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## Newsletter

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### Message from Mrs Huxham

As this is the last newsletter of the year, I have lots of thank yous' to make.

First of all I would like to thank Mrs Bowman, Mrs King, Mrs Pritchard and the FOWAS team, in doing an amazing job in organising the family fun evening last Friday. Despite the weather, it turned out to be an thoroughly enjoyable evening and everyone seemed to have a great time, whilst raising money for our school. As a staff we know how difficult it can be to organise things like this and we really appreciate your time and effort. In September they will let you know how much they raised.

We would like to thank you Jeremy for your sponsored 50k Night Ride around Bristol. He has now received £712 in sponsorship, which we think is AMAZING!!



I would like to give an enormous thanks to all the staff who work here, they always go above and beyond their role to support and encourage every child in this school. They are a truly dedicated team and I thank you all for your hard work and enthusiasm.

Today we say good bye to Miss Buckley, who is starting a new life in Sussex. You will be greatly missed and I am sure the rest of the staff will agree when I say it has been a pleasure to work with you. Good luck in your new adventure and don't forget to come visit us.

We also say good bye to our year 6 children. They succeed in bringing a few lumps to our throats today in the leavers service. We wish you all the best as your adventure into secondary school begins.

### Here are a few words from the year 6 children.

*We're the Year 6 class at West Ashton and about to leave for secondary school. We have been thinking of all the great memories we have made during our time at school here, where we've visited, what we've taken part in and what we've learnt. Our favourite trips and experiences have been: a week away on residential in the Forest of Dean, being part of the Seven Stars dance group and performing on stage at the dance festival in Bath, Baths Taps into Science trip where we could experiment and try new things related to everything 'sciency' and even a visit to the sewage works!*

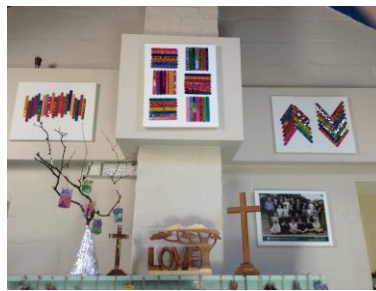
This year we have been lucky enough to meet a Polar Explorer Ambassador. Jo came to school to tell us all about the launch of the Sir David Attenborough research ship. It is on its way to the Antarctic. She helped us learn more about all the different jobs in the Antarctic and she did some science experiments with us. We had to make a tinfoil boat to hold peas! Some people were very successful and the winner made a boat which held 340 peas.

As this was out last year in primary school, we also had our SATs to do. We had to be very quiet which was tricky for some of us. They felt different to tests we'd done before so we knew we were nearly at the end of primary. Also this year we have learnt about The Ancient Maya – we learnt to count in base 20 and discovered that they used hieroglyphs to write. They also played a very funny ball game where you could only pass the ball with your knees or elbows. We learnt about space and where our world is within the solar system. We also tried some space food. The ice-cream was delicious! Our other topic this year has been the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We read about Beowulf and found out that the Battle of Ethandune was just up the road at Edington.

We are all very excited about moving on but will miss West Ashton.

Eleanor, Summer, Phoenix, Logan, Sasha, Amelia and Owen

We have an amazing last two weeks of mixed class art activities:



Thank you to you all for making this year a great success, we all look forward to starting again in September and welcoming our new children.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and as much rest as you can get!

Best Wishes

Debby Huxham

### **Key Dates:**

- 25<sup>th</sup> July – TD Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Holidays
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Return to school
- 4<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the teacher of Voyagers
- 5<sup>th</sup> September – New reception children start
- 5<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the teacher of discoverers
- 6<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the teacher of Explorers
- 9<sup>th</sup> September – New nursery children start
- 10<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the teacher of Shooting Stars

