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Newsletter No.11

Friday 25th November 2016

Dear Parent/Carers

**Lantern Making/Parade**

Thank you to everyone who helped Years 1 and 6 make our lanterns ready for the parade on Saturday 10th December. Years 1 and 6 have taken the lead this year but everyone is welcome to come along. The parade starts by St Francis Church in North Street at 4.30pm and ends at Compass Point School where there will be refreshments. This year the parade will be accompanied by a Samba Band and dancers, a marching band, The Ambling Band and Professor Rhinestein and the Hosen Ones. We will be just in front of the marching band and behind the samba band towards the front of the parade.

**Programmes are on sale from the office for 50p each and they have a detailed route map.**

**Year 5 Digimaker**

Year 5 had an amazing afternoon on Wednesday working with Bristol University who showed our children how to use Digimaker so that they could programme their own game.

**Basketball**

A fantastic end to this tournament, the team won two matches out of three. Well done to everyone who has played but special congratulations to the Ashton Vale player of the tournament, **Sol.**

**Year 3/4 Cycling**

All the children who took up the opportunity of cycle training in Years 3 and 4 have passed level 1. They represented the school really well.

**Christmas Art Day**

Next week it is Christmas Art Day (most classes will have theirs on Thursday). The children will use design and art to produce Christmas related art products.

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

We are holding a movie night on Thursday 1st December from 3.15pm to 5.15pm.  The children will be watching *Polar Express* and they are very welcome to bring along a pillow or toy to snuggle up to.  Tickets cost £3 per child and this includes refreshments.  Please book your places using the online shop no later than Monday 28th November.

**Clubs –please note that there will be no Dance, Year 5/6 Football**, **Science or Karate clubs next Thursday.**

**Christmas Fair (Sat 3rd December): Helpers needed**

The Christmas Fair is on Sat 3rd December from 11am to 2pm.  The PTA need as much help as possible to run the stalls and make it a great success, so please add your name to the sign-up sheets in the foyer if you can spare some time on the day.  Thank you to everyone who has already put their name down.

**Non-uniform day for tombola contributions: Friday 2nd December**

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 2nd December for those children who bring in a contribution to the Christmas Fair tombola stall.  We are also running a Teddy Tombola stall again this year, so if you have any clean, good condition soft toys needing a new home, please bring them in as well.  Items can be left in the foyer at school on Friday 2nd December.  We will also need donations of mince pies or other festive cakes for the Christmas Fair café.

**Dates**

Here is a reminder of important dates coming up:

Thursday 1st December 3.15-5.15pm PTA Movie Night

Friday 2nd December Non uniform for tombola stall

Saturday 3rd December 11am-2pm PTA Christmas Fair

Sunday 4th December 2pm Handfuls of Harmony Concert at St Pauls

Thursday 8th December Christmas Dinner

Saturday 10th December 4pm Lantern Parade - North Street

Monday 12th December 1.30pm Infant and Junior Concert to Grandparents

Tuesday 13th December 6pm Infant Concert

 Year 5 Chess trip to London

Wednesday 14th December 1.30pm Infant Concert

 6pm Junior Concert

Thursday 15th December 9.20am Junior Concert

 pm Parties

 Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December 2pm Carols around the Tree + tea/coffee and mince pies.

 Break up

**Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January**

**Reception Class Trip**

Penguin Class are off to the theatre next Friday to see Little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain at The Colston Hall. I am sure they will have a wonderful time.

**Year 1-6 Tobacco Factory**

Years 1 to 6 will all be going to The Tobacco Factory on Wednesday 11th January to see Cinderella. The PTA kindly pay for half of the children’s tickets so we ask for £3.50 per child. Please make payment using the online shop.

**Ashton Vale Community Centre Hub**

The AVCC Hub will meet from 10am - 12pm this Saturday .

This month the Hub will be taken by 'Brave, Bold, Drama Company' and they will be making Christmas themed crafts all suitable for a wide age range - tree decorations, cards, puppets, costumes - hats, reindeer antlers etc. There will also be a Christmas themed play space for toddlers. All this for just £1 per child.

There will be a community cafe, homemade cakes and a donation will be made to Retts Syndrome Charity.  Please support your local Community Centre and have a fun festive morning too!

**Christmas Post Box**

Ashton Vale Primary post will start next Thursday 1st December. A post box will appear in the main entrance for children to post any cards they wish to send. These will then be delivered daily.

**Please note that deliveries are only made to Ashton Vale Classrooms and that envelopes need to be addressed with the child’s first and last name plus their class.**

**Attendance**

This week’s figures are:

**Penguin 98%** Robin 93.7% Flamingo 93.8% **Crow 97%**

**Falcon 98.3% Kingfisher 99% Blue Jay 98.6%**

Yours sincerely

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