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Newsletter No.7

Dear Parent/Carers Friday 21st October 2016

We break up today for the end of Term 1 and children return to school on Tuesday 1st November. Monday 31st October is a training day for staff. I hope you all have a good holiday.

**Pupil News Magazine**

Year 5 have been busy writing their first termly news magazine all about what has happened at Ashton Vale in Term 1. This has been published on our website under a new heading ‘Pupil News’ which you will see at the top of the site. Well done Kingfisher Class I have really enjoyed reading your magazine and I know everyone else will too.

**Tag Rugby/Girls Football/Athletics/Basketball**

* Well done to our tag rugby team. They have represented Ashton Vale to a high standard over the past five weeks and shown really good resilience. Thank you to all the parents who have helped with lifts and to Mr Burley for giving his time to this over the past weeks. Jacob deserves a special mention as he was Ashton Vale’s player of the tournament.
* The Girls Football Team play this afternoon, I will let you know how they got on after the holiday.
* Our athletics and basketball teams will be playing after the holiday.

**Reading and Phonics Meetings**

Mrs Baxter held a reading meeting for parents of children in Penguin Class on Wednesday, if you were unable to make it and would like support in this area please do not hesitate to make a separate appointment.

Mrs Baxter will be holding a meeting for parents of children in Penguin and Robin Classes at 2.30pm on Wednesday 2nd November to talk about phonics, one of the ways that we teach children to read. Year 1 children will be tested in this area in June, which is done in a relaxed way, one to one with their class teacher.

**Family Assembly – Penguin Class**

Penguin Class will start coming to Friday morning assemblies at 9.10am after the October holiday. On Friday 18th November we will celebrate any birthdays from September, October and the beginning of November. These assemblies are an opportunity for children to show some of the work that has been going on throughout the week; all parents are welcome to attend.

**Year 3 Science support**

Year 3 will be learning more about teeth after the holiday and will have the support of local dental students coming in to work with them for the first three Tuesdays of November. This not only supports their science curriculum but also PSHE as they will learn about brushing their teeth and the importance of a healthy diet.

**Diwali Assembly – Robin Class and Remembrance Assembly – Kingfisher Class**

You are all invited to Robin Class’s Diwali assembly on Friday 4th November at 9.10am and Kingfisher’s Remembrance Assembly on Friday 11th November at 9.10am. All missed infant birthdays will be celebrated on Friday 18th November.

**Flu Vaccine – Tuesday 1st November**

Children whose parents have signed up for the flu vaccine will receive their nasal spray on Tuesday 1st November in the afternoon.

**PTA Cake Sale/ Textile Collection**

* The PTA would like to thank all the parents/carers who supported the cake sale at last Sunday’s ‘Make Sunday Special’ event in Ashton Vale, especially those that baked cakes and helped run the stall.  We raised a fantastic £179.30 which will be put towards new resources and equipment for the school.
* The PTA will be having a fundraising textile collection on Monday 7 November so if you are having a clear out over the half-term, please bag up any old clothes, textiles or shoes (tied in pairs please) and bring them into school in the week after half-term.  Bags can be left in the foyer.  We get paid by the kilo so all donations are very welcome - the money goes into the PTA funds which is then spent to enhance your children's life at school.

**Poppy Appeal/Children In Need**

There are two big appeals on our return to school in November and we will be selling products for both.

* Poppy Appeal – From Tuesday 1st November until Friday 11th November we will offer poppies, slap bands, friendship bracelets, key fobs and wrist bands. Nothing costs more than £1.00.
* Children In Need – From Wednesday 9th November until Friday 18th November we will offer wrist bands for £1.00 and Pudsy Ear head bands for £2.50. On Friday 18th November we will dress up for Children In Need which this year has the spotty theme. Donations are welcome but as you have most probably bought their merchandise we are not expecting to collect for this.

All money will go to the charities.

**Lantern Workshop**

This year we have our Years 1 and 6 children making lanterns in school for the Lantern Parade which is on Saturday 10th December in Bedminster. You are all invited to this amazing experience and if you would like to bring your own lantern to the parade, there is an opportunity to join a lantern making workshop on Saturday 12th November 1.30pm at the Community Centre in Risdale Road. To make a moth lantern you will need a 2 litre milk bottle, there will a small charge for materials.

**Cycle Check**

If your child has signed up for the Year 5/6 or 3/4 cycle training, their cycle check is on Friday 4th November, so bikes and cycle helmets must be in school on that day.

**Attendance**

This seems to reflect the bug that has been in school this week, the holiday should get rid of it and we will all come back refreshed and healthy.

Penguin 92.1% Robin 89.7% **Flamingo 95.3%** Crow 94.6%

**Falcon 97.6% Kingfisher 96.7%** Blue Jay 93.3%

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher