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Newsletter No.8

Friday 4th November 2016

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you all enjoy the fireworks this weekend.

**Girls Football/Basketball/Athletics**

* The girls’ football team had a brilliant time at their event. They had the opportunity to try out a range of football activities and play the game. More information can be found on our website under ‘Wow Look at What We Do’ – Sporting results. You will also find photos and information from our sporting events last term.
* On Wednesday we took a basketball team to the first round of their three week tournament. They all played really well and have made a good start to the league.
* Yesterday our athletics team took part in a competition at Ashton Park. We took children from Years 4, 5 and 6 and they were amazing, coming 2nd out of 5 schools. A special well done to the younger children, as they were competing against Year 6 children from other larger schools.

**Phonics Meeting**

On Wednesday Mrs Baxter held a meeting about how we teach phonics, for Reception and Year 1 parents. .If you were unable to attend and would like more information please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher or Mrs Baxter. Mrs Baxter has put more information on our website, including a link to a video explaining and demonstrating the sounds. You can find this under ‘**Information for parents, curriculum, phonics and reading’.**

**Diwali Assembly Year 1**

Well done Robin Class, you presented this assembly really well and we all know so much more about Diwali now.

**Remembrance Assembly Year 5**

Next Friday at 9.10am, Year 5 will be presenting a special assembly linked to Remembrance Day. All parent/carers are invited to join us.

**Poppies/Children In Need**

We are currently selling poppies and remembrance bracelets etc. in school and from next Wednesday we will start selling Children In Need produce.

**Café Church Service - Sunday 6th November**

A very warm invitation is given to everyone in the Ashton Vale Community and beyond to attend the first ever ‘Cafe Church Service’ to be held in our Church next Sunday morning 6th November at 10.30 a.m.

**PTA Textile Collection**

The PTA will be having a fundraising textile collection on Monday.  Please bag up any old clothes, textiles or shoes (tied in pairs please) and bring them into school first thing Monday morning.  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.

**Christmas Fair poster - Saturday 3rd December**

Children will be bringing home a poster this week for the Christmas Fair to colour in and we would be grateful if you could display it in your window to let all your friends, family and neighbours know about it.

**School Dinners**

The new menu is now up and running which means we have two roast dinners a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

You can find the new menu on our website under ‘**Information for parents, lunch menu**’.

**Bikeability**

* The Year 5 and 6 Bikeability lessons start next Tuesday and Thursday morning and continue the following week again on Tuesday and Thursday morning. If your child is in Year 5 we will alternate the Tuesday session so that they only miss one swimming lesson.
* I will let parents of Year 3 and 4 know which Friday their child is completing their Bikeability course. It will be either the 18th or 25th of November.

**Attendance**

This week’s figures are:

**Penguin 98.2% Robin 95.8% Flamingo 97.1% Crow 97.1%**

**Falcon 97% Kingfisher 97.9%** Blue Jay 93.7%

Yours sincerely

Ms V Champeney

Headteacher