

# VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## "Together we aim for the stars"

20th October 2017

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### HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending parent consultation meetings, which are an integral part of home/school partnership. We hope that you found them useful in supporting your child with their next steps in learning. If you were unable to attend the meetings, then please contact the school office in order to make an alternative appointment.

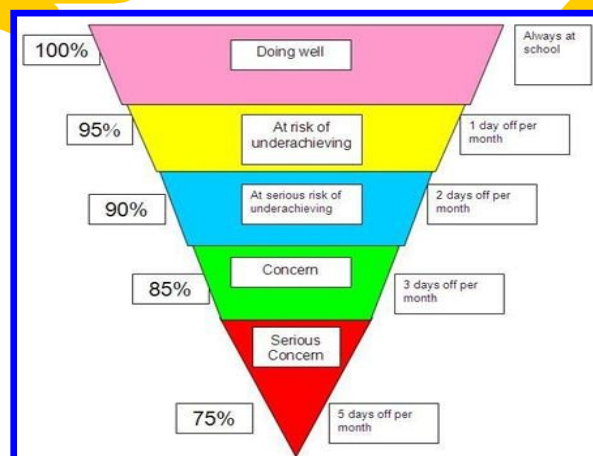
A special thank you to the PTA for organising the recent Quiz Night— a massive £500 was raised. Well done all!

Many thanks for your continued support,  
*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 97%. A special well done to Class 5E who had the highest attendance with 100%. WELL DONE!



### Star of the week



Reception

Dylan Brace

Isla Cowley

Y1

Tyler Jay Winmill-Forrester

Ffion Matthews

Y2

Isaac Wilson

Jonah Mclean

Y3

Florence Thomas

Ruby Morgan

Max Weston

Sophie Evans

Angel King

Y4

Elijah Harvey

John Warren

Y6

Aidan Goddard

Rowan Enticott

Barney Drake

### Year Three Trip

Recently Year Three children visited the Iron Age roundhouse at St. Fagan's to learn about daily life for the Celts during this period of history.

They had great fun exploring iron artefacts including spearheads and daggers, discovering how the Celts smelted iron and what a turning point it was for them with their technology. The children also found out about how fabric and clothes were made, spinning some wool in the process, and the way in which they found food. This has really helped the children to write non-chronological reports about Life as a Celt this week.



### Children In Need

Children in Need Day is fast approaching and people around the country will be participating in many activities to fundraise for this excellent charity. Due to an INSET day being held on this day, we will be hosting our fundraising day on Thursday 16th November. Year 5 and 6 children will be setting up their own stalls to sell a variety of treats, crafts and games - we are always amazed by their creativity and generosity and we are hoping that this will be our most successful fundraising year ever. Children from across the school are welcome to bring in pocket money on this day and each class will be given a time to visit the stalls with their class teacher. Please be aware that round pound coins will still be accepted by the charity.

We have also ordered some official merchandise which will be on sale during the week commencing Monday 13th November. Please find the Pudsey stall under the shelter at the end of the school day.

As a thanks to the children for their fundraising efforts, Thursday 16th November will also be a non-uniform day. The official theme for Children in Need is Spotacular so spotty clothes are welcome but not essential.

### **Family Learning Project**

This week we have given the children an **optional** Family Learning Project to complete. The children have until Friday 24th November to return the project so that families who are busy over the half term break are given additional time to complete. If you wish to participate in the task, please note that it is only **ONE** project per family, with as much involvement from as many family members as possible.

We are looking forward to sharing the completed projects with your children. The Curriculum Task Group will judge the projects during our theme week and award prizes to the winning families.



# A message from the Road Safety Team



Thank you to all of the parents/guardians who park responsibly every morning to make sure that we are safe. However, there are a number of parents who are still parking on the single yellow lines outside of the school. Please park in a side street and walk your child into school so that they are not dropped off at the side of a busy road.  
Road Safety Crew

# Books Wanted

*As many of you may know the school is working very hard to create a new library, for everyone to enjoy. To make the library that much better, we need some new books and would appreciate any donations of good quality fiction and non-fiction books. We will be extremely grateful for all donations.*  
Many thanks  
Hannah Jeffreys & Rebecca Coggins  
School Council



## **An important message from Cardiff and Vale School Nursing Team**



As part of the School Immunisation programme all school age children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 will be offered the nasal spray flu vaccine to protect them from flu.

Flu is caused by viruses and spreads easily. Anyone can get flu but rates of infection are high among children. It can cause fever, aching muscles, headaches, tiredness, cough, chills, blocked nose and a sore throat. Often children who get flu feel very unwell and need a few days in bed. For some children they get so ill they need to be admitted to hospital. Complications can include bronchitis, pneumonia and ear infections. Children can also be infected with flu and display no symptoms, however they may pass flu to those at risk.

