

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

At the end of last week we launched our new website. There have been a couple of teething problems, but we will hopefully have these sorted in the near future. The front pages of the website are for both visitors and parents, so if you would like to visit the secure learning pages that sit behind the website, then please use the hwb icon and log in with your child's log in details.

Due to a recent query, I would like to confirm that any correspondence from, and endorsed by, the school will be on letter headed paper.

Any other letters/leaflets are for information only. Thank you.

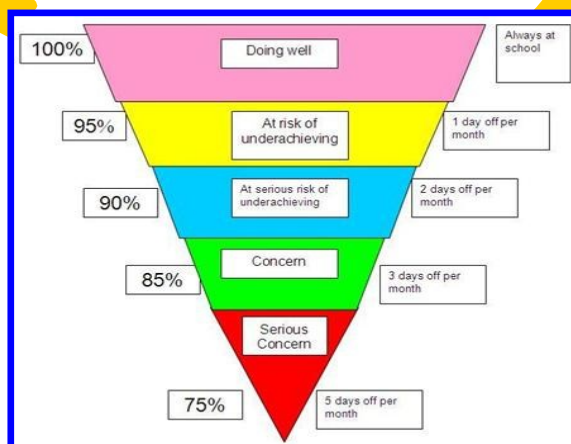
Have a lovely weekend

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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 96.4%. A special well done to Classes 9, 11 and 14 who had the highest attendance with 98.9%. WELL DONE!



STAR OF THE WEEK



Reception

Elizabeth Weigel

Seren Jinks

Y1

Xavier Swidenbank

Emily Coombs

Y2

Max Weston

Ben wright

Sophie Evans

Y3

Lucy Brading

Lola Wingren

Y4

Brooke Davies

Eva Julien

Y5

Ellie Dyer

Tomos Tyler-Spry

Ocean Scanlan

Y6

Jake Barnett

Paige Pesticcio-Croll

Y6 —Trip to Caerphilly Castle

Last week year 6 went on a wonderful trip to Caerphilly Castle. Using questions as a prompt, the children had to explore the castle as history detectives! They discovered when the castle was built, more about the design and features of a castle and why we needed such heavily defended castles in those days!



A Summary of the Parent Questionnaire

We were very pleased to receive such an overwhelming response to the parent questionnaire. We received responses from 120 families and 100% of parents would recommend the school. We received many wonderful comments and some very constructive points for us to look at improving. The most common points raised were:

- **Homework**

The Senior Leadership Team will be looking at the current homework procedures and how they can be improved, including a revised homework policy. Hopefully, the new look Curriculum overviews, together with the information given at the parent information meeting, will provide parents with lots of ideas to extend their children's learning beyond the school day.

- **Improved sporting opportunities.**

Clubs this term are predominantly linked to the Christmas production in order to avoid loss of learning time through preparation for the performance.

However, after Christmas we will have a focus on sporting after school clubs. Like many local schools, our sport's day was cancelled this year (twice!). To avoid this happening again, as suggested by one parent, we will provisionally book sports day for early in the summer term, allowing more time to rearrange if necessary.

One parent expressed disappointment that the children changed house teams this year, Last year was a trial year and we felt that there was an uneven spread across the houses so, in the spirit of fairness and competition, we readdressed the balance. The children will now remain in these teams for the duration of their time at Victoria.

In addition, there were a small number of individual comments related to personal circumstances. Unfortunately, as no names were on the forms it is very difficult to respond to the family directly. However, if you would like a response to the comment that you raised, then please get in touch.

Winning House

The house with the most star points this week is
Cornerswell—Well done all!



Museum Week

On Monday 21st November we will be holding a whole school theme week, 'Victoria Museum', in order to celebrate the children's history work from this term.

During the week, the children will make artefacts that they will put on display as part of their class museum. On Friday, 25th November, we will invite the children to come into school dressed from the period of time that their class is currently studying e.g. Year 5 will come dressed as a person from the Tudor age. The children will then visit different rooms in the school 'museum' in order to find out what other children have learnt over the term.

More information will be available nearer the time, but we have no doubt that it will be a wonderful experience for the children.



Spooky Disco

On Tuesday 1st November, we will be holding a spooky fundraising disco, in order to raise funds for end of term celebration treats. The Foundation Phase disco will take place during the school afternoon, but the KS2 discos will happen after school:

Years 3-4 16:00—17:00 years 5-6 17:00—18:00

The children will be able to wear their favourite spooky costume and, for £2.00, will have entry to the disco and be provided with a spooky snack and drink.

Calendar 2016/2017

Autumn Term

School Photographer in	Friday 7th October
Harvest Assembly	Thursday 13th October
Parent Consultation Meetings	Monday 17th and Thursday 20th Oct
Y4 trip to Big Pit	Tuesday 18th October
Y5 trip to Llancaiach Fawr	Tuesday 18th October
Half Term	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28th Oct
Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)	Monday 31st October
Spooky Disco	Tuesday 1st November
Y4 trip to Techniquet	Tuesday 1st November
Christmas Fayre	Friday 18th November
Victoria Museum Theme Week (costume needed)	Monday 21st November
Breakfast with Santa	Saturday 3rd December
Christmas Party	Thursday 15th December
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December

Spring Term

Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 4 th January
Half Term	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th February
Y6 Residential	Monday 20 th to Friday 24 th March
Last Day of Term	Friday 7th April

Summer Term

First Day of Term	Monday 24 th April
Staff Training Day (School closed to all pupils)	Friday 26 th May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2nd June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21st July

Harvest

On Thursday 13th October, the children will be visiting the Tabernacle Church for their Harvest Festival. Once again, we would like to contribute to the food bank that the church organises, and we would appreciate it if every family could donate a dried food item. In order to create a display of the food, we would like the items to be sent in to class **as soon as possible**. Thank you for your generosity.



Quiz Night

Friday 14th October - starts 7.30pm
Junior Hall, Victoria Primary School

Entry £6.00 per person

cash bar - great raffle prizes - entrance includes
cheeseboard per table and quiz - teams of 6 max

Tickets can be purchased via the form found on the PTA
website or from the playground w/c 3rd & 10th October



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All proceeds raised will go
to Victoria Primary PTA

Quiz Night Tickets

Please complete this slip and return via your child's teacher no later than Tuesday 11th October, enclosing either a cheque payable to Victoria Primary PTA, or cash sealed in an envelope addressed to PTA Quiz Night. Tickets will be returned via book bags.

My name is Email address

My child's name is Class Year

I would like to buy tickets and I enclose £ cash/
cheque

Can we add you to the PTA mailing list please? **yes/no**