

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Together we aim for the stars"

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HEADTEACHER'S THOUGHTS THIS WEEK

Dear Parents,

Next week, the children will participate in a number of Christmas activities, including a magic show and Christmas parties. Please look out for letters giving more details.

Please can we request that all children are sent in appropriately dressed for the weather. Many children are still wearing short trousers/socks and thin jackets.

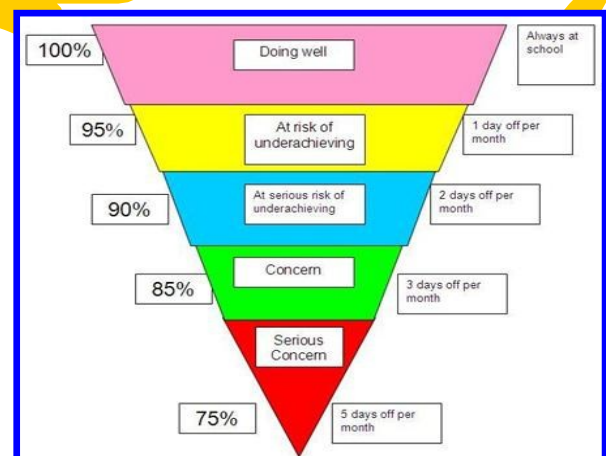
We will be unable to let them outside if we feel that their clothing is not sufficiently warm. Thank you for your continued support.

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 94%. A special well done to Class 3S who had the highest attendance with 99%. WELL DONE!



Star of the week



Reception

Cameron Wright

Catrin Cornmell

Y1

Rebekah Harvey

Ellie Morris

Y2

Misty Sanders

Emily Lowther

Y3

Kornelia Wachowicz

Daisy Farmer

Kornelia Marszalek

Y4

Chloe Person

Hannah Lawrence

Y5

Grace Pedwell

Bella Hollinshead

Violet Evans

Y6

Charlie Fitzgerald Lewis

Iestyn Price-Turcaz

Alice Connor

Nursery Nativity



Town Mayor's Painting Competition

Well done to everyone who entered the Town Mayor's Painting Competition. The entries were all amazing and full of originality! The winners have just been announced and we are very proud to say Victoria Primary were awarded 5 prizes. Congratulations to Lara Russin and Ellie Hughes who won 1st and 2nd prize in the Infant category and Iolo Michaelis, Katy Penn and Elsie Marks who won 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in the Junior category. We are hoping the Town Mayor will visit school in the New Year to award the children with their certificates and prizes. Everyone who entered will also get a certificate to congratulate them on their efforts. All paintings will be on display at the Paget Rooms in Penarth from Monday 18th December until Friday 22nd December.



A safe journey to and from school

If you use the back gate to enter and exit the school, I am sure that you have noticed how potentially dangerous this route can be.

As a result, to ensure our pupils' safety, we have liaised with the Masonic Hall and have agreed to close the car park, at both drop off and pick up times, **as of January**. Green cones will be used to block the entrance to both sides of the lane, which will enable our children to leave the playground safely.

If parents refrain from parking on the corner of the road, then our children will be assured a safe journey to and from school.

Thank you for your continued support.



Christmas Tree Festival

The nursery children, with the help of parents and staff, created a super 'Aliens love underpants' tree for the St Augustine's tree festival. The wonderfully inspired creation was awarded Bronze—well done everyone!



Cycling - Year 6

In January, Year 6 will have the opportunity to participate in a practical "On Road" National Standards cycle training course.

The course is designed to develop road sense, awareness of traffic dangers and to improve your child's ability to ride safely on the road.

If you wish your child to participate in this cycle training they will need a bicycle in a safe, roadworthy condition; it would be helpful if you could check the bicycle or take it to a cycle shop to be checked, to ensure that it is safe to use.

Please note that all children will also be required to wear an approved cycle helmet at all times throughout the training.



Pharoah's Pantry Food Bank Donations

The Tabernacle Church in Penarth runs a foodbank aimed at providing support to people in need in our local community. They are constantly in need of donations to keep this project running and we would like to support them this Christmas by collecting food donations on their behalf.

If you are able or would like to donate any of the following items then please send them in with your child:

- Tins of food
- Tea-bags or coffee
- Boxes of breakfast cereal
- Packet soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Mash Potato



If you would like to participate, please send in dried foods only, containing **no nut products**. All of your donations will be given to the food bank who will distribute them to people in need.

We will be collecting donations from Monday 11th December—Tuesday 19th December.

Many thanks, Mrs Frayne.

"Look how I've grown" campaign

The PTA are running a new campaign for used uniform called "Look how I've grown"

On Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday next week children are encouraged to bring in any school uniform they have outgrown that you are willing to donate. The clothes can be handed in to the class teachers who will then pass these on to the PTA. Many of you have kindly donated or bought school uniform from the second hand uniform shop for which we are very grateful. All proceeds from sold stock help the PTA fund school equipment and school trips for the children. Many thanks for your continued support



Christmas Arrangements

The last day of term will be a fun day for the children and will provide them with an opportunity to play games together. On this day, the children will be able to bring in toys from home—no electrical or high value games allowed. School uniform must still be worn.

The children will be allowed to wear their party clothes on Thursday 21st December for the class Christmas party. A letter will be sent out regarding party food contributions.



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

Disco treat for Winning House
Magic Show
Class Christmas Parties
End of term celebration assembly

Tuesday 19th December
Wednesday 20th December
Thursday 21st December
Friday 22nd December

Christmas Holiday starts

Friday 22nd December

Spring Term starts

PC Emma Mudie Year 3 Workshop
Cake Sale (Y3 donations)
Internet Safety Day
PTA band night
Cake Sale (Y2 donations)
Break up for half term
Eisteddfod
Cake Sale (Y1 donations)
Parent/teacher meeting
Parent/teacher meeting
PC Emma Mudie Year 4 Workshop
Film Night Y2/Y3
Sponsored Bounce
Theme week (**book character costume needed**)
Break up for Easter

Monday 8th January
Tuesday 9th January
Friday 12th January
Wednesday 7th February
Friday 9th February
Friday 9th February
Friday 16th February
Thursday 1st March
Friday 2nd March
Monday 5th March
Wednesday 7th March
Wednesday 7th March
Friday 19th March
Friday 23rd March
Mon 26th to Thurs 29th 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