when I met lots of children who would help people like I do. I was so inspired. I had wanted to help the children in hospital so I brought them presents for Christmas."

"I want to put the award in my bedroom as I can show everyone. It will be exciting taking my trophy to school."

Her class, James, from Rockingham, was helping with jobs. He said: "It is amazing that Maisie was just so proud."

All the Spirit of Youth nominees were fantastic and it is amazing what young kids do everyday. It would be great to have more people in the world like these six youngsters - they are all incredible."

Prize-giving for Spirit of Youth went to Oily Kneebottom. The two-year-old Star Wars fan, from Waterbury, was made an honorary firefighter earlier this year for supporting his mum, Janis, through breast cancer. He gave up his birthday party to spend time in St. Michael's with his mum.

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Community inspirations honoured at We Can Do It awards



2019 award winners at the News We Can Do It awards ceremony at the New Theatre Royal, Portsmouth.

The annual event celebrates the achievements of our local heroes and winners of the awards. **FULL STORY** PAGE 3, 067