

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

17th November 2017

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Today the staff have participated in professional development training to improve the teaching of writing. It has been an extremely interesting day with an opportunity to discuss the teaching of writing with colleagues from other schools. We will follow this up with an information workshop for parents—please look out for the date in future newsletters.

A reminder that next Friday is non-uniform day in order to collect donations for the Christmas tombola stall.

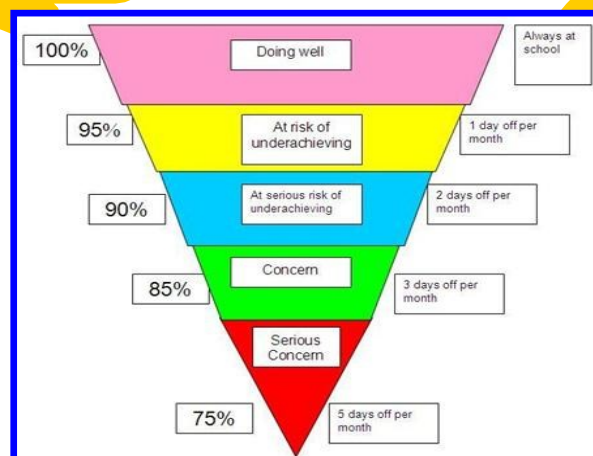
Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Daniels

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 %. A special well done to Classes 4F/H, 20 and 6J who had the highest attendance with 100%.

WELL DONE!



Football Star of the future

Dylan Sullivan was presented with Barry town Academy player of the month last Saturday, during Barry Town's first team match with Llandudno.

Well done Dylan, we are very proud of you and your achievements.



Museum Week

On Monday 27th 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 complete work and make artefacts that they will put on display as part of their class museum. On either Thursday 30th November or Friday 1st December, 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 present a short piece to parents demonstrating what they have learnt over the term. We will also be displaying the fantastic family learning projects and selling refreshments.

We would like to invite parents to visit the school on the following days and times. The Curriculum Task Group will act as your official guides and presenters as you visit the Victoria School Museum.

The times of the visits are as follows:

Thursday 30 th November 2017		
Time	Year group	Location
09.00 - 09.25	1	Foundation Phase Hall
09.30 - 09.55	2	Foundation Phase Hall
14.00 - 14.25	6	Key Stage Two Hall
14.30 - 14.55	3	Key Stage Two Hall
Friday 1 st November 2017		
09.00 - 09.25	5	Key Stage Two Hall
09.30 - 09.55	4	Key Stage Two Hall

Themes Studied:

Year One— Famous people in the past

Year Two— Great Fire of London/ Gunpowder Plot

Year Three—The Celts and The Romans

Year Four—The Victorians

Year Five—The Tudors

Year Six—World War 2

A Safe and Healthy Journey to School

We would like all children to be able to walk to school safely and encourage parents and carers who don't **have** to drive to please walk their children to and from school.

Currently Stanwell Road and the back entrance to the school is a cause for great concern. Traffic congestion on Stanwell Road and in the Masonic carpark at drop off and pick up time is having a serious negative impact on our children walking to school.

Issues:

