

## Newsletter – Friday, 03 May 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

### A Collection for Caroline Thomas

You should have received a letter earlier this week giving details of the funeral arrangements. Mrs Thomas's family have suggested flowers or a donation to the tortoise charity 'Torts'; this is a charity very close to Mrs Thomas's heart. We are making a collection in school. If you would like to make a contribution, please bring it in to Mrs Fletcher in the school office, by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. The money collected will be used for both flowers and a donation to 'Torts'.

### Tetrahedrons

This week, the year 6 class received a visit from Kim at Willmott Dixon (the company constructing the new houses close to school). The children learned how to work together as a team to construct tetrahedrons. They learnt a great deal about the properties of 3D shapes and worked together superbly.



### Sainsburys Visit

Penguin class have been reading a story about 'Supertato' the super-hero vegetable. On Wednesday they took a trip to Sainsburys in order to buy vegetables and seeds related to the story. It was an opportunity for the children to learn all the skills that you need to go shopping. The purchased seeds and vegetables are now back in class. The children are wondering if it will be safe to let the 'evil pea' out of the packet!



### Everybody Stop and Sing!

Yesterday, Year 1 and 2 children took part in the 'Everybody Stop and Sing' project organised by Bristol Plays Music. It was an opportunity for our children to join together with many other schools and experience a 'big sing'.

### Library Books

You will be pleased to know that the new school library is working well and the children are appreciating regular visits and enjoying all the new books that are now on offer. Each child is allowed to borrow one book at a time. Books can be borrowed for up to two weeks although they can be changed before two weeks. Older children reading longer books can renew after two weeks. Please can I ask for your support in helping the children to take good care of the new books and ensure that they are returned to school to be loaned again. Thank you.



### Join Twitter

Our new school Twitter account is active. So far, we have 22 followers. It is an excellent way for us to share the many different events and activities that are happening in school. You can find us @Ashton\_Vale\_P . It would be great if we had more parents following us.

### Daily Mile Footwear

Since receiving a visit from running enthusiast Jim Gump, we have set ourselves a challenge of running in school every day. The older children running a mile and the younger ones running as far as they can in a set time. This forms part of our strategy for helping to promote good health and fitness. Children to do get changed into PE kit for the daily run. Please can you make sure that children are wearing footwear that is safe to run in, this means no open toed sandals. Thank you.

### School Dinners



The Spring/Summer School dinner menu is now in effect. If you want to check the Menu please go to the school website Information for Parents. Remember also that sandwiches are available to order every day. When we return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May it will be a Monday menu (macaroni cheese).

### Lost Property

Please note the PTA will be sorting the property boxes next week so please make sure you have checked them for any missing uniform.

### **Attendance League Table**

Position	Class	Attendance
1	Falcon	96.4%
2	Robin	95%
3	Penguin	94.7%
4	Blue Jay	94.6%
5	Flamingo	94.2%
6	Crow	92.4%
7	Kingfisher	88%
Average		94%

**Absence Tel: 0117 9030383**

**Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May**

### **Dates for the diary**

**Year 6 SATs week**

**Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 2 SATs week**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**School closes at 1.15pm for Mrs Thomas's Funeral**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 6 Visit to the 'Life Skills Centre'**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Handful of Harmonies Choir Performance at St Paul's Church 4.45pm**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 6 Picnic 12-3pm**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**PTA Movie Night**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Author Visit - Catherine Bruton Year 5 and Year 6**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Last day of term**

Yours sincerely,

James Hollis, Head Teacher

