

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Happy New School Year

A warm welcome back to all of our pupils and families. We hope that after the long holiday the children are well rested and ready to work hard and achieve their very best this academic year. At Victoria School we look forward to working closely with you over the course of the year.

Attendance

At this time of year we like to remind parents of their responsibility to ensure that their children regularly attend school. All absences need to be authorised, so please make sure that you contact the school if your child is not going to be in school due to illness. We encourage families not to take holidays during term time, however, in exceptional circumstances, request for leave forms are available from the school office. Please note that permission cannot be granted for an authorised absence unless the reason falls within criteria set down by the Welsh Assembly Government. We would politely request that all non-emergency appointments are made after school or during holidays.

In 2018/2019, the total number of sessions missed due to holidays was a staggering 2246!

Collection Changes

If there are any changes to collection arrangements, please inform the classteacher in advance. In an emergency, please contact the office before 3:15.

Family circumstances

If any family circumstances change (including contact details), please can you either inform the class teacher, the school office or myself. It is important that we are kept aware of any changes that will affect your child's well being or our ability to contact you.

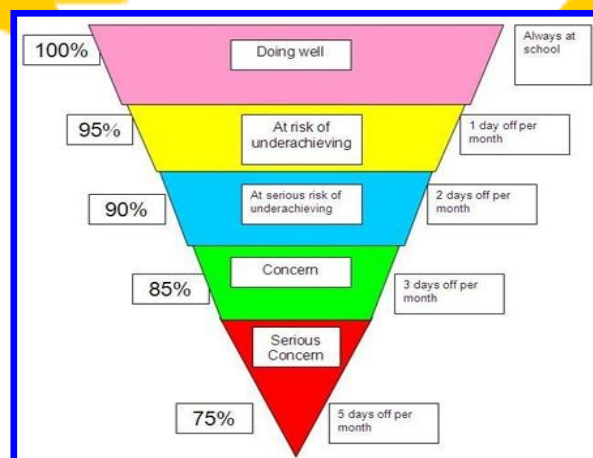
Thank you for your continued support.
Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Daniels

ATTENDANCE

Below is a pictorial reminder to parents on how important it is for children to attend school everyday. We would like to thank you for your continued support in this area.

School attendance for this week was 98%. A special well done to Classes RKS, 2G, 5E, 5M and 6K who had the highest attendance with 100%. WELL DONE!



Meet the teacher Meetings

We will be holding our annual 'Meet the teacher' meetings in order to give parents an opportunity to come into school and find out key information for the year ahead. These meetings are invaluable in receiving information that will assist both you and your child in preparing for their time in their current year group. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. Please see the calendar on the back page detailing the date and time of your child's year group meeting. We look forward to seeing you.



HEALTHY BODY, HEALTHY MIND

Our whole school topic for the next two weeks is 'Healthy body, healthy mind'. During this time, the children will have an opportunity to explore healthy life choices that will positively affect their health and well being in the future.

We are very fortunate to have members of both the school and wider community who have volunteered to come and talk to the children about different aspects of a healthy lifestyle e.g. diet, exercise and mindfulness.

We will also be exploring the concept of Growth Mindset with the children; in particular looking at how a positive mindset and continued effort can lead to an improvement in our skills. All staff and children will be setting themselves a challenge to work towards this academic year. So far, the staff have signed up to ballroom dancing, half marathons, juggling and cartwheels! I will regularly update you on our progress.

Growth Mindset, and a positive attitude, are vital to our wellbeing and, later in the year, we will be holding workshops for parents so that they are aware of some of the techniques they can use at home.

We are certain that this will be an invaluable experience for the children and we look forward to sharing our learning with you.



Family Home Link Officer

I am very please to introduce Mrs Louise Barlow, our new Family Home Link Officer. Mrs Barlow's role is to support our families and offer advice. She will also be running a number of parent workshops. Mrs Barlow will be available for drop in meetings every Tuesday morning between 09:00 and 10:00.



Welcome to the team

A very warm welcome to the following staff who have joined our team:

Mrs Barnett Year 1 teacher

Mrs Sarah Morris Year 5 teacher

Mrs Hannah Hatton KS2 LSA

Calendar 2019/2020

Whole school theme week

Y1 Meet the teacher

Y5 Meet the teacher

Y4 Meet the teacher

Y6 Meet the teacher

Y2 Meet the teacher

Year 6G to Brecon

Year 6K to Brecon

PTA Bingo Night

School photos

Y6 visit to Stanwell

Y4 trip to Big Pit

Harvest assembly

Parent Consultations

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Spooky Disco

Weds 4th Sept—Fri 13th Sept

Monday 9th Sept 2:45pm

Tuesday 10th Sept 2:45pm

Wednesday 11th Sept 2:45pm

Thursday 12th Sept 2:45pm

Monday 16th Sept 2:45pm

Monday 23rd September

Tuesday 24th September

Friday 27th September

Friday 4th October

Monday 7th October

Tuesday 15th October

Friday 18th October

Mon 14th October 3:45—6:30

Weds 16th October 3:45—6:30

Thursday 24th October

Half Term

Y3 trip to Caerleon

Anti-Bullying Week

Whole School Theme Week (costume needed)

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Concerts

Y3 and Y4 Theatre trip (Snow Queen)

Christmas Party

Last day of Autumn Term

Mon 28th Oct—Fri 1st Nov

Mon 4th November

w/b 11th November

Mon 25th Nov—Fri 29th Nov

Saturday 30th November

w/b 3rd December

Tuesday 10th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

INSET—school closed to pupils

Friday 14th February

INSET—school closed to pupils

Friday 22nd May

INSET—school closed to pupils

Monday 20th July

To support the paying of snack money, below are the number of weeks in each half term:

Aut 1 8 weeks

Aut 2 7 weeks

Spr 1 6 weeks

Spr 2 6 weeks

Sum 1 5 weeks

Sum 2 7 weeks