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Newsletter No.39

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Dear Parents/Carers

This is the last newsletter of this academic year and we break up today. The children return to school on **Wednesday 6th September**.

**Ashton Park Sports Partnership Awards**

We had a brilliant night on Monday with many of our children winning awards.

* Anna, Teagan, Archie and Katie won awards for their sporting behaviour, reflecting the principals of the Olympic Games.
* Roma won an award for her fantastic attitude towards all P.E. and Sport, letting nothing stand in her way.
* The Girls Football Team won the award for the most improved team.
* Mrs Ford won an award for all her volunteer help with sport over the years.
* Mr Burley won an award for his dedication to P.E. and sport at Ashton Vale.
* I even won an award for longstanding dedication to P.E. and sport.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and children who have supported the wide range of sports at Ashton Vale over the years.

**Children’s University**

On Tuesday we saw seventeen of our pupils graduate from Children’s University. This year it was held at The Hippodrome and our choir, along with the choir from Compass Point, had the honour of singing on the stage.

The graduation photos will go up in the new school year for you all to see.

If you would like your child to join, (it only costs £5.00), please see Mrs Wigginton or Miss Gibbs.

**Chinese Visitors**

Yesterday Year 3 played host to visitors from China and learnt more about Mongolian dance and life in China. Our dance club danced for our visitors and in return were able to see their Mongolian dance.

**PTA BBQ**

Year 1 have won the £20 class prize for raising the most money, Miss Green will keep it safe and they can spend it in the new year.  They raised a huge £244, Reception were a very close second.

**Message from the PTA**

The PTA committee would like to thank everyone who has supported our events over the past year, either by coming along and having a good time and raising funds, or by giving up their time.  Thank you to all the parents and school staff who helped out at last week's BBQ – it was a great success and we will be able to let you know how much we raised in September.  We will be meeting in October for the PTA AGM so please come along and be part of the school's PTA and carry on our successful fundraising.

**Staff/Governors**

It is time to say farewell and thank you to some staff and governors at Ashton Vale.

Mr Burley, Mr Inskip and Mr Truelove will be moving on to pastures new whilst myself and Mrs Wilkins are retiring and I am sure will be extremely busy.

Mrs Staples, Mrs Vincent, Mr Williams and Mrs Bushell are all saying farewell to the governing body as their terms of office come to an end. They will still be seen around school at special occasions, gardening and as part of our school community.

**Personal Farewell**

I would like to say a massive thank you to the children, staff, governors, parents and community for making my last 16 years in teaching so amazing and for your very generous gifts. There is no other school like Ashton Vale; it is unique and very special. I look forward to coming back to visit at special events like the Christmas performance and I know the school and community will continue to go from strength to strength.

I have just loved it here; no one puts on a party like Ashton Vale!!

Yours sincerely with much love.

Viv Champeney.