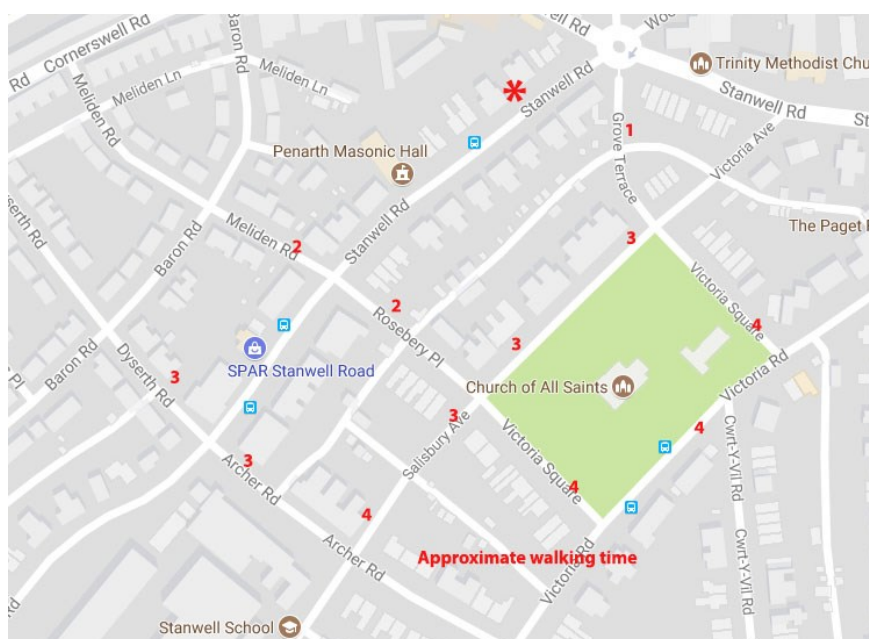
- The volume of traffic on Stanwell Road and cars driving too fast are making it unsafe for children (and parents) to cross.
- Children do not have a safe passage to the school back gate and are having to navigate their way past moving and parked cars. This is doubly hard for those parents with more than one child and a pram.
- The amount of traffic in the car park (stationary and in motion) is creating a very concerning build-up of exhaust fumes, which as we all know is extremely dangerous, especially to children.
- Cars are mounting the pavement on Stanwell Road near the school entrance at a time when many children and families are walking along on their way to school. Children and parents should be able to feel safe on the pavements and not have to look out for cars.

We would like to request that parent who need to drive their children to school, to please consider parking a couple of minutes' walk away from the school entrance - please see map for suggested streets and approximate walking time into school. Having observed the traffic congestion at these peak times, and noting how long it can take for cars to enter and leave the carpark, we think that a short walk in will actually take less time altogether.

Benefit from not parking at the back gate:

- Reduced traffic on Stanwell Road and safer environment for crossing
- Safe for children and parents to walk from Stanwell Road to the back gate
- Significant reduction in exhaust pollution in the Masonic car park

A brisk walk in the morning is good for children, to wake them up and create some energy ready for their school day. According to a recent Danish study, exercise such as biking or walking to school can improve your child's concentration in class by up to 60 percent of the standard school day. <http://activeforlife.com/exercise-before-school-improves-attentiveness-in-class/>



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.



Unwanted bikes

If we have any families with unwanted/outgrown bicycles for 5-6 year olds, that they no longer need, we would welcome them for our Reception outside area. Our bicycles are always popular and are used regularly to improve physical development, but many now need replacing. Any donations will be gratefully received.



Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer/ volunteers to carry out the role of lollipop person at the start and end of the school day, on Stanwell Road. The role could be shared or completed by an individual, and the hours would be 8.30—09.00 and 15.20—15.50. The volunteer would be issued with a uniform and given adequate training. Please contact the office if you are able to support us in making the school journey a safe one for our children.



Calendar 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

Y3 trip to Caerleon	Monday 20th November
Non-uniform day (tombola donations)	Friday 24th November
Whole school Theme Week (costume needed)	Mon 27th Nov—Fri 1st Dec
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 2nd December
Nursery Concert	Monday 4th December am
Reception Concert	Monday 4th December pm
Junior Concert	Tues 5th Dec—Thurs 7th Dec (4pm, Stanwell)
Infant Carol Service	Friday 8th December
Nasal flu vaccination (Rec-Y4)	Wednesday 13th December
Disco treat for Winning House	Tuesday 19th December
Magic Show	Wednesday 20th December
Class Christmas Parties	Thursday 21st December
End of term celebration assembly	Friday 22nd December

Christmas Holiday starts

Friday 22nd December

Spring Term starts

PC Emma Mudie Year 3 Workshop	Monday 8th January
Cake Sale (Y3 donations)	Tuesday 9th January
Internet Safety Day	Friday 12th January
PTA band night	Wednesday 7th February
Cake Sale (Y2 donations)	Friday 9th February
Break up for half term	Friday 9th February
Eisteddfod	Friday 16th February
Cake Sale (Y1 donations)	Thursday 1st March
PC Emma Mudie Year 4 Workshop	Friday 2nd March
Film Night Y2/Y3	Wednesday 7th March
Sponsored Bounce	Friday 19th March
Break up for Easter	Friday 23rd March
	Thursday 29th March

Summer term starts

Monday 16th April

Welsh Government Tests

Weds 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