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**Newsletter No.23**

Dear Parents and Carers, Friday 10th March 2017

**Football/Netball/Hockey**

* Well done to both netball teams this week. The A team won two out of their three matches and the B team represented us to a very high standard. We play again on Tuesday 21st March.
* Also, well done to the Year 3/4 football team who won one, lost one and drew two matches. They were very successful and got through to the semi-finals where they drew their match so came **third overall**. A fantastic result. They have the opportunity to play some friendlies next Thursday.
* Next Tuesday our year 5/6 hockey team play in their tournament.

**Gymnastics**

Our infant gymnastic team went to The Gymnastic Centre yesterday afternoon and represented us really well **coming third and winning bronze medals**. The children really enjoyed the event and showed amazing skills.

**Sport At Ashton Vale**

Thank you to all the parents who have supported our many fixtures this year. At Ashton Vale we do our utmost to include all children. Staff willingly volunteer to give their time to support after school clubs and enter us for a wide range of sports.

Wherever possible we enter two teams for popular events, such as football, however this is not always feasible due to staff availability. Where we can only enter one team we have a core group and then rotate children so that as many as possible gain the experience of competitive play. In each tournament there are usually 3 to 4 matches so they can all get a few games under their belt.

I feel very privileged to work with our committed staff who, after a tournament get home at about 7pm and then have marking and preparation for the next day to do. Having said this I know staff really enjoy the extra activities that they do with your children.

**Parking and Traffic**

Once again Avebury Road is getting very congested at drop off and collection times from school. It would really help if you could park a bit further away e.g. in Silbury Road and have a short walk. Please also be aware that parents have always agreed to an unofficial one way system when driving down Avebury Road which incorporates having the school on your right hand side when coming down the hill. The safety of our children is paramount so please take care and look out for children at these times. Thank you.

**Shed Roof**

We have a shed roof that desperately needs felting, if you can help or know of anyone who can help could you please see Mr Wilson or the office staff. Thank you.

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Club**

With this newsletter you will receive a leaflet about a STEM after school club which looks really exciting. If you would be interested in a place for your child please complete the slip below and if there is enough interest Mrs Baxter will organise it for our school.

**Headlice/Nits**

We have had a few reports of head lice this week. Please could you check your child’s hair and treat any lice or nits over the weekend. One of the cheapest and most effective ways of treating Headlice and Nits is by using conditioner. We have displayed some information you may find helpful on the noticeboard. Thank you.

**Ashton Vale Community Café**

I am pleased to say that the Ashton Vale Community Centre Hub Cafe and Art Group is running this **SUNDAY 12th March** (not Saturday as normal, as they are hoping to reach out to more people). 10am - 12pm, £1 per child. Mother’s Day, Easter & Spring craft theme.

Cakes will be provided by Ashton Vale Preschool this month.

**Attendance**

This is looking much better this week and I can see the juniors are all keen to win the trip to the climbing centre.

Penguin 95.7% ***Robin 97.7%*** Flamingo 95.7% ***Crow 99.3%***

***Falcon 98.2% Kingfisher 97.7% Blue Jay 100%***

Yours sincerely

Ms V Champeney

Headteacher

STEM Club

Name of Child\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Is interested in this club, I understand that the cost is £40.00 for 6 weeks.

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