

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Staff Planning, preparation and assessment time.

As you are aware teachers must be given a non-contact session each week for planning, preparation and assessment. I release my staff in teams so that they have time for their individual planning but can also discuss the work of each year group and age phase to ensure consistency, continuity and progression across the curriculum.

On Tuesday afternoons the infant staff are released and the children are split in several mixed age groups. Over a half term period they rotate through a range of activities to learn about the heritage and culture of different countries with Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Husband and all the excellent learning support staff.

On Wednesday afternoons the lower junior staff are released and on Thursday afternoons the upper junior staff are released. These classes are taught by two members of staff for half the term and by two others for the second half term. At the moment years 3 & 5 have Creative Dance with Miss Brown and Religious Education with Mr. Stansfield while years 4 & 6 have Music with Mrs. Taylor and Thinking Skills across the curriculum with Mr. Husband. After half term the classes will swap around.

Uniform

We are trying very hard to encourage all pupils to wear uniform. It helps to affirm their school identity that the children can be proud of and establishes equality amongst the children. Please send your children to school in uniform every day. Jeans or multi-coloured trousers and shirts are not acceptable for school wear. Please send them in the uniform colours of white, gold, burgundy, black and grey. Asda now stock very cheap gold polo shirts, black and grey trousers and burgundy sweatshirts and of course stock is always available from J.M.Textiles.

Drama club.

The response was so great that the club now has to run on two different evenings. Years 3 & 4 will continue on a Wednesday evening in the upstairs hall while years 5 & 6 will come on Friday evenings in the Infant Hall.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held at the Cefn Mably at 8.00pm on Tuesday September 25th. New members are very welcome to join us; our meetings are very friendly and sociable.

Year 6 fundraisers

A group of year 6 pupils have decided to make and sell scoobies in aid of the Shooting Star Hospice and Water Aid. They have discussed this with me and are selling the scoobies at break time for 15 p and 20p depending on the chosen design.

Extra-curricular

Please pay in advance for any of the fee paying clubs. Cheques for drama, karate and yoga are made payable to the provider but cheques for French club to the school.

Please see back of this sheet for information on the families learning together courses.

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FAMILIES LEARNING TOGETHER AT VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL.

KEEPING UP WITH THE CHILDREN.

The meeting last Wednesday was very successful with eight parents signing up for the course but at their request the workshops will focus on Numeracy rather than literacy for the first half term.

There will be workshops running every Monday afternoon between 12.45 and 3.30 pm in the school library on the ground floor of the main building.

Parents may attend as often as they can. There is no charge for the workshops and a free crèche will be provided with fully qualified staff.

If you didn't sign up last week but would like to come, please turn up on Monday and join Michele Carter for the first workshop.

It will be very informal and is aimed at giving parents or grandparents a better insight into how Numeracy is taught in the junior age phase.

Some parents indicated a desire to attend but work in the day.

Michele is happy to run some workshops throughout October from 5.30 to 7.30 pm on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

Please sign and return the slip below if you are interested in attending the afternoon or evening workshops.

Michele will run the course on the evening that is convenient for the majority of parents as shown by the selection on the return slips.

Please delete as appropriate.

I would like to attend the Monday afternoon workshops.

I would like to attend the evening workshops.

My preferred evening would be MONDAY / TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY

My child / children is / are in year 3 / 4 / 5 / 6.

Full name of adult / adults attending.-----