Children with health conditions like Diabetes, heart or lung disease are at increased risk of becoming very ill with flu, so it's important that they have the flu vaccine annually. If your child is in an at risk group and having the vaccine for the first time please inform the School Nurse. This group will continue to be offered the vaccine every year. Flu vaccination is very quick and very safe.

On the day can you please inform the school nurse if your child has been unwell for the previous 3 days or has had a wheezy chest, increased use of asthma inhalers or been generally unwell.

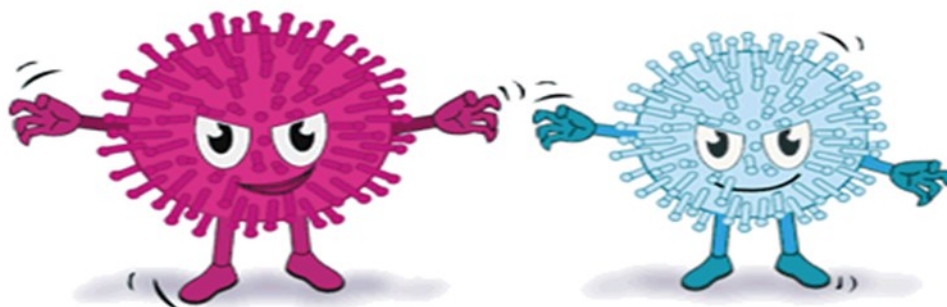
The School Nurse and a team of Immunisation Nurses will deliver the vaccine in school. You will shortly receive a consent form, information about the vaccination and the date that it will take place. Please complete the consent form and return to school before this date, to ensure that your child receives the vaccine. Please contact the School Nurse if you have any queries.

**Your School Nurse can be contacted via the School Nursing Team on:**

*Cardiff West: 029 20 907663 Cardiff East: 029 20 734161 Vale: 01446 704114*

Your School Nurse also offers a regular, confidential service for all pupils and parents to discuss any health or well-being issues.

You can find out more information on the vaccine at [www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/immunisation](http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/immunisation)



# Notices

## Twitter

Please follow our twitter feed @victoriapenarth to keep up to date with the great work that our children are doing. We hope to be updating as often as we can to celebrate our school.



## Spooky Disco

On Thursday 26 October, 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.



## Town Mayor's Painting Competition

Theme: Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer in Penarth

It is that time of year again! There are 3 categories; Juniors, Infants and Nursery. If your child would like to enter please complete at home and send any entries into Mrs Young (Year3). Paintings need to be completed on A4 and sent in to school by the 9th November. Happy Painting!



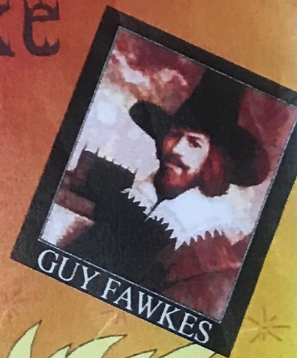
# Bonfire Night

Hot Dog, Chips  
and Baked Beans  
in Tomato Sauce

Bonfire Cornflake  
Crisp  
Weds 8<sup>th</sup> Nov

*Please to remember the fifth of November  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.  
I see no reason, why gunpowder treason  
Should ever be forgot.*

Vale Catering Services



VALE of GLAMORGAN  
BRO MORGANNWG

## Calendar 2017/2018

### Autumn Term 2017

6J trip to Brecon  
6G trip to Brecon  
6K trip to Brecon  
KS2 Spooky Disco

Monday 23rd October  
Tuesday 24th October  
Wednesday 25th October  
Thursday 26th October

### **Half term break**

**Monday 30th Oct—Friday 3rd November**

Y4 to Big Pit  
Y4 Cake sale  
Anti-Bullying week  
Children in need day  
**INSET—school closed to pupils**  
Y3 trip to Caerleon  
Whole school Theme Week (costume needed)  
Christmas Fayre  
Early Years Concert  
Junior Concert  
Infant Carol Service  
Magic Show  
Class Christmas Parties

Tuesday 7th November  
Friday 10th November  
Mon 13th—Thurs 16th November  
Thursday 16th November  
**Friday 17th November**  
Monday 20th November  
Mon 27th Nov—Fri 1st Dec  
Saturday 2nd December  
Monday 4th December  
Tues 5th Dec—Thurs 7th Dec (4pm, Stanwell)  
Friday 8th December  
Wednesday 20th December  
Thursday 21st December

### **Christmas Holiday starts**

**Friday 22nd December**

### **Spring Term starts**

**Monday 8th January**

### **Welsh Government Tests**

**Wed 2nd May—Weds 9th May**

**INSET—school closed to pupils**

**Friday 25th May**

**INSET—school closed to pupils**

**Monday 23rd July**

**INSET—school closed to pupils**

**Tuesday 24th July**