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**Newsletter No.29**

Dear Parent/Carers Friday 5th May 2017

**Exciting News - Bristol Reading Project**

Last term all classes took part in The Bristol Reading Project and had a brilliant time studying a range of books across the school. Miss Green received an email on Wednesday evening which said:

The judging panel met last week and we are delighted to let you know that we are awarding Ashton Vale Primary School the school of the year award.

This is to recognise the outstanding whole school commitment to teaching and learning using good quality children’s literature.  The judging panel really enjoyed seeing your entry, they were impressed by the immersive and engaging nature of the children’s learning.  Well done to you all.

We would also like to award your year 6 class a runner up award in the 7-11 age range.  We thought their entry was really inspiring if not a bit scary!

Well done everyone and special congratulations to Year 6 who have been such good role models this year.

Miss Green and Miss Burke will attend the awards ceremony on Wednesday 24th May.

Our entries are all on the home page of our website.

**Year 2 SATs**

Year 2 SATs will start on Monday 15th May. If you would like more information or have any concerns or worries Miss Green is holding a meeting in the Library next Tuesday 9th May at 9am. If you cannot make this meeting and have questions please do not hesitate to make an appointment with either myself or Miss Green.

**Good Luck Year 6**

Next week is SATs week for Year 6. We will have toast and jam available at 8am from Monday to Thursday. The children can eat, chat and do some last minute reminders with Miss Burke. They have all worked so hard and have shown an amazing attitude and we wish them all the best for these tests.

**Girls Football/Golf**

* Once again the girls won all their football matches, this takes them through to the play offs on Wednesday 17th May.
* We took two golf teams along to a tournament and succeeded in coming first and second. As well as this Lexi and Harry from Year 5 both got individual awards.

Another fantastic week of sport well done to all our teams.

**Thank you Ashton Park Drama Department**

On Wednesday Year 4 were invited to see a drama production at Ashton Park. They all had a fantastic time at this very professional and entertaining take on fairy tales and rhymes.

**Sainsburys’ vouchers**

The Sainsbury’s voucher scheme for schools has now finished for this year; if you have friends and family who shop there could you ask them to empty handbags and pockets on our behalf please.

Thank you.

**Compass Point Appeal**

When shopping in local Tesco stores between 7th May and end of June, please vote for Compass Point's Stay & Play sessions. The school has applied for funding from Tesco and will be one of three options asking for your vote.
These sessions are family-focused outdoor adventure play led by the APE Project and will run every Friday throughout the summer term at South St Park. The children and their families engage in stimulating and positive activities in a natural play environment. Adults can help facilitate or can take this time to get to know each other more. These fun outdoor sessions improve children’s wellbeing and development as well as bringing families and communities together.
You will receive one token per transaction and you can use this token to vote. The Bristol stores participating are detailed below:
**Bedminster Express** BS3 3NN, **North Street** BS3 1HB, **Totterdown Express** BS3 4RJ, **Blenheim Central Express** BS1 3LA, **Brislington** BS4 5AY, **Whitchurch Express** BS14 9HX, **Axbridge Road** BS4 2RU, **Canons Marsh Express** BS1 5TY, **Clare Street Express** BS1 1XR, **Metro Broadmead** BS1 3DW, **Paragon Express** BS1 2HJ, **College Express** BS1 5SP.

**Whole School/Class/Team Photos**

Today you will receive order forms for the class, whole school and where applicable group photos for choir and sports teams. Orders need to be returned to school by **Thursday 18th May** and cheques made payable to Jefferson Studios.

**Smartie Challenge**

Thank you to everyone who has handed in their Smartie tubes please could we have any outstanding ones next week.  We will then tell you how much has been raised once the money has been counted, and we'll let you know when the draw will take place for the £10 gift cards for those children who collected £5 and over.

**Attendance**

This week’s figures are:

Penguin 94.8% Robin 87.1% Flamingo 95.4% ***Crow 96.9%***

Falcon 92.5% Kingfisher 85.3% ***Blue Jay 97%***

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher