



# Ashton Vale Primary School

## Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 18th September 2020

The children have really settled into their learning well over the last week.

The school is doing a lot of work, developing a curriculum that best suits the need of children at our school. This curriculum ensures children feel safe, motivated and ready to learn at home and in school.

Of course, in these strange times, we have to be even more aware of the well-being of the children and families of our school and it is important that we work together to ensure we are all supported.

Never hesitate to talk to staff whenever you feel the need, someone will always be available.

I'm really enjoying meeting and talking to all of the families of the school.

### Meet the Teacher Zoom Sessions

We would like to invite you to meet your child's teacher online using Zoom. The meetings will take place over the week beginning 28th September. A timetable will be sent next week with details.

It will give teachers an opportunity to talk through any expectations, routines and how you can be part of your child's learning at home.

It will also give you an opportunity to see the adapted learning environment. We wish we could invite you into our school and meet face-to-face but unfortunately this is not something we can currently do safely.

If you require further time to discuss things with the class teacher, or would prefer to talk over the phone, we are more than happy to arrange an

### Safety Reminder

Please ensure that you follow our school procedures for picking up and dropping off children.

Times are staggered to ensure less people are coming in the gates at the same time.

If you are early, we please ask you to remain outside the school gates and only come in at your designated time.

A member of SLT will be standing at the red line to take any urgent messages but we please ask to call the office to pass on messages and arrange times to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are currently developing systems to make the communication channels much easier between staff and families. Many thanks you for your pa-

### KS1 Fruit Snack

Fresh fruit and vegetables are being supplied for all KS1 children for their snack. Parents/carers can supply their own but please ensure it is limited to only fruit or vegetables.

### Bristol Term Dates 2020-21

#### 2020 to 2021

- **Term 1** Tuesday 1 September 2020 to Friday 23 October 2020
- **Term 2** Monday 2 November 2020 to Friday 18 December 2020
- **Term 3** Monday 4 January 2021 to Friday 12 February 2021
- **Term 4** Monday 22 February 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021
- **Term 5** Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021
- **Term 6** Monday 7 June 2021 to Wednesday 21 July 2021



### School Lunches Reminder

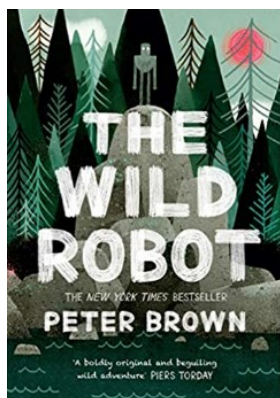
School lunches must be ordered the week before using ParentPay. If you are still having trouble with this system please contact the school office for assistance. All families need to use this system.

For children bringing in their own lunch please make sure it is full of healthy choices. Now more than ever it is important we focus on keeping ourselves and our children healthy and one way of doing this is considering the food we choose.

### Book Of The Week

Year 6 are loving their new class book, *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown.

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is - but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realises that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcome animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home - until, one day, her mysterious past comes back to haunt her.



### Roald Dahl Day

Last Sunday, 13th September 2020, the world celebrated the works of this wonderful author. Unfortunately, it landed on a weekend this year but many classes still made time to read some of his classic stories and to look at some of the weird and wonderful characters he created.



### Times Tables Rock Stars

When it comes to times tables, speed AND accuracy are important – the more facts your child remembers, the easier it is for them to do harder calculations.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help students master the times tables!



It's essential that your child does a little bit of times table practice every night. Short bursts of daily practise are more effective than spending hours once a week.

And this is where you come in. For your child to be fully motivated and for them to get the best out of the practice, they need your help. Without your praise and your reminders, without you sitting down next to them or checking their work, practising times tables will not feel important to your child.

All children in KS1 and KS2 will be able to access Rock-stars and to make the most of this great resource.