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**THE VICTORY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## Sport Update

### After School Clubs

Monday – Football for boys and girls in years 4, 5 and 6 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Tuesday – Athletics (for the children who have been selected to attend the competition) 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Friday – Cheerleading years 4 to 6 3:30pm to 4:30pm

**Premier sport after school clubs** have finished. The new block will start on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February for Multisports and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for Gymnastics.

### Year 5 and 6 Athletics Competition

Mrs Unitt will be taking pupils from years 5 and 6 to compete in the indoor athletics competition at the Mountbatten Centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Please return your consent form as soon as possible and attend the last practice on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Safeguarding

Please can we ask that parents do not go into their child's classroom / cloakroom after 8:55 (start of the school day) and not before all the children have left at the end of the day. This is for safeguarding reasons and it can distress some children seeing adults they do not know in their classroom / cloakroom. Thank you for your help in this matter.

### Dates

**20<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017** – Half term holiday

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017** – Dressing up to celebrate World Book Day.

## Save the date - Tuesday 14th March - coffee morning

9-10 in the school hall, join us for cake and coffee with representatives from local community groups.



### Tooth Bus

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February the Tooth Bus will be visiting Paulsgrove Children's Centre . If you or your children have not seen a dentist for over 2 years, you can go along and get a check-up. Please contact the Centre for more details.



### Parent Voice

The latest edition of the Parent Voice 'impacting on you' newsletter is available on line at

You can access the newsletter online:  
[issuu.com/barbaramcdougall4/docs/ioy\\_feb\\_17](http://issuu.com/barbaramcdougall4/docs/ioy_feb_17)

It is packed full of ideas and support for children with special needs in the family.

## Dance Off

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February The Victory Dancers took part in the annual school's Dance Off competition at The Kings Theatre. We were extremely proud of the children's performance and thank all the adults who attended. Please return your t-shirt and hair scrunchie as soon as possible. The children will be performing the dance to the school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Here are a selection of photographs of the evening.



## Year 4 Gifted and Talented Competition

Mrs Unitt will be taking children in year 4 to the Portsmouth Gifted and Talented Competition on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Parents are invited to attend and support the team.

## Year 6 Bikeability

Just a reminder if your child is taking part in the bikeability programme this will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

# Junior Blues



Christian Burgess and Kal Naismith join pupils from Victory Primary School in Paulsgrove at Portsmouth & Southsea station to take part in Pompey in the Community's 'Off the Rails' project

## Pompey stay on track by going 'Off the Rails'

### Blues aces Burgess and Naismith join pupils at PitC project

**C**hristian Burgess and Kal Naismith joined six lucky children from Victory Primary School in Paulsgrove on a photoshoot at Portsmouth & Southsea station last month.

The photographs were being taken as part of the 'Off the Rails' project which is delivered by Pompey in the Community (PitC) to Year 6 pupils across the city.

The award-winning project has been running for five years and aims to educate children, who are gaining more independence and going out on their own,

about the dangers of the railway and how it should be respected.

The pictures that were taken on the day will be used as resources for the project - hoping to engage the children with the draw of the first-team Pompey players.

The 'Off the Rails' project takes the form of a one-off two-hour session delivered in schools and is supported by South West Trains employees.

The photographs were staged with the children and players in various scenarios and involved a



Christian Burgess and Kal Naismith join in PitC's 'Off the Rails' project with Victory Primary School pupils bit of dressing up, which Christian and Kal, inset right,

both seemed to enjoy!

With so many stations in the local area it is important that the children of the city respect the railway network and its staff, for their own safety.

Many young fans travel to Fratton Park on the train on match days and knowing how to stay safe in a big crowd is also important.

Mrs Unitt from Victory Primary School, who brought the children down

to the station, remarked that it was a very relevant project as the school backs onto a railway line and many of the pupils live in close proximity to it.

'Off the Rails' is sponsored by South West Trains and is delivered by PitC coaches.

If you are interested to know more about the project, contact James Lang on (023) 9272 8899 or, alternatively, send an email to: james.lang@pompeyitc.org.uk

