

Newsletter – Friday, 07 February 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Year 5 Camp

Next week the Year 5 children will be going to Mill on the Brue for their camp experience. They will be involved in all sorts of exciting adventures and challenges. They will learn to work as a team and have opportunities to try many new activities. We hope that they have an excellent week and that the weather stays good for them. Miss Andow and Miss Green will be accompanying the children on the camp. **Year 2 Class** is being taught by Mrs Wigginton and Mrs Frampton. The main **Year 4 Class** teacher will be Mrs Mullaney.



Healthy Eating in School

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating, we have produced a simple guide for healthy lunchboxes. A copy of this is attached. Lunchtime supervisors monitor the content of lunch boxes to ensure the schools 'No Nut' policy is being followed.

How to eat a healthy and balanced diet is part of our school curriculum and we use lunch times as an opportunity to reinforce this message by encouraging children when they are trying new things and eating healthy foods. Please talk about this with your child as the need arises. Do remember that all Infant children are entitled to a free school meal, which meets strict nutritional guidelines and always includes a sandwich option.

Research evidence shows a clear link between learning and healthy nutrition at lunchtime. For further information about healthy eating options go to the link on our school website at

<https://ashtonvaleprimary.weebly.com/healthy-eating.html>

Public Health Information from the Dept of Health

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>



Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

School Uniform

Ashton Vale School Uniform is now available from 'The Famous School Branches' shop, 140 East Street, Bedminster (next door to Wilkos). Take a look at their website.

Dates for the diary

Friday 14th February – Last day of Term 3

Monday 24th February - INSET Day

Tuesday 25th February – First day of Term 4

W/B 2nd March – Book Week

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day

W/B 9th March – Parent/Teacher Meeting Week

Thursday 19th March – Book Fair Arrives

Friday 27th March – The PTA 'Big Top' Circus Event

Attendance League Table Wk 20th Jan 20

Position	Class	Attendance
1	Crow	99%
2	Penguin	95%
3	Robin	94%
4	Blue Jay	94%
5	Falcon	93%
6	Flamingo	90%
7	Kingfisher	88%
Average		93%

Yours sincerely,

James Hollis,
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