

VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th January 2012

Dear parents,

Tuesday 17th January – Upper Hall 7.00p.m. - 8.00 p.m. **Parents Information Evening –**

Join us to hear about our

1. 'Big Maths' initiative to improve core numeracy and how you can help your children with 'Learn Its' Homework'.
2. Our revised school homework policy,
3. The Governors' Annual Report

Crèche available in the Nursery 6.55p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please note that parents are expected to notify school on the FIRST day of a child's illness, preferably by telephone between 8.15 and 8.55 am. As we are now completing our registers electronically this allows office staff to enter absence details before the register is taken in classes at 8.55 am.

Late marks are given to pupils arriving after the school bell; any families who are consistently late will be referred to the education welfare officer as will families where children's attendance falls below 85%.

The Welsh Government is tightening up on attendance matters and has set targets for all schools. Please help us to maintain our very good attendance record by taking your holidays within school holiday periods. Dates for the next few years are available on the school website of Vale website.

Dinner Money

Please note that dinner money is due on a **Monday**. School dinners cost £1.90 per day, £9.50 per week. We are required to inform the Vale of Glamorgan Catering Service of any meals that have not been paid for and they will pursue any outstanding debts.

You can now pay for school meals and music tuition securely by credit or debit card using www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/payit or by calling 01446 700 111 (Monday – Friday, 8am-6pm).

Birthday Invitations

We understand that the school is the best place for you to issue birthday party invitations, please ensure they are sent to the class teacher in good time as we cannot guarantee that they will be given out on the same day that they are received as there could be more important, class, school or PTA information to be distributed.

Birthday Cake, Sweet Treats

The school has a Healthy Eating Policy and therefore we try to limit the amount of cakes, sweets etc given to the children.

In recent months the number of cakes and sweets that we have been asked to distribute in the classes have increased.

We would therefore ask that cakes are shared at home during parties and NOT sent in to school.

We would also ask that children returning from holiday do NOT bring in bags of sweets etc.

The children will still get their treats at the PTA cake sales or school parties, fund raisers etc.

Please support this request. In future we will have to politely refuse to give out cakes or sweets.

A message from our Lollipop Lady

"I would like to thank everyone, so very much for the cards, presents and good wishes this Christmas. In such hard times as these, I'm overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness and I can't thank you enough. I would also like to wish you all A Very Happy, Healthy and Wealthy New Year. Thank you once again "Mrs Margaret Regan.

A message from the school staff.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our families for the lovely Christmas gifts that you gave to us and we are all very grateful. We too are overwhelmed by your gifts of appreciation for all that we do. Thank you.

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