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**Newsletter No.18**

Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parent/Carers

**Parents Evening**

It was good to see so many of you at parents evening yesterday. I hope you found it informative and have a clear idea about your child’s/children’s progress and attainment.

If you want any further information please do not hesitate to make another appointment.

**School Audit**

At this time of year we complete an audit of the school to support us with writing the action plan for improvement. We send questionnaires to governors, pupils, teachers, support staff and parents. With this newsletter you will receive the parent questionnaire, please take the time to complete it for each of your children, they are read carefully and acted upon where possible. It was a comment by a parent that led to the path being widened alongside the field.

Please could audit questionnaires be returned to school by **Friday 24th February**. Thank you.

**Safer Internet Week**

Next week is Safer Internet Week in school. We often reinforce the message of staying safe online and next week we will have a specific focus in this area. Please take the time to talk to your children at home about how they stay safe and ensure that they are only accessing age appropriate web sites.

If you want to check some popular websites and apps go to [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) which is the NSPCC’s site to help parents, there is a direct link to this site from our website.

**Packed Lunches**

There are some very healthy packed lunches coming into school which include fruit/vegetables and only one pudding item. However we still have a few issues with crisp type snacks which should only be provided on a Friday as a treat. Please also remember that sweets are not allowed in school unless they are bought in to share for a child’s birthday. Thank you for continuing to support our healthy lifestyle education which will keep our children fit and well as they grow older.

**PTA Coffee Morning for parents/carers**

It seems that Wednesday is not a good day for many parent/carers so the coffee morning planned for next week has been cancelled. We will let you know if it is rearranged.

**PTA Textile Recycling Collection - Monday 30th January**

There will be a collection of recycled textiles on Monday to raise money for the PTA.  Please leave your bags of clothes, textiles and shoes (tied together) in the school foyer by 9am on Monday.  Thank you for your support with this fundraising.

**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 this is spent for the benefit of all the children at the school.

**Bristol City Football Club Tours**

The children of Ashton Vale have been offered the opportunity to have a tour of the City Ground on either the 1st or 2nd of February. You should have received a letter letting you know when your child will be going.

**Useful Support**

There is a lot of support within Bristol for parents who may need help with their children at various times. This website: [www.findability.org.uk](http://www.findability.org.uk) will sign post you to the best support services or groups.

**Lip Balm**

If your child needs lip balm in school it needs to be plain, (no coloured or flavoured balm please), labelled with your child’s name and handed to the class teacher.

Children have been sharing balms, which not only spreads germs, but also may cause an allergic reaction. Thank you.

**Health and Wellbeing**

Could we please remind you that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea then they need to remain at home for **48 hours** from the last time this occurs. This helps prevent the spread of germs to other children and staff.

**Attendance**

Penguin Class 95.7% ***Robin 96% Flamingo 97.6% Crow 97%***

Falcon 88.6% ***Kingfisher 97%*** Blue Jay 92.4%

Yours sincerely

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