Facebook link: <https://m.facebook.com/phoneacqwrite/?s=1&source=m_mobile_mirror_interstitial>

**Newsletter No.3**

Dear Parent/Carers 23rd September 2016

**Reception Pupils**

Penguin Class have made a brilliant start at Ashton Vale and have now all stayed for lunch. Next week the children will begin full time and I know Year 1 and 2 are going to be very supportive.

**Tag Rugby**

Well done to our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team. They started the season with 5 friendly matches on Monday, three were drawn, one lost and one won. They all played well showing good sporting behaviour. Next Monday the league matches start and I look forward to their results.

**Clubs**

Our after school clubs start next week and children should know which ones they are in. If you are unsure, class teachers have a list.

**Film Club** will have to start the following Monday, 3rd October, as Miss Burke is at a conference next Monday.

**Class Trips**

Year 6 had a brilliant day on Friday at Ashford Education Centre and they all enjoyed getting very wet. They are now looking forward to the follow up chemistry morning.

Year 3 are going to Leigh Woods on Wednesday to support their history topic studying the Stone Age era. I look forward to hearing all about it.

**Student Council**

Next Tuesday we have Arthur and Lacey representing last year’s Student Council at the governing body meeting. They will explain how the Student Council works and some of the highlights from last year.

Children interested in being on this year’s Student Council are preparing their manifestoes for election next week. Each class has a democratic election following our co-operative ethos, one child one vote. I will give you the results next week.

**Make Sunday Special in Ashton Vale – Sunday 16th October**

After a lot of time and effort Ashton Vale Community Centre has successfully received funding to hold a 'Make Sunday Special' event. They are keen to get the date put into people’s diaries as soon as possible.

There will be a road closure so children can play on the road, the church are helping run a cafe, there will be live music and performances from local groups. It's going to be the community event of the year!

**Bikeability Opportunities**

Bristol City Council has some exciting cycling opportunities at the [Bristol Family Cycling Centre](http://www.betterbybike.info/start-cycling/get-confidence/family-cycling-centre-hengrove) at Hengrove. The Centre provides a traffic-free environment for children and adults of all abilities to learn to ride and have fun on their bikes.

They have launched a new programme of sessions for children and adults this autumn which may be of interest to you. Please see the timetable that comes with this newsletter.

**Handfuls of Harmony**

The adult choir starts back next Thursday 29th September at 7pm Ashton Park School.

**PTA Meeting**

Our first PTA meeting of the year is next Thursday at 3.15pm in Penguin Class, please come along.

**Bikeability at Ashton Vale**

Level 2 – I have booked a level 2 course for children in Year 5 and those in Year 6 who did not do the course last year. This course teaches children to ride safely on the road so children need to know how to ride a bike, own a bike and helmet and be able to bring them into school. The dates are: Bike Check: Friday November 4th. Course dates: 8th, 10th, 15th and 17th of November. We have room for 20 children.

Level 1 – I have booked a level 1 course for children in Year 3 or 4. This is a basic safety course completed on our school playground. Children need to own their own bike. The dates are either Friday 18th November or Friday 25th November. We have room for 24 children.

If you would like your child to take part please complete the reply slip.

**Karate**

We have been offered the opportunity to have a free six week karate taster club in school on Thursdays, 3.15pm to 4.30pm from the 3rd November. This club will take children from Year 1 to Year 6. If your child already has another club on Thursdays’ there will be an opportunity after Christmas for them to take part. Please complete the reply slip below if you are interested as places are limited, so selection will be on a first come first served basis. We have room for 20 children.

**Packed Lunches**

Thank you to those parents who support our healthy lunch policy there are some fantastic meals provided by you. However a small minority of children are bringing in crisp type snacks during the week, these have a lot of salt and fat in them which can cause illness in later life. We ask that crisp type snacks are seen as a treat and only provided on a Friday.

Thank you.

**Attendance**

Only two classes have achieved over 95% this week, I hope health improves next week as if children are not here we cannot teach them and support their learning.

**Robin 98.3%** Flamingo 92.3% Crow 91.9% Falcon 92.1%

**Kingfisher 98.7%** Blue Jay 92.1%

Yours sincerely

Ms V Champeney

Headteacher

**Bikeability**

Name of child\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Would like to take part in the level 1 / level2 course. \*Please delete as necessary

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent/Carer

**Karate**

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

Would like to take in the karate club for six Thursdays from Thursday 3rd November

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Parent/Carer