

## VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL

21<sup>st</sup> November 2008

Dear Parents,

### Children in Need

Many thanks for your wonderful support – the children raised **£381.30** and had a real fun day at school.

### Christmas Fayre

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November is our Annual Christmas Fayre, which will again be held in the Infant Building between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

All junior pupils will move to the upstairs of the main building and all infant pupils will move to the downstairs of the main building. Parents wishing to collect their children early may access the main building via the main entrance in the porch. All children not collected early will be dismissed at 3.30 p.m. Infants from the side door of the main building near the garden area. Juniors from the side door by the junior toilet block.

### Road Safety Awareness

Year 3 pupils were visited by the Vale Road Safety Officers last week. The infants will be given Road Safety training on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November by the Vale officers and 'Tufty'.

### Anti-bullying Week 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> November

As always the school continues to encourage strategies to prevent bullying in the school. Assemblies and weekly circle time sessions allow staff and pupils to discuss ways to address bullying. Both year 6 classes have been involved in Anti bullying workshops during the week and other classes have continued their social and emotional literacy activities to help them deal with their own emotions. Our school Anti-bullying Policy and Assertive Discipline Procedures can be found in the School Prospectus on the school website.

The School Prospectus is currently being updated and the new version published on the website on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Hard copies are available from the office on request.

### Open Hour

May I remind parents that the school will be open between 3.30 and 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December for you to visit the classes with your children and celebrate their achievements this term.

### School Visits

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Yr 6 visit to Cardiff Castle
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 5 " " " "
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Yrs 3 & 4 to National Museum Cardiff
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	All infants to Pantomime in Barry

### Christmas Concert Dates – Reminders

Nursery Nativities	a.m. + p.m.	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Infant Dress Rehearsal	10.00 a.m.	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Infant Performance	2.00 p.m.	" " "
" " "	10.00 a.m.	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
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Junior Carol Service	2.00 p.m.	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December at All Saints Church

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**Term Ends**                    **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 3.30 p.m.**  
**INSET Day**                    **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009**  
**Pupils restart**                **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

#### Caretaker House & Garden

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has agreed that the school may use the garden and plans are in hand to build new access steps from the nursery play area to the garden.

The pupils will be able to use it when it satisfies all health and safety regulations.

The use of the house is currently under discussion. Ashgrove School is a special school for pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. After spending time at this school some children are able to re-integrate into a mainstream setting but this needs to be built up over a period of time. There are very good working relationships between Ashgrove and Victoria, we currently have 3 pupils successfully re-integrating. The local authority proposal is to set up an outreach unit in the caretaker house for 6-8 pupils who are ready to start re-integrating. They would be based in the unit but would join mainstream classes occasionally building up to eventual full time attendance but always supported by a learning support assistant.

The governing body support this proposal and feel the information should be shared with parents. If any parents have any queries please arrange to see Mrs Taylor or any member of the Governing Body.

#### Pupil Photographs

Please return all proofs by **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**.

If you require photographs after that date you will have to send them directly to Colorfoto.

T Taylor  
Head Teacher