

## ***Newsletter – Friday, 20 September 2019***

Dear Parents / Carers,

### **School Trip Consent**

We have already had a number school trips this term with several more to come. Please can I request that letters about school trips, asking for contributions and consent, are responded to promptly. Our office team are very busy and it takes up valuable time having to contact parents in order to get consent for school trips. Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### **Adventure Playground**

This is a polite reminder that the Key stage 2 adventure playground must not be used by children before or after school. The equipment is specifically designed for junior sized children and is dangerous for younger ones. It is therefore a necessary safety precaution that we say that no children are allowed to play on the equipment at drop off and collection times.

### **Clubs starting**

School clubs will be starting next week, so please look out for letters coming home. Letters for the football and multi-skills clubs have already been emailed out. These two clubs are delivered by the Primary Stars Team who are top-class sports coaches. There is a limit of 20 children per group for these clubs so be sure to sign up soon.

### **Cross Country**

Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 competed in the junior cross country event held at Ashton Park on Wednesday. All of our pupils did a brilliant job. A special mention to Cael who came in the top 20 for his age group, which is fantastic! As a school we are keen to promote running and as you know we run a daily mile in school.

### **Jenny McLachlan Visit**

On Tuesday we had a visit from children's author Jenny McLachlan. She inspired us with her magical new book 'The Land of Roar'. A dragon hatched and grew before our very eyes. Jenny gave us some great tips on how to use our imaginations when story writing. I am personally delighted that so many children wanted to buy a copy of the book and are enjoying reading it.



## Year 2 Visit to Cardiff Castle

As part of their topic on castles, Flamingo class enjoyed a trip to Cardiff Castle. They learnt all about the importance of castles, how they were built and what daily life might have been like in a castle. It is the sort of experience that you can't easily get from a book or a film. Seeing and feeling a castle in real life is an experience that will stay with the children.



## Year 5 Den Building Experience

Last Friday the Year 5 pupils spent a day on a 'den building' experience. They learnt how to work as a team, designing and building a den to meet certain criteria. The dens were all quite different in design but had to be an effective shelter for the children when the wind and rain came! Well done Year 5 for great teamwork.



**Attendance League Table 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Position	Class	Attendance
1	Falcon	99%
2	Flamingo	98.7%
3	Kingfisher	97.3%
4	Blue Jay	96.2%
5	Crow	91.8%
6	Robin	86.9%
7	Penguin	N/A
Average		95%



### Dates for the diary

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept (week beginning) – Clubs Start**

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Sept – New Reception Parents Meeting (tea and coffee) – 2.30pm**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct and Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Year 6 Trip to Tyntesfield**

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival Assembly Year 1**

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Year 3 Trip to Cheddar Gorge**

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – PTA AGM 3.30pm Library**

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Oct (week beginning) – Parent /Teacher Meetings Week**

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Launch of Times Tables Rock Stars**

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Reception Parents Reading Meeting**

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day of Term**

