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Newsletter No.36

Dear Parents/Carers Friday 30th June 2017

**Health Week**

We have had a very healthy week at Ashton Vale, which started on Monday, with a circus skills workshops for all the children. There was much laughter as well as learning new skills in a safe environment.

Unfortunately the rain has meant that our sport for all afternoon could not happen on Wednesday and will now take place on Monday 3rd July at 1.15pm. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

The children all enjoyed a picnic on the field today; it was a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to eat together.

**Leavers Disco – Thursday 6th July, 5.30-7pm**

We hope your child(ren) will join us in sending Year 6 off in style at the leavers disco.  Tickets cost £3 per child and this includes refreshments so children do not 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 **Monday 3rd July**.  Please mention in the comments box if you are able to help on the night and the children can also request their favourite song as well. The Year 6 children do not have to pay for this event but permission is still required.

**Year 6 Enterprise Week**

Year 6 have now worked out the profits from their various enterprise ventures, and this is where the money raised has gone:

Sponge the Teacher - Cancer Research £ 49.60

Cakes and Brownies - Bowel Cancer £112.00

Crossbar Challenge - Dogs Trust £ 54.65

Plant Sale - Make A Wish Foundation £ 64.05

Sweet Cones - Make A Wish Foundation £ 58.13

Cup Cakes and Cookies - Make A Wish Foundation £ 56.23

Well done Blue Jay Class and Miss Burke for her support.

**Chickens**

Thank you to everyone who has helped look after the chickens this year. We still have three free weeks in the summer holidays if anyone can help. All eggs collected are yours to keep and I am happy to show any newcomers to this experience what it involves. It is only one visit per day.

**Year 6 Pizza Making**

Year 6 are off to Pizza Express on Tuesday to find out how they make their pizzas and the children will also have the opportunity to make their own pizza.

**Public Consultation**

The council are encouraging people to take part in the current public consultation about council services which runs until 5th September 2017. Libraries are among the services included in this consultation.  Take part in the 'Your Neighbourhood' consultation; help decide how we run some local services with a reduced budget: [https://bristol.citizenspace.com/bristol-city-council/yourneighbourhood/consultation/](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__bristol.citizenspace.com_bristol-2Dcity-2Dcouncil_yourneighbourhood_consultation_&d=CwMFAg&c=1vnCWTgU_iH2bgveKnHUZ8hJXVq2EkkiN8FwZDwwznM&r=4fWUY0JofLyeUKH0dnbA-SAc-J7CvOXKaf_Xaxl2Be8&m=DsCjb-M4JJPHxdig_UJjX9W93E27dLZeykN-W4FTBjQ&s=KyULv6LZ-vQ2OEzbVeP5DLE-XCvZdqcJJoZ5JaX18C0&e=)

**Athletics**

* We sent some Year 4 and 5 children to the festival of sport today. This is a fun event and I am sure our children will represent us really well.
* Our Year 5/6 athletics team take part in the County Finals next Wednesday 5th July.

**Year 5 Science Experience**

Year 5 are off to Ashton Park on Tuesday to take part in an exciting science experience which will include using Bunsen burners! I know they will enjoy this trip and learn a lot.

**Guitar**

Our guitar players performed to their relatives on Thursday and we all had a really wonderful time listening to the children playing their classical guitars. The children have all made excellent progress and obviously practice at home.

**Sal’s Shoes**

**There are 300 million barefoot children worldwide. 58 million children worldwide are not in school. 29 million of these are because they do not have the means. In many countries you cannot go to school without a pair of shoes. If you have any shoes at home that your child/children have grown out of we will be collecting them between now and the end of term to donate to Sal’s Shoes.**

**To find out more about this organisation you can log into** [**www.salsshoes.com**](http://www.salsshoes.com) **.**

**Volunteers to help clean Pupil Kitchen**

Children have been cooking all year in the pupil kitchen and it is cleaned after each session. However it now needs a good spring clean ready for next term. We are asking for any volunteers who could spare some time on Thursday 6th July to help Miss Burke with this task.

Please let the office know if you are available at any time on this day. Thank you.

**Attendance**

This week’s figures are:

Penguin 88.3% Robin 94.7% Flamingo 95.7% Crow 95.4%

***Falcon 96%*** Kingfisher 93.9% ***Blue Jay 100%***

Yours sincerely

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