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Newsletter No.10

Dear Parent/Carers Friday 18th November 2016

**Lantern Making**

Next Thursday and Friday Blue Jay and Robin classes will be preparing their lanterns for the Lantern Procession on 10th December. Any help will be gratefully received, thank you.

**Infant Family Assembly will go ahead as normal on Friday.**

**Junior Family Assembly**

Due to the hall being in use for a variety of Christmas activities there will be no more Junior Family Assemblies this term.

**Basketball/ Football**

* Our football team played brilliantly on Wednesday narrowly losing on penalties to St Bonaventure’s in the pouring rain. They played in good spirit and showed great resilience.
* Our basketball team also showed good sporting spirit and have their final matches next Wednesday.

**Digimaker**

Year 6 had an amazing time programming their own game and using Digimaker on Wednesday. Thank you to the students of Bristol University for giving their time to us.

Year 5 have their workshop next Wednesday afternoon.

**Year 5 Tree Workshop/Reception Tree Offer**

* Last year the children at Ashton Vale were all offered either an apple or pear tree and many children are now caring for their trees at home. This year Penguin class have the opportunity to take up this offer and they have all taken a letter home explaining this opportunity. If you decide to have a tree please return the form to us by **Monday 28th November** so that we can pass on the numbers required.
* Yesterday Year 5 had a tree workshop where they learnt more about the importance of trees to our environment. This was a free event so many thanks to John Akrington for delivering it to our children.

**Viking Workshop**

WOW, Year 4 had an amazing experience with Rhothgar The Viking yesterday. They found out so much more about life as a Viking, experiencing what tools were available and how very different our lives are now.

**Children In Need/Poppies**

* Thank you for supporting Children In Need today we will let you know how much has been raised when the money has been counted.
* Thank you also for supporting the Poppy Appeal this will be counted by The British Legion and they will let us know in a few weeks how much has been raised.

**Bikeability**

* Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who have now completed their Bikeability level 2. They all represented the school really well and showed a very safe attitude to riding on the road.
* Year 3 and 4 will complete level 1 either today or next Friday.

**Christmas Dinner**

This takes place on Thursday 8th December and as we will be catering for large numbers we need to know if your child will want a dinner on that day. Please book your child(rens) meal using the Christmas meal option in the online shop **even if you have an infant child or a child who receives free meals or who has a school meal every day, by Friday 2nd December.**

**Bristol Post & Bath Chronicle Environmental Awards.**

We have once again won the schools section of The Bristol and Bath Chronicle Environmental Awards. Thank you to everyone who supports the school and children in caring for our grounds and saving energy.

**Christmas Fair Support**

If you can spare any time to help at the Christmas Fair there will be sign-up sheets in the main entrance from Monday. Thank you.

**Christmas Cards Designed By Your Child**

The children at Ashton Vale have been busy designing their own Christmas cards. This year you can view them on line and complete the order form which has been sent out today. Orders must be in by **Friday 25th November at the very latest.** To view your child’s Christmas card design you need to go to:   
[www.christmascardsforschools.co.uk/gallery.php](http://www.christmascardsforschools.co.uk/gallery.php)  
Enter the school name - Ashton Vale Primary School. You will then be prompted to enter your child’s name.  
The order forms have all the prices on.

**PTA Movie Night – Thursday 1st December**

We are holding a movie night on Thursday 1st December from 3.15pm to 5.15pm – a good way to start your Christmas shopping whilst the children enjoy an after school movie.  We will be showing *Polar Express* so bring along your favourite pillow or toy and snuggle up to watch the film.  Tickets cost £3 per child and this includes refreshments.  Please book your child(rens) place using the online shop. Thank you.

**PTA Update**

Thank you for your support of the PTA’s events so far this year.  We made a profit of £175.80 from the disco in October, £69.60 from last week’s recycling collection plus a £50 bonus for holding three collections last year.  There will be a PTA meeting on Thursday 8th December at 3.15pm in Penguin Class so please come along if you can to help decide how to spend the funds and plan future events. Everyone is welcome.

**Chickens**

Thank you to everyone who helps care for our chickens. We still need some help over the Christmas holidays so if you can spare some time to visit them just once a day please sign up in the office. If you are new to chicken caring please let me know and I will show you how easy it is. All eggs laid are yours to keep and the children love to visit them.

**Avebury Road Safety**

Could we politely remind everyone that we have an unofficial one way system, driving down the hill, (so that the school is on your right), to help ease congestion and that we need to respect our neighbours by not parking across their driveways. Thank you.

**Attendance**

This has been a great week for attendance, the figures are:

**Penguin 99.1% Robin 98.3% Flamingo 98.4%**  Crow 91.9%

**Falcon 97.2% Kingfisher 96.7% Blue Jay 98.2%**

Yours sincerely

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