

Newsletter – Friday, 11 October 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Parent Evenings

Parent/teacher meetings will be taking place next week. Please look out for sign-up sheets to book an appointment. The main evening will be on Thursday 17th October. This meeting is an opportunity for you to discuss how your child is settling into their new class and how they are progressing with their learning. It is also an opportunity for you to find out more about what you can do to support your child's learning and to ask questions.

Times Table Rockstars Launch Day, Friday 18th October

Friday 18th October is **Times Tables Rockstars** official 'launch day'. Children are invited to dress as rock stars for the day e.g. funky hair dos, wigs, glitter, colourful clothing, shoes and hats. We will be having a special launch assembly in the morning followed by other fun times table activities throughout the day. All children in years 2 to 6 have been given a username and password so that they can access Times Tables Rockstars at home. There will be no celebration service on this day.

Start with Singing

We are delighted to announce that Ashton Vale has been selected to be a part of the 'Start with Singing' programme. Bristol Plays Music is working with 12 primary schools to take part in this unique, 5-year music programme. We have been selected to benefit from this programme, based on our existing musical activity and the likelihood that the programme will be supported and valued over the period. The children will benefit from whole class singing with Bristol Plays Music specialist music teachers and access to extra musical instrument tuition.

Year 3 Cheddar Gorge

As part of their history topic on the Stone Age, Year 3 have made a visit to Cheddar Gorge and Caves. They have been learning about what it was like to be alive in Stone Age times and compare this with how they live today.



KS1 Multi Skills Club Tuesdays

We are running a multi skills sports club for KS1 classes on a Tuesday after school (3.15-4.15pm). The session is run by the Premier League Stars coaches, who are excellent. These sessions are subsidised by the school and only cost £10 for a block of 10 sessions. It is a great way for the children to have fun and keep fit. Please go to the school gateway if you would like to book a place for your child.

PTA Autumn Disco

On Thursday 24th October the PTA are holding an autumn disco. Halloween costumes are allowed but should not be too scary as we have children aged 4 at the event. **Tickets are £3 if you pay in advance by brining £3 to the school office. Ticket will be £5 on the door.** No entry will be allowed without payment.

PTA Cake Sale at the Hub



A **big thank you** to everyone who contributed to the PTA cake sale at The Hub. It turned out to be a great success. The PTA held their AGM this week and have many activities planned. We are always looking for parents to volunteer and help at these events. The PTA do an amazing job for the school and your support is greatly valued.

School Photographs

The School photographer will be coming in on the afternoon of Thursday 24th October to take the children's individual pictures.

Aldi Sports Kit for Schools



Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit! Collect a sticker with every £30 spent in store and fill up your school's poster for a chance to win. If you are shopping in Aldi, please collect your stickers and bring them into school. Our poster is already filling up nicely.



Attendance League September 16th to 20th 2019

Position	Class	Attendance
1	Kingfisher	98%
2	Robin	97%
3	Falcon	97%
4	Flamingo	96%
5	Bluejay	96%
6	Crow	93%
7	Penguin	N/A
Average		96.2%

Well done everybody - great attendance this week!

Dates for the diary

Mon 14th Oct (week beginning) – Parent /Teacher Meetings Week

Fri 18th Oct – Launch of Times Tables Rock Stars

Weds 23rd Oct – Reception Parents Reading Meeting

Thursday 24th Oct – School Photographs

Fri 25th Oct – Last day of Term

Monday 4th Nov – School closed for INSET

Friday 15th Nov – Children in Need Day

Tuesday 19th Nov – Year 1 Phonics Meeting for Parents

Saturday 7th Dec – PTA Christmas Fair

Thursday 12th Dec – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th Dec – PTA Christmas Movie Night

Tues 17th and 18th Dec – Christmas Shows

Thursday 19th Dec – Christmas Jumper day

Friday 20th Dec – Carols Around the Tree (2.30pm)

Friday 20th Dec – Last Day of Term

Yours sincerely,

James Hollis

Headteacher

