



Governors' News



Ashton Vale Primary School

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Welcome everyone to a new academic year, as we take a look back at the last year and what a year it has been!

In my role as Chair of Governors, I have been privileged to follow not only the academic achievements, but everything else our young people have been involved in during the year.

Sporting Achievements

Our sporting achievements have been outstanding and it was with great pleasure I accepted an invitation to the sporting awards ceremony at Ashton Park School.

Many of Ashton Vale's young people gained awards, which considering we are such a small school was outstanding.

This is an opportunity to thank staff who give up their time and parents who support the children whatever activity they take part in (we couldn't do it without you).

Ashton Vale's Got Talent

Some of the other activities I have watched with pride are ASHTON VALE'S GOT TALENT, when our children of all ages get on stage to do their thing. It is a morning when the children can choose if they would like to dance, sing or play an instrument. Some children create acts that haven't been seen on stage before. It is very pleasing to see how many children take part, especially our Reception Class. It takes great courage and confidence to stand on stage in front of all the other children. Well done!

Music Concert

The serious music event took place on 25 May. The concert gave parents the chance to see how very talented their children are. The programme included the choir, clarinets and recorder orchestral, drummers and guitarists. It was an evening of amazing music and well worth watching.

School Choir

Our school choir have taken part in two concerts this year, singing with the adult Handfuls of Harmony choir. I joined the adult choir when it began several years ago and as each new session begins, I seem to be enjoying it more. To sing in concert with the children is inspiring.

If you feel you would like to come along for a sing song, please ask at school for dates when we begin again.

We all started because it was advertised as a choir for people who can't sing, which fitted me nicely. We do, however, sound pretty good when we all get together.

Children's University

Congratulations to our 17 children who graduated at the Children's University Graduation Ceremony on 18 July. The children spent a whole morning at the Bristol Hippodrome, where they were dressed in traditional

graduation gown and mortarboard, prior to collecting their awards on stage.

The children had a wonderful morning celebrating with children from other Bristol schools.

In case you are not familiar with the Children's University, children log their hours of activities outside of the normal school day and work towards awards, just like points towards a degree. The scheme, including a ceremony at the end of each year, celebrates and encourages children to try new activities.

If you would like to find out more about how to join, please speak to the school office.

Year 6 Leavers 2017

Our young people who were in year 6 produced a wonderful performance of PETER PAN as their end of year play. This was a new initiative and very adventurous, but it worked brilliantly, giving every person in the class a chance to show their acting skills.

The year 6's last assembly was very emotional, but as we all know by this time they are ready to move on.

It only remains to send them best wishes from all the governors.

Ms Champeney's Farewell Celebrations

I would like to say a special thank you to everyone who worked so hard to give Ms Champeney a fantastic send off.

The PTA were, once again, wonderful. Their work is invaluable to the school, so if you can offer some time to join them, I know they would appreciate it.

A special thank you to George Staples, who is an ex pupil. He has worked as a volunteer at our school for many years between his studies. George worked so hard to help Ms Champeney's day go so well.

Congratulations to George as he has now gained a place at university.

Reception Children 2017

A very warm welcome to our new Reception children and their families. The children are all looking very smart in their new uniforms. I look forward to seeing all of their lovely work.

Exciting Times Ahead

We are now entering new and exciting times. The governors here are looking forward to working alongside Mr Hollis, our new head teacher.

We also have three new teachers, each one bringing lots of energy and enthusiasm to the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them to Ashton Vale School.

Governing Body

We have had some governors retire; many of whom had children at Ashton Vale many years ago. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the years of service they have given us and wish them a very happy future.

If you would like to know more about your Governing Body and how it works, please feel free to contact me through the school office.

Further information on becoming a governor can also be found on our website using this link:

<http://ashtonvaleprimary.weebly.com/our-governors.html>

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