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**Newsletter No.6**

Friday 14th October 2016

Dear Parent/Carers

**Year 6 Science Morning**

Year 6 had a brilliant science morning this week investigating chemical reactions. They used a range of reasoning skills and showed lots of enthusiasm. As always they behaved really well.

**Tag Rugby/Girls Football**

* Next Friday afternoon our Girls Football Team play in their first tournament of the season.
* The Tag Rugby Team represented the school really well again and next week is their final week.

**Penguin Class Parents Reading Meeting**

Next Wednesday 19th October there is a reading meeting for Penguin Class parents at 2.30pm. This will also help you with ways to support your child at home. It is really important that we work in partnership to support reading as it is needed across all subjects and brings so much enjoyment.

**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.

**Free Financial Entitlement Community Event**

On Friday 21st October there is a free event at HWV the Gatehouse Centre, Hareclive Road, BS13 9JN from 10.30am to 12.30pm. This event will give local residents the opportunity to sit down over a cup of tea and talk with some of Bristol’s financial experts about entitlements. Experts will be there from organisations such as Citizens’ Advice, South Bristol Advice, Department for Work and Pensions, We Care and Repair and Bristol Credit Union. Please spread the word.

**Ashton Vale Make Sunday Special**

This Sunday 16th October is Ashton Vale’s Make Sunday Special Event at the Community Centre in Risdale Road 11am – 4pm. This is a free family event with lots of activities to suit all ages.

**Special Reduced Ticket Offer**

You can get discounted tickets to Bristol City v Blackburn on Saturday 22nd October, Bristol Rugby v Sale Sharks on Sunday 30th October and Bristol Flyers v Leicester Raiders on Friday 21st October. All you need to do is phone the ticket line (0117 9630600) and quote ‘GROUP’ and the School name.

**Uniform**

We will be placing a uniform order on Thursday 20th October. If you need to order any items please order online before this date.

**Photographs**

The children had their photographs taken yesterday, we will send out the proofs as soon as we have them. **If your child was absent and you would like a photograph taken, you can phone Jefferson Studios on 0117 9830335 and mention that your child attends Ashton Vale. They will invite you along for the same package that we have in school at the same price.**

**Chartwell’s Nutritionist**

Reception to Year 5 children had a visit from our school meals provider’s nutritionist today. She reinforced the message of cutting down on salt and sugar in order to have a healthy body in later life. The children had the opportunity to ask questions and gain more knowledge about the right food for our bodies.

**Sickness Bug**

There is a sickness bug doing the rounds at the moment. If your child is sick or has diarrhoea they should be kept away from school for 48 hours after the last episode to limit the spread. Thank you.

**Lantern Making**

This year, Years 1 and 6 are making the lanterns for the Lantern Parade in Bedminster on Saturday 10th December. The children will be creating them on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November and all help is gratefully received. If you can come along on either day please see Mr Inskip or Miss Burke or let us know in the office.

 **Break Up**

We break up for the autumn holiday next Friday 21st October and children return to school on Tuesday 1st November. Please note that **Monday 31st October is a staff training day.**

**Infant Family Assembly**

All birthdays that are in the October holiday will be celebrated next week in family assembly.

**RAF Charitable Trust**

The RAF Charitable Trust is offering complimentary tickets to students (and parents of primary children) for their upcoming concert on Thursday 27th October, 7.30pm, at the Colston Hall as part of their RAC In Concert Tour 2016.  The concert features leading musicians from the bands of the Royal Air Force. If you would like tickets please email Chris Green, Senior Education Co-ordinator,onchris.green@bristolplaysmusic.org.

**Attendance**

100% attendance certificates for Term 1 will be given out to children next week. This week’s figures are:

**Penguin 97.9%** Robin 93.7% **Flamingo 97% Crow 98.1%**

**Falcon 97.9%** Kingfisher 94% Blue Jay 91.3%

Yours sincerely

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