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**Newsletter No.20**

Dear Parent/Carers Friday 10th February 2017

We break up today for the February holiday and return to school on Monday 20th February.

**Year 5 Camp**

Year 5 have had a fabulous time at camp and are looking forward to sharing their memories on Friday 24th February at 2.30pm. Please note the earlier start for Junior Family Assembly to give them a bit more time.

I am sure the Year 5 parents will want to join me in thanking Mr Burley, Miss Burke and Mr Wilson for giving up so much time this week, which is all voluntary, ensuring that school camp can continue.

**Football**

Our B Team finished their matches last week so were not playing yesterday and our A Team have now completed their matches winning 2, drawing 1 and narrowly losing 1 game. We await the results of the league.

I know the children would like to thank Mr Burley, Mr Inskip and Mr Truelove for giving up so much time to enter two teams this year giving more children the experience of playing in matches.

**Stages**

Miss Vaughan’s dance troupe will be performing at the Stages event, Colston Hall on Saturday 25th February. I had a sneak preview last night and the children are going to be amazing. Many thanks to Miss Vaughan for entering us again this year and giving up a Saturday night.

**Netball**

Next term, starting on the 28th February, we have the netball league and this year I will be entering two teams. Letters will go out on our return to school.

**Book Week Competition**

The last week in Term 4 (3rd to 7th April) will be our annual Book Week. As always we will have our ‘Book Competition’ and children may wish to start their book over the February holiday.

All children are invited to write a book and it can be whatever type of book they wish e.g. factual, fiction, for younger children, a sensory book, etc. The books are judged in age groups and prizes are given for the best illustrator, best scribe and best overall books. We also give prizes for any book that is particularly innovative.

All entries receive a certificate and need to be in by **Monday 3rd April** for judging.

**Bristol Sport – Video of our children**

If you go onto the Bristol Sport website ([www.bristol-sport.co.uk](http://www.bristol-sport.co.uk)), look under community and scroll down you will find a video and report of our younger children visiting the stadium last week. It is well worth viewing.

**Chickens**

In order to give the chickens the VIP service they deserve please could we ask that your old newspapers are donated for the bedding in their coop. Many thanks.

**Fun Into Food**

Chef James came to school yesterday to reinforce our healthy eating programme in a very entertaining way. His presentation culminated in a Ready Steady Cook competition where children and staff cooked Thai salmon fish cakes and cauliflower curry. The fish cakes won. Many thanks to Chartwells, our catering company, for providing this free event.

**Book Vouchers**

With this newsletter you will receive a voucher for £1.00 off a book, unfortunately the voucher runs out before we have our book fair this year due to Easter being late.

**Multi Academy Trust (MAT) Consultation**

You should have received a letter from the governors explaining that we are having an informal consultation on a proposal to become a MAT. The consultation document is on our website under ‘Our School’ and then ‘Consultation documents’. If you are unable to access this please let us know and we will give you a hard copy.

The governors will be organising a meeting and will let you know the date after the holiday.

**PTA Bingo Night - Cancelled**

It is with regret that the PTA have had to cancel the bingo night planned for Friday 24 February.  With all the other PTA fundraising events to organise this year, they felt that they could not do this one as well without any extra support.  They would therefore like to issue a plea to any parents or carers who would like to get involved with the PTA to get in touch either through the Facebook page or drop a note into the school office.  Without the PTA's events the children would miss out on discos, movie nights, summer BBQ, Christmas Fair and more, and they wouldn't see the benefits of what has been bought with the funds such as iPads for teaching, reduced ticket prices, bikes and scooters, sports equipment, playground equipment, infant sensory garden, junior adventure trail, etc.  So if you can spare half an hour or a whole lot more, please think about getting involved to continue helping to enhance the school life of all the children.

**PTA Textile Collection**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the recent textile collection.  It raised £25.20 which will be added to the PTA funds.

**Handfuls of Harmony's Family and Friends Choir**

Handfuls of Harmony's Family and Friends Choir is looking for new members. This is a great opportunity for parents to sing with their children and to join with the primary schools and Core Choir at the end of term concert on Saturday 17th June at St Pauls Church. Everyone is welcome from reception age to those older than the hills. No experience needed - we learn songs by ear, have fun and make a great sound together. Tuesdays 6-7pm at Windmill Hill City Farm.

**Handfuls of Harmony Adult Choir**

The Handfuls of Harmony adult section of the choir starts back on Thursday 23rd February at Ashton Park School 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome, being able to sing is not a requirement.

**Attendance**

This week’s figures are:

Penguin 95.7% Robin 94.3% ***Flamingo 97.9% Crow 96.3%***

Falcon 90.7% ***Kingfisher 100% Blue Jay 98.7%***

Yours sincerely

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