

## Newsletter – Friday, 05 April 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

### Easter Assembly Year 2

Congratulations to Flamingo Class for their superb assembly this morning. They performed with great skill and enthusiasm. They taught us all about the origins of our Easter traditions and reminded us of the story of Easter. Well done Year 2



### Duncan Beedie Author Visit

We had a wonderful day on Tuesday with local author, Duncan Beedie. It was a day to celebrate books and all things 'reading'. The children did a particularly good job with their costumes; Duncan was delighted to see a number of 'lumberjacks' from his book, 'The lumberjack's Beard'. Duncan commented on how enthusiastic the children were, showing a real interest in and enjoyment in books. The children talked about his stories, learned how to draw 'Molly' the moth and found out about being a writer and illustrator. We hope that his visit has encouraged the children. At the end of the day Duncan officially launched our new school library by cutting the celebratory cake. It was brilliant that so many families stayed on after school to join us, have a look around the new school library and join in all the book week games that had been designed by the children. Your support with these events is hugely appreciated. We all now have the important task of making sure that our new library motivates and inspires the children to develop a life-long love of books and reading.

I would like to reiterate our thanks to the PTA for very generously funding the books in our library; Wendy Wright, our volunteer librarian who has worked very hard to get everything in order and for reading with our children; and Miss Green, whose skill and enthusiasm has driven this project forward.



If you would like to volunteer to help in the library, we'd love to hear from you. We need people to help read with the children keep the library in order. Many thanks.

### Year 4 Visit SS Great Britain



Year 4 had a lovely day yesterday at the SS Great Britain. The children learnt a great deal about the ship, how it was built and what it was like to live and work on board – a fascinating day. The children impressed us all with their in-depth historical knowledge. Lots more pictures of the class are on Twitter, if you'd like to follow us, see below.

### Year 3 Visit Wild Places

As part of their topic on Wolves, Year 3 made a visit to 'Wild Places'. The children took part in a day of 'hands-on' learning experiences designed to help them understand the world of the wolf. The children saw wolves and observed their behaviour and they learnt about how wolves use their senses to communicate and work together. They even went on a bare-foot trail through the woods.



### 'New Look' School Website <http://www.ashtonvaleprimary.weebly.com>

I hope you have all had the chance to look at our wonderful new website. It has had a complete redesign. We hope that this helps you to find all the information that you need. There are lots of photos to look at on the class blogs.



Twitter

Those of you that have started following Ashton Vale on Twitter will have seen some tweets about book week and school visits. We hope that Twitter will be a great way for us to share some of the great things that your children are doing in school. The # is @Ashton\_Vale\_P

### PTA Events

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Easter disco it was great fun and the children really enjoyed dancing together.

### Childrens' University

Easter activity ideas for Childrens' University participants are available from reception.

### Victoria Park Foodbank

Thank you for all your generous contributions to the Victoria Park food bank. They were, as always, very grateful. It is important for our children to have the opportunity to contribute to their wider community.



### Attendance League Table

Position	Class	Attendance
1	Crow	96.2%
2	Falcon	95.4%
3	Flamingo	94%
4	Kingfisher	93.6%
5	Blue Jay	93.3%
6	Robin	93%
7	Penguin	93%
Average		94.1%

**Absence Tel: 0117 9030383**

### Dates for the diary

<b>Tuesday 23rd April</b>	<b>Beginning of Term 5</b>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Class photos 1pm</b>

Yours sincerely,

James Hollis,  
Head Teacher

