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Newsletter No. 24

Friday 17th March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

**Book Week/Book Fair**

This term is rushing past and it is only two weeks to our Book Week which this year is themed around children’s classics. The Book Fair arrives on Thursday 30th March and will be open until Wednesday 5th April. This is a good opportunity to buy books as Easter gifts or as rewards for the children’s hard work. The school gains 25% of the money spent in books and so the more you spend the more books are gained for our class libraries.

Please could I have all entries for the Book Competition handed in by Monday 3rd April so we can judge them. Thank you.

**Football/Hockey/Netball**

* Fantastic news for the Year 5/6 Hockey team. We came first, winning gold medals and are once again through to the County Finals. Well played everyone.
* The Year 3/4 Football team played some friendlies yesterday and had a great time winning and losing some matches.
* The Netball teams play again on Tuesday.

**Mother’s Day Assembly**

Next Thursday 23rd March Penguin Class will be presenting a special Mother’s Day Assembly at 9.10am. All Parents/Carers are invited.

**Mother’s Day/Spring Lunch**

Our school kitchen is cooking a special lunch for the children on Thursday 23rd March it will be lemon roasted chicken or quiche, roast or mash potatoes with orange drizzle cake and custard or a homemade crunchy biscuit.

**Red Nose Day/Autism Awareness Week/Odd Socks Day**

* Next Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day and children are encouraged to dress up to look funny on this day for a donation of £1.00 which we will forward to Comic Relief.
* On Tuesday 21st March it is World Downs Syndrome day and the week beginning 27th March is Autism Awareness Week. We would like to take part in Onesy Wednesday on Wednesday 29th March so children are asked to wear their pyjamas or onsey to school on this day. However we will not collect charity money as it is so close to Comic Relief. Instead we will have an Odd Uniform Day during Arts Week in May and split the charity collection between an Autism Charity and a Downs Syndrome charity.

**Sing Up Day**

Next Wednesday is National Sing Up Day so the children at Ashton Vale will have a wonderful whole school singing session at the beginning of the day.

**Cushions and Bean Bags**

We want to make more use of our library and take children in for their reading sessions. To make this more comfortable we are looking for donations of cushions and bean bags. If you have any that you no longer need we would appreciate them. Thank you.

**Financial Entitlement Day**

Karin Smyth, our local MP has organised a free event at The Park, Daventry Road, Knowle, BS4 1DQ on Friday 24th March from 10.30am to 12.30pm to give local residents the opportunity to sit down over a cup of tea and talk with some of Bristol’s financial experts about entitlements.

Experts from organisations including Citizen’s Advice, The Department of Work and Pensions, Care and Repair and Bristol City Council’s Welfare Rights and Money Advice Service will answer questions and guide people through what they need to know.

**New Car Seat Rules**

I am sure you are aware that new laws have come in about children’s safety seats in cars. Children who are under 12years old or 135cm tall must be in a car seat. Up to 15 months of age children should be in a rear facing car seat and after that children can use forward facing seats but they must be suitable for the weight of your child.

[www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules](http://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules) has more information.

**Year 3 visit to Bristol Museum**

Next Friday Year 3 are off on the bus to Bristol Museum. I am sure they will have a really interesting day.

**Attendance**

This weeks figures are:

***Penguin 98.3%*** Robin 94.3% Flamingo 89% ***Crow 97.5%***

***Falcon 98.6% Kingfisher 96% Blue Jay 100%***

Yours sincerely

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