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Newsletter No.9

Friday 11th November 2016

Dear Parent/Carers

**Year 5 Remembrance Assembly**

Many thanks to Kingfisher Class for a very moving and informative assembly. It really made us aware of the consequences of war and why we need to work together to strive for peace.

**Year 3/4 Numeracy through Rugby**

Year 3 and 4 pupils are currently benefitting from a six week tag rugby/numeracy initiative. This takes place on Monday mornings and combines a numeracy lesson linked to the game of rugby with a P.E. session which coaches tag rugby. Many thanks to Bristol Sport for providing this initiative free of charge.

**Basket Ball/Football**

* Our basketball team played on Wednesday and won two of their four matches. They play again next Wednesday and the Wednesday after.
* We have our first Coronation Cup football match here on Wednesday against St. Bonaventure’s.

**Football Clubs next week.**

Please note that due to the football match there will be **no Year 5/6 football club next week**. However, the **Year3/4 club will be moved to Thursday.**

**Children In Need**

Next week we shall be selling Children In Need items including the Pudsey Ears for £2.50 and bands for £1.00. On Friday 18th November we will invite the children to come to school in bright colours/spots to show their support for this charity.

**Bikeability**

Next Friday some Year 3 and 4 children will be doing their Bikeability session in the playground, group 2 will complete theirs the following Friday. If your child is taking advantage of this opportunity they will have bought a note home with the date of their session on it.

**Digimaker**

Year 6 will be having a Digimaker workshop next Wednesday afternoon linked to Minecraft. I am sure they will have a great afternoon and learn a lot.

**Ashton Vale Lantern Workshop/Community Café**

* This Saturday the 12th November there is a lantern workshop being held at the Community Centre between 1.30pm and 3.30pm. This is for anyone who wishes to join the amazing Lantern Parade on Saturday 10th December in Bedminster. If you want to make a moth lantern a two litre milk carton will be required.
* The community café will also run so tea/coffee etc. will be available.

**Headship Vacancy**

The advert for the Headship vacancy has been placed this week. Over the next couple of weeks we expect some visits to the school and interviews will take place in early January. I will keep you informed of progress. The children from the student council have created a video for prospective candidates which can be viewed on our website under - Our School, Vacancies.

**Tree Workshop**

Next Thursday afternoon Year 5 will have a Tree workshop which will support their environmental studies.

**Breakfast Club Attendance**

If your child regularly attends Breakfast Club or you have booked them in using the diary, and then for any reason they will not be attending, please could we ask that you contact the school as early as possible to let us know not to expect them. At the moment, a number of children who are booked in do not turn up and we need to know that they are safe at home. This will help us improve our safeguarding provision. Many thanks.

**Handfuls of Harmony Concert**

Our choir children are once again performing in the Handfuls of Harmony Concert at St Pauls Church on Sunday 4th December in the afternoon. Tickets are available from the school office at £5.00 per adult and £2.00 per child.

**PTA Diary of Events**

With this newsletter you should receive a diary of PTA events this term.

**Attendance**

Our attendance for Term 1 is 1.3% up on last year – well done everyone. This week’s figures are:

**Penguin 95% Robin 98%**  Flamingo 91.7% **Crow 98.5%**

Falcon 91.7% **Kingfisher 98.7%** ***Blue Jay 100%***

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher