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**Newsletter No.17**

Monday 23rd January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**Parents Evening**

This Thursday is parent’s evening in school and appointments are available between 4pm and 8pm. Please sign up in the main entrance for a convenient time or phone us to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher.

**Year 5 –** If your child is in Year 5 you will receive an invitation to attend a transition workshop session as well. Please make the time to come as it will really support your child now they are in the upper juniors.

**Year 3 –** Mr Burley will be available from 6pm to 8pm due to the football league; however if you cannot make an appointment on Thursday he will arrange a separate time with you.

**Year 6 –** Miss Burke is also available during the day so that we can give Year 6 children longer appointment times.

**Lantern Parade**

The Lantern Parade took place on Saturday and it was a very spectacular event. Thank you to all those who helped make this happen.

**Science Week**

Thank you to Mrs Baxter for organising this. The children had a brilliant week and have shown so much enthusiasm for the topic of dinosaurs and fossils. Ashton Vale was visited by The Bristol University Dinosaur Project and we had our very own excavation and I am sure you will also have noticed our dinosaur foot prints on the field.

Year 6 did some brilliant STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) work on Thursday which culminated in a fan boat race across a paddling pool. Many thanks to

Mr Friend who came in to support them.

**Football**

Well done to our football team who have made a good start in the league. They play again next Thursday after school.

**Coffee morning for parents/carers – Wednesday 1st February, 8.50am**

All parents and carers are invited to a coffee morning on Wednesday 1st February straight after drop off. We thought it would be nice to give everyone a chance to meet other parents and carers across all years and have a catch up. Refreshments will be provided by the PTA. We hope that you can join us – please complete and return the reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter so that we know how many to expect.

**Message from Home Start Volunteers**

“I am a volunteer with Home-Start Bristol, and every week I visit a family, with young children, that is struggling to cope. Over the weeks and months a strong bond has built up with the mother I visit, and being greeted by the children with laughter and cuddles is one of the highlights of my week.”

Would you like to make a difference too?

Home-Start Bristol will be running a preparation course at Ilminster Avenue Specialist Children’s Centre on Thursdays from 27th April. This 9-week training course will enable you to become a volunteer, and give you a chance to take a Level 3 qualification. Existing volunteers have found that volunteering with Home-Start Bristol has boosted their life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects.

If you would like to know more, check out our website www.homestartbristol.org.uk or contact the office 01179501170.

We hope to welcome you on board!

Maroussia (volunteer) and the Home-Start Bristol team

**Census Data**

You will be aware that the government asked us to collect data on our children including their country of birth. We have been notified that parents no longer have to give this information to us and that if they already have, can with draw it. If you wish to withdraw this information from your child’s school records please see Mrs Carpenter.

**PTA Bingo Night – change of date**

The date of the bingo night has changed. It will now be on Friday 24th February, 6-8pm. Further details will be sent out soon.

**PTA Meeting**

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 1st March at 9am. Please come along to help decide how to raise funds and get involved in how they are spent for the benefit of all the children at the school.

Yours sincerely

Miss V Champeney

Headteacher

I will be coming to the coffee morning on Wednesday 1st February.

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