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**Newsletter No.26**

Dear Parent/Carers Friday 31st March 2017

**Netball/Rugby/Girls Football**

* We had a fantastic time at the netball finals this week. The team played 5 matches, they won 2, drew 2 and lost one which gave them 5th place overall. Altogether 28 schools entered this tournament so we have done really well and had an enjoyable season.
* The Girls Football team play in their match tonight against Knowle Park, I will let you know how they get on next week.
* Our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 tag rugby teams played this morning. We are not yet aware of the results but will let you know next week.

**Bristol Together**

We have once again entered the Bristol Together Football tournament and this year have teamed up with Bannerman Road School in Easton. The team began training with pupils from Bannerman Road on Wednesday and are looking forward to their next training session next week. This tournament brings together schools from across Bristol to have a wonderful day of football later in the year.

**Easter Assembly**

Next Thursday at 9.10am Year 3 will be taking a special Easter Assembly; you are all welcome to attend.

**Autism Awareness Week**

Thank you for supporting Autism Awareness this week. The children have shown a lot of empathy and understanding at Ashton Vale. We all enjoyed the Onsey Wednesday and are looking forward to taking part in some fundraising during Arts Week.

**Comic Relief**

We raised £154.27 for Comic Relief last Friday. Thank you for your support.

**Sugar Smart**

This Change for life campaign follows revelations that 4 - 10 year olds consume over 5,500 sugar cubes a year, or around 22kg - the average weight of a 5-year-old. As a school we have joined Sugar Smart and will be actively teaching about healthy eating and looking after ourselves to ensure a healthy future for the children of Ashton Vale. Please support us by reducing the amount of sweet sugary drinks and snacks given to children. Thank you.

**Clubs**

Fun Outdoors, singing and Year 6 revision are the only clubs on next week.

**Book Fair**

The Book Fair has arrived and is in our hall before and after school. There are some excellent books to choose from and the more you spend the more books our children gain for their class libraries.

**Book Week/Book Competition**

* Book week starts on Monday with a theatre group coming in to perform The Railway Children for the whole school. The PTA are funding half the cost so that we have not had to ask for donations.
* If your child is entering the book competition, the books must be in on Monday morning for judging. The winners will be announced in our special assembly on Friday at 9.10am.
* The children are all looking forward to dressing up on Friday as a character from a favourite book. This year’s theme is children’s classics.

**Dog Mess**

The children have been designing posters this week to support the initiative to rid Ashton Vale of dog mess on the streets and in the open spaces. You may see some of their posters used around the local area.

**PTA Disco – Thurs 6 April, 5.30-7pm**

Please don’t forget to book your child’s place for the disco on Thursday 6 April.  The cost is £3 per child and this includes refreshments so children don’t need to bring any money with them on the night.  Please make your payment(s) and give your permission online using the ‘School Gateway’ no later than Tuesday 4 April.  Please enter ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ in the comments box as to whether you are able or unable to help on the night.

**PTA Smarties Challenge**

Your child(ren) will be bringing home a tube of Smarites today so that they can take part in this year's Smartie Challenge over the Easter holiday.  They will also receive an information sheet with the Smarties to tell you all about it and how to take part.  This year all funds raised will be put towards the school's plans to replace the junior timber trail and to add some exciting equipment to the infant playground.  If your child is not in school today, they can pick their tube up from the school office next week.

**Attendance**

Next week we will be giving out this term’s attendance certificates and announcing which junior class has won the trip to the climbing centre. This week’s figures are:

***Penguin 96.2% Robin 97.3%***  Flamingo 95.3% ***Crow 98.2%***

Falcon 87,2% ***Kingfisher 97.3%*** Blue Jay 93.7%

**We break up next Friday 7th April and the children return to school on Monday 24th April.**

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher