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**Newsletter No.31**

Dear Parents/Carers Friday 19th May 2017

**Year 2 SATs**

Well done to our year 2 pupils who completed their SATs this week. They all worked very hard and have done their absolute best. We will let parents know the results when we are given the pass marks.

**Multi Academy Trust Information**

Thank you to all those who have responded to the consultation.

Our governing bodies have considered the responses and have decided to continue with our planning to form a MAT. Our proposals are currently with the Headteacher Board of the Regional Schools Commissioner who will make a decision shortly. Unfortunately due to the pre-election period this decision may be delayed. If the proposals are accepted we anticipate conversion towards the end of 2017 and there will be a statutory formal consultation starting after we have received the Academy Orders.

The response to the consultation is on our website under Our School, MAT Consultation documents and has been sent out via email to parents/carers.

**Fund Raising for Autism Awareness and Downs Syndrome**

Next Wednesday 24th May the children are invited to wear their uniform to school but in any strange way their imaginations take them. For example they can wear it inside out, back to front, odd socks, pants over trousers, I am sure they can think of many more unusual combinations.

All this for a minimum £1.00 donated to charity. I will let you know how much we raise when it has been counted. Thank you.

**Changing Faces/Face Equality Day**

Next Friday is National Face Equality Day which is a day to remind us that it is what we are like as a person that matters not what we look like. Facial disfigurements can happen to anyone and it is important that we focus on personalities not looks. Every child will be given a butterfly sticker to wear with pride on this day.

**More Dog Poo**

We are part of the fight against dog poo on our streets, parks and play areas. Year 6 will be working with students from Bristol University next week to highlight dog poo on our streets with the use of a spray can. This initiative is being used to hopefully deter those people who do not clear up after their dogs which can spread life changing diseases, especially for young children.

**Girls Football/Tag Rugby/Football/Netball**

* The Girls Football had to be called off, due to heavy rain, on Wednesday but as they have won all their previous matches they are through to the finals due to be played at **Ashton Gate Stadium** next Wednesday morning.
* We have a tag rugby tournament for Years 3 & 4 next Tuesday morning, also at Ashton Gate Stadium.
* The Year 5 & 6 football team play in a tournament next Thursday at Luckwell.
* 10 Year 5 girls have an amazing opportunity to be part of a coaching session with Team Bath Netball next Tuesday afternoon.

Another busy sporting week.

**Movie Night**

The PTA will be showing ‘Trolls’ at their movie night on Thursday 8th June, 3.15pm to 5pm.  Tickets cost £3 per child which includes refreshments.  Children are welcome to bring along a pillow or cuddly toy to snuggle up with.  Please pay online using the School Gateway **no later than 9am on Tuesday 6th June**.  Please do not leave booking a place any later than this as it makes catering difficult for the PTA.

Please indicate online whether you are able to help on the night.

**Smartie Challenge**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Smartie challenge this year. You have helped the PTA to raise £291.81 which is going towards new equipment in the junior and infant playgrounds.  All children who raised £5 or over have been entered into a raffle to win vouchers and two children’s names will be drawn as winners.

The PTA would like to say a special thank you to Toby, in Reception, and his family for raising the most money - £24!

**Staffing**

We are saying congratulations and farewell to Mr Burley at the end of this school year. He will be moving to Redfield Academy to gain further experience and also to decrease his travel time since his home move.

Mr Hollis (Headteacher from September 2017) will be in school on Monday as part of the interview panel to appoint a new member of staff. Some children in Years 2 and 3 will also be involved in this process. I will let you know who has been successful at interview when we know.

**Arts Week**

Next week is Arts Week and this year we are focusing on Art in Nature, which will include some Scarecrow design and construction for our allotments. This is always a very popular week and will be a great way to end Term 5.

**Music Concert**

Next Thursday is our music concert and we have many talented children taking part. It starts at 6pm and we charge £3.00 on the door for adults. Children are free but must be accompanied by an adult. All proceeds from this concert go to the music department.

If your child is taking part they will have bought a letter home. **Could children who are playing instruments bring them to school on Thursday morning for rehearsals. Thank you.**

**Handfuls of Harmony Concert Tickets**

Please support our choir by coming to the concert on Saturday 17th June, 6-7pm at St Paul’s Church in Southville. You will see Miss Green, Mrs Smith and myself in the adult choir, our children in the children’s choir and the two choirs joining together to form a multi age choir. The songs are really good and it will be a joy to watch and listen to. Tickets are £5.00 per adult and £2.00 per child and are available from the school office.

**Ashton Vale’s Got Talent**

You may notice your child/children rehearsing over the weekend and in the evenings for our own Ashton Vale’s Got Talent competition, which the children will take part in next Wednesday as part of Arts Week. I will let you know the winners in each age group as voted for by our pupils.

**Attendance**

This week the figures are:

Penguin 95.9% Robin 92.3% Flamingo 95.3% **Crow 96.8%**

Falcon 94% Kingfisher 94.5% Blue Jay 94.5%

Please note that we break up for the end of Term 5 next Friday 26th May and children return to school on **Tuesday 6th June**. Monday the 5th June is an Inset Day.

Yours sincerely

Ms V Champeney

Headteacher