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**Newsletter No.14**

Friday 16th December 2016

Dear Parent/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year and we look forward to seeing you in 2017.

**The children return to school on Wednesday 4th January.**

**Year 5 Chess Trip**

Year 5 had an amazing day on Tuesday when they went to London to the Grand Masters’ chess tournament. They took part in their tournament and also picked up tips and strategies from the experts. The children represented Ashton Vale really well and showed great appreciation for the experience.

**Concerts**

Once again the children of Ashton Vale shared their amazing talents with us. The concerts were a huge success and enjoyed by all.

This year the children would like all donations to go to Young Epilepsy and Water Aid and they have raised over £470 from the concerts, thank you all for your generosity.

**Girls’ Football Club**

We have a new girls’ football club starting on Friday 13th January after school. A slip will be included on the first newsletter of 2017.

**PTA Textile Recycling Collection – Monday 9th January**

The PTA are having another textile recycling collection on Monday 9th January – great news if you are having a clear out over the Christmas holidays.  Please leave your bags of clothes and textiles in the school foyer before 9am on Monday 9th January.  The company sort out donations into clothes that can be sold for charity from those that can be recycled so it’s fine to include odd socks, old textiles, shoes (tied up in pairs), etc.  This is an easy way for the PTA to raise money for the school so any donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated.

**Headteacher Interviews**

The governors have now shortlisted for the headship vacancy next September and interviews are due to take place on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th of January.

I will let you know of the successful candidate when it has been decided.

**Lantern Parade**

The new date for the Lantern Parade is Saturday 21st January.

**Thank you**

The children would like to thank everyone who donated raffle prizes to the school and wish them a prosperous New Year. A list is on the back of this newsletter.

**Attendance**

This week’s figures are:

**Penguin 98.3%** Robin 92.7% Flamingo 91.7% Crow 92.2% Falcon 94.1%

**Kingfisher 96.3%** Blue Jay 89.6%

Yours sincerely

Ms V Champeney

Headteacher

**PTA Raffle Prize Donations**

Bristol Packet Boat Trips

Ashton Park Sports Centre

Playspace

Cattle Country Park

Occasion Cakes

Tobacco Factory Café Bar

Hilton

Bistro Ferry Boats

Vue Cinema

Sainsburys, Winterstoke Road Branch

Bishops Palace

Sid’s Ashton News

Pimms Pizza

Jeffersons Photographers

David Lloyd

