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**Newsletter No.4**

Dear Parent/Carers Friday 30th September 2016

**Harvest**

Next week we have our harvest collection for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. All the food collected will go to the Victoria Park Baptist Church Food Bank. We ask for non-perishable food such as foods which come in tins, packets and boxes. We will display all the produce at **Falcon Class’s special harvest assembly on Wednesday 5th October at 9.15am. You are all invited to attend.**

Please could donations come in on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Thank you.

**Parents Evening**

Next Thursday 6th October is Parents Evening and appointments will available from Monday morning in the main entrance outside the office. Each appointment is 5 minutes long, so please help us by making a separate appointment with your child’s teacher if you think you may need longer. I look forward to seeing you at this event.

**Thursday Clubs**

There will be no after school clubs next Thursday due to Parents Evening. If your child has joined the science club this will run up to Christmas and the second group will automatically be allocated a space after Christmas for the Spring Term. This is so they get a reasonable number of weeks each.

**Market Stall**

Thank you for supporting the children’s market stall last Friday and I hope you enjoyed the organic produce. A fantastic £107 was raised which we will reinvest into the gardens this year.

**Tag Rugby/Football**

A fantastic start to the league by our Year 5/6 team. They won two matches, drew one and lost one. The league continues next Monday.

The Year 5/6 football team play their first tournament on Saturday morning. I will let you know how we get on next week.

**Chickens**

We really need volunteers to come forward to help look after the chickens at weekends and in the holidays. They only require one visit per day and all eggs laid are yours to keep. Please sign up in the office if you can help. If you are new to this I am happy to show you what it entails.

**Student Council**

Our Student Council has now been elected and the successful candidates are:

Year 6 Kayce and Ethan Year 5 Daisy and Ciaran Year 4 Emily and Brandon

Year 3 Evie-Rae and Archie Year 2 Lacey and Kodi

**Visits/Trips**

Year 3 had a wonderful day out at Leigh Woods on Wednesday discovering more about the Stone Age. Thank you to all those parents who helped with lifts.

**Congratulations to Ashton Park Secondary School -** [**Co-operative Identity Mark**](http://school.coop/cim/)

Its official, Ashton Park School has been judged as Established in four areas: Self-Help, Self-Responsibility, Democracy and Equality, which gives an overall grading of Established for the Mark. The school was particularly strong in the areas of Equity and Solidarity, being marked as leading for both!

This is a tremendous, whole-school effort and they will continue to work towards the next level of ‘Leading’ in the coming years.

**Bikeability/Karate**

There are still a few places left for Bikeability level 1 (Years 3 and 4) and Bikeability level 2 (Years 5 and 6).

There are also some places for the 6 week karate sessions in November/December, (Years 1-6). Please let the office know if your child is interested in any of these.

**George Clark Renovation Opportunity**

George Clarke's TV company, Amazing Productions would love to hear from Ashton Vale families who are about to start doing up their houses or flats. George has a new Channel 4 programme which focuses on transforming properties into beautiful, contemporary homes. So if you have the budget to renovate your home and would like George to be involved in your project, please get in touch with them on: 020 7819 0500 or email: info@amazingproductions.co.uk

**Children’s University**

Many of our children now take part in Children’s University and 20 of them graduated last summer. Photographs are now up on the board opposite the office. I have updated the Children’s University website with our school clubs so if your child is involved in any you can log their hours.

**If you are interested in your child joining Children’s University or if you have joined but would like more information we have a meeting for parents on Monday 10th October at 2.45pm.**

**Attendance**

Figures this week are:

**Robin 100%** Flamingo 94% Crow 92.3% **Falcon 98.3%**

**Kingfisher 99%** Blue Jay 90.4%

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher