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**Newsletter No.2**

Dear Parent/Carers Friday 16th September 2016

**Roald Dahl’s 100th Birthday**

Thank you for supporting the fantastic celebration of Roald Dahl’s amazing literary genius, last Tuesday. The children and staff looked fantastic in their costumes and we had a great day focussing on his brilliant stories for children.

**Handfuls of Harmony**

Handfuls of Harmony is an inter generation choir set up by The South West Bristol Co-operative Learning Trust, of which Ashton Vale is a member. The children from Ashton Vale who join our choir are automatically members and are invited to take part in concerts throughout the year.

Adults are also invited to join, you do **not** have to be able to sing, and we start back on Thursday 29th September at 7pm at Ashton Park School. It is a really enjoyable community choir and we laugh at our mistakes and celebrate our successes. The first week is a free taster session so please come along and see if you like it.

**Governor Opportunity**

Ashton Vale Primary currently has governor vacancies. If you are interested in finding out more please let the office know and we will pass your details onto Jenny Smith, Chair of Governors.

**Tag Rugby**

The tag rugby league starts on Monday so watch the newsletter for our results.

**Year 1/2 Reading Mornings**

Parent reading mornings start in Year 1 and Year 2 next week on a Tuesday before assembly. Please come in and take the opportunity to hear your child read in their classroom environment.

**Next PTA Meeting**

All parents are automatically members of the PTA at Ashton Vale Primary. The next meeting will be at 3.15pm on Thursday 29th September in Penguin Class, and you are all welcome to come along to find out more and share ideas.

Last year the children benefitted from new bikes, table tennis tables, sports kit, a new poly tunnel, books for the library, half price tickets to the Tobacco Factory Christmas Show and much more as well as taking part in lots of fun events.

**Ashton Vale Primary Organic Market Stall**

I am sure you have noticed that we have some fantastic crops around the school. Next Friday we will be having a pop up stall after school where you can buy our produce. There will be an honesty box so you can just pay what you think your selection is worth. All profits will be invested back into our school grounds.

**Clubs**

This is just to confirm that clubs start the week beginning 26th September and children will be told next week which clubs they will be in.

**Shed Building**

Many thanks to the Richard’s family for donating their shed to us. We now need to rebuild it, if anyone can help please see Mr Inskip or Mr Wilson.

**Reception 2017**

If you have a child who will be 4 years old during this school year 2016-2017 it is time to start thinking about primary schools. The closing date for applications is 15th January and the application needs to be made online via the website [www.bristol-gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol-gov.uk/schooladmissions). If you have any difficulties with this please let our office know and we will be happy to help.

**Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

We are currently looking for someone to work on Thursday lunchtimes (11.50 to 1.05pm) with the infant department and to also cover for any possible lunchtime supervisor absence as it occurs. If you are interested please see Mrs Carpenter.

**Fundraising & Marketing Assistant (16 hours per week, flexible hours)**

Life Cycle UK, the Bristol-based cycling charity, has an exciting opportunity for a resourceful person with a ‘can do’ attitude to join their team as a fundraising assistant.

**Salary**: £17,000 - £19,000 pro rata. **Location**: CREATE Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol BS1 6XN **Closing date**: 9am. 26th September. **Hours**: 16 hours per week (days/time flexible)

For more information and to apply, visit [www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/jobs](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/jobs)

**Headteacher News**

Yesterday you should have received a letter from me explaining that I will be retiring in August 2017. The governors have started the recruitment process so please read the letter for more information.

**Data and Local Trips Forms**

Last week we sent home the data sheets so that you could check that we have your up to date details. Please return these forms as soon as possible even if there are no changes needed. We also look forward to the return of the local trips form which includes other permissions as well.

**Book Orders**

If you wish to start Christmas shopping early and place a book order. Please could you return your form and payment no later than next Friday 23rd September.

**Attendance**

Some great percentages from most classes again this week:

**Robin 98.7% Flamingo 99.7%** Crow 89.3% Falcon 94.8%

**Kingfisher 97.7% Blue Jay 98.3%**

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher