

### ***Newsletter – Friday, 06 March 2020***

Dear Parents / Carers,

#### **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

These meetings will be taking place next week. Sign-up sheets for appointments are in the school foyer if you haven't had a chance to sign up yet.



#### **Book Week and World Book Day**

We had a fabulous day yesterday celebrating world book day. The children looked amazing in their book character costumes. The day was spent enjoying books and lots of fun activities based on these stories. The 'share a story' challenge is going well and I am delighted with how many children are really increasing the number of times that they share a story. Thank you for your support and encouragement with this project, it is helping to increase the children's reading skills and enjoyment.

#### **Sport Relief**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March is Sport Relief Day. Children will be allowed to come to school in sports gear and bring in a donation for sport relief. We will also be doing some sporty activities during the day.

#### **Year 6 Trip to the Steam Museum**

This week, the Year 6 children dressed as 'evacuees' and took part in the 'Evacuee Experience' at the Steam Museum in Swindon. This was all part of their history topic on WWII. The children were able to spend time in discussion with people from that generation who had actually been evacuated. They shared their memories from that time and really brought the history to life for the children. They also boarded a steam train from that period and re-enacted being evacuated and arriving at a new, rural destination where they were then 'chosen' by local families. The whole experience was superb and the children's behaviour excellent.





### **Big Top Mania Circus is coming to Ashton Vale Primary on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

We are really looking forward to the 'Big Top' circus arriving on the school field. This will be the first time that we have staged an event like this. I know that the show is going to be amazing and the children will love seeing the performances. We hope that you will be able to come. **Tickets are £6 and available now from the school office.**

### **Year 1 Trip City Farm**

On Wednesday, our Year 1 pupils spent the morning at Windmill Hill City Farm as part of their class topic 'Down on the Farm'. The visit helped the children learn about plants and animals on the farm: what they need to stay healthy and how to look after them. It was a very 'hands-on' experience for the children. The children asked great questions and listened well to the guide. Well done Year 1.



### **Year 5 Camp Assembly Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

The Year 5 children will be doing a presentation to the school of their School Camp in an assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 9.15am. All Year 5 parents are very welcome to attend.

### **Coronavirus Update Website**

Please see the school website for all the latest updates from Public Health England on coronavirus.



### Dates for the diary

<b>W/B 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	– Parent/Teacher Meeting Week
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	– Sport Relief Day (sports-gear can be worn for a donation to sport relief)
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	– Book Fair Arrives
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	– Mothering Sunday Assembly (Penguin Class)
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	– Year 5 Camp Assembly
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	– ‘Big Top’ Circus PTA Event
<b>Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	– Last Day of Term 4
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	– First Day of Term 5
<b>W/B Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	– Year 6 SATS Week

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