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**Newsletter No.5**

Friday 7th October 2016

Dear Parent/Carers

**Harvest Assembly**

We were treated to a brilliant assembly by Falcon Class on Wednesday telling us more about Harvest and how wealth is distributed across the World.

Thank you for your generous harvest donations they are now at the local food bank.

**Parents Evening**

It was good to see so many of you at Parents Evening yesterday. I hope you found it useful and have a clear idea of what is expected this year. If you have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to make a follow up appointment.

Thank you to the PTA for providing tea/coffee and biscuits.

**Tag Rugby/Football/Cross Country**

* Well done to the football team who played together for the first time last Saturday. They drew two matches and narrowly lost one, by two goals to one.
* The Tag Rugby team had to play with one player down this week so did really well to win one, draw one and narrowly lose two. They will be back up to full strength next week.
* Our cross country children did well, especially Ruby and Teagan who have now been selected to go on to the second level. They were both in the top 12 out of over 60 runners.

**Children’s University Meeting**

On Monday 10th October at 2.45pm there is a meeting in the library about Children’s University. This recognises the work completed by children outside of school and many destinations in Bristol are accredited including our school clubs. The children who join can amass hours which lead to certificates awarded at a proper graduation ceremony with hats and gowns in the summer.

If you are interested in finding out more, please come along, or if you can’t please come and see me.

**Individual Photographs**

Next Thursday afternoon the children will have individual and family photos. If you have a younger child /children you can bring them along at 2.45pm.

These photos are ideal as Christmas gifts and are of a high standard, we will let you know when they are processed for purchasing.

**Coffee Morning for New Parents**

The PTA are hosting a coffee morning in the library next Wednesday for new parents. Please come along and meet them and other new parents in a relaxed atmosphere.

**PTA Fancy Dress Disco – Thursday 20th October, 5.30pm to 7pm**

This is always a fun event for the children and they are very welcome to wear fancy dress if they wish.  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 Tuesday 18 October.  Please enter ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ in the comments box as to whether you are able or unable to help on the night.

**Ashton Vale Make Sunday Special Event – PTA Cake Sale**

The PTA will be supporting the upcoming Make Sunday Special celebration event at Ashton Vale Community Centre on the 16th October by holding a homemade cake sale. We are looking for any parents who would be happy to bake us a cake or cakes to donate to this event.  All proceeds will go to the PTA to be spent on the school.  We will publish details next week of where to drop off any donations.

Also if there are any parents/carers who could perhaps spare half an hour or even an hour to help man the stall, we would be very grateful. If you can help, please contact Sam Bird at avcctreasurer0201@gmail.com to let us know which time slot you can offer between 11am and 4pm.

**Reception Parents Reading Meeting**

There is a meeting for parents of Reception children about reading and how you can support your child at home on **Wednesday 19th October at 2.30pm.**

**Reception and Year 1 Parents Phonics meeting**

There will be a meeting for Reception and Year 1 parents about phonics and how this supports reading on **Wednesday 2nd November at 2.30pm.**

If your child is in Year 1 they will be taking the Phonics Screening Test in June.

**Attendance**

We have had great attendance this week well done everyone.

**Penguin 98.6% Robin 96.3% Flamingo 95% Crow 99.2%**

**Falcon 98.3% Kingfisher 97.7%** Blue Jay 92.5%

Yours sincerely

Ms V Champeney

Headteacher