



# Governors' News

Ashton Vale Primary School

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Welcome to our term 4 newsletter from the Governing Body at Ashton Vale School.

*Ashton Park  
Secondary School's  
'Good' Ofsted Report  
by Jenny Smith,  
Co-opted Governor*

As Chair of Governors here at

Ashton Vale, I was very impressed when reading Ashton Park School's Ofsted report which has recently been sent to us.

We work very closely with this school since joining the Co-operative Trust and have seen at first hand the hard work that goes on there to improve standards.

It appears GCSE results are now above National average and the sixth form has also gained fantastic results.

The behaviour in the sixth form was deemed as exemplary, which is a compliment to both students and staff.

The Government is constantly putting pressure on staff working in education to raise standards, so it is rewarding to see our local secondary school doing so well.

We congratulate all the staff and pupils and feel confident that when our young people leave us, they are in safe hands. Congratulations to all at Ashton Park School!

*Gardening By  
Yvonne Bushell,  
Trust Governor*



At this time of the year preparation for the ground and raised beds is needed to ensure that the seeds and plants have a good chance of growing.

At present the polytunnel beds have had topsoil and chicken poo put into them over the winter, to ensure that they have a good structure to the contents of the earth.

We have a good composting system in the allotment area, which enables the school garden areas to be supported with good quality compost which is free.

The Garden Club have organised their crop rotation vegetables and will be starting to plant the seeds and crops with the children in the polytunnel to start with and then they will be planted out in the allotment area and junior section of the gardens.



## Mother's Day Assembly by Suzanne Hayes, Parent Governor Friday 13 March 2015

I had the opportunity to watch the Mothers' Day assembly today and was, as always, hugely impressed by the children. I thought Penguin class were fantastic. At such a young age it takes so much confidence to stand up in front of all the school and so many parents. It is credit to them and their teachers how well they did. I know there were lots of mums with tears in their eyes (me included!).

It is also a pleasure to watch the other children in the rest of the school. Their behaviour as they enter and leave the hall is exemplary and the way they listen and respond to each other shows what a caring community we are all part of. Unfortunately, due to work commitments, I can rarely attend family assembly, but when I do it is a real treat.

I do appreciate all the preparation, time and effort the staff put into the assemblies. It is great to see so much of this then put onto the Ashton Vale website under the individual classes. The website has grown and been developed greatly over the last few years and is a real asset to the school now.

As a parent of both a Reception and Year 3 child, I love to see their work and little video clips of their life at school. I would highly recommend to other parents to take a look, there is some great stuff on there!



### A poem shared by Jenny Smith



#### Where's grandma?

*The computer's swallowed grandma*

*Yes, honestly it's true*

*she pressed 'control and enter' and disappeared from view.*

*It's devoured her completely; the thought just makes me squirm,*

*maybe she's caught a virus or been eaten by a worm.*

*I've searched through the recycle bin and files of every kind.*

*I've even used the Internet but nothing did I find*

*In desperation I asked Jeeves my searches to refine  
the reply from him was negative not a thing was found online.*

*So, if inside your 'In Box' my Grandma you should see.*

*Please scan, copy and paste her in an E-mail back to me.*

