



Hello,

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our parent/carer evenings this week. I hope you found it a good opportunity to meet up with the class teacher to discuss how the new school year has begun. If you were unable to make an appointment, please do contact the class teacher who will be happy to arrange a time to meet with you to give you an update on your child's start in their class.

We did not send home any formal report this time as we felt the meeting would be best suited to discuss your child's transition into the new year and identify any GEM powers that need developing. There will be two additional parent/carer evenings later on in the year. These meetings will bookend the spring terms and will be primarily focused on your child's achievement.

Considering it was parent/carer evenings it also seems appropriate to mention that today is... World Teacher Day,

We have such a fantastic team of teachers at Air Balloon who work hard, all year round, to support our children: the late nights of parent/carer evenings are just a drop in the ocean. I don't normally like to single out specific teachers but I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mrs Molton who flew in at the last minute to make sure that her class' parent/care evening continued without a hitch. What a star!

Thank you all as well for all the contributions for our harvest assembly on Monday. The children all enjoyed a special assembly led by St Aiden's church and I know that the foodbank charity will greatly appreciate the donations.

I hope you all have a great weekend and I will see you next week.

Thanks

Tim Browse

**World Teacher Day**

Today is World Teacher Day (or International Teacher Day). It's an opportunity to celebrate the amazing job teachers do in educating our children and it aims to focus on "appreciating, assessing and improving the educators of the world". We are fortunate at Air Balloon to have an amazing team of teachers (and support staff) who genuinely care about every child they work with. Our teachers go above and beyond to make sure that children at Air Balloon get the best possible experiences and education and we are all extremely grateful to them all for the great work they do.



**Next Week in school...**

Is a quiet week in school!

**Tuesday**

~ Football Match—Waycroft Academy—away 3:30pm



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**Team Points**

**1st** - Brunel (82)

**2nd** - Rowling (49)

**3rd** - Banksy (39)

**4th** - Dixie (20)



**Best Class Attendance of the week**

This weeks winners are:

**Yr 2/3 Hall** : Saturn 100%

**Dining Hall**: Apollo 99.21%

**PE Hall**: Jupiter 98.42%

Our overall school attendance for the week is 96.2%, but remember...our attendance target is 97% each week...so that is the minimum that every child should be aiming for (but of course, we love it when they're here 100% of the time!)



**Please don't climb on the railings**

We would like to remind parents and carers not to allow their children to climb on the walls and railings at the front of the school. There could be a very nasty accident if a child slipped whilst on the wall.



**After School Activities**

**After School Clubs**

Clubs are running next week, except there will be no Football Club on Tuesday due to the away match against Waycroft.

The only club left with spaces this term is KS2 Choir, letters are available in the foyer.



**In-Service Closure**

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

5th In-service day to be confirmed



## FAB News



Eyes down for Bingo!! We look forward to seeing you all later.



If you haven't purchased tickets, it's not too late, we will be selling them on the door at £3 per ticket.

Doors will open at 7pm ready for eyes down at 7.30pm.

The bar will be open and we will be selling food. This year we are able to take credit card payments at the bar.

However, we cannot take card payment for bingo tickets, so please bring cash to purchase these.

**\*\* Great prizes to be won \*\***

£5 for a line

£15 for a full-house

Last game, full-house only £50

## Autumn Discos

Discos for all year groups will be held on 25th October at the following times:

Reception & Yr1 3.30pm-4.30pm

Years 2 & 3 4.45pm-6pm

Years 4, 5 & 6 6.15pm-7.45pm

Please fill in the slip on page 3 and return it to reception in an envelope marked "Disco" with your child's name and class by Tuesday 23 October.

## Christmas Cards

Today your child will bring home a blank template to design their very own Christmas Card!

Their designs can be made using felts, crayons and should be as bright and festive as possible (no glitter or attachments)!

Please hand completed sheets into the office no later than Wednesday 24th October, these will then be turned into a free Christmas Card and you will have the opportunity to buy more packs and other festive items. More details to follow!

## FAB Meetings

Our FAB meetings will be held on Tuesday 9th October at 7.30pm and Friday 26th October at 9.00am Locations to be confirmed.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to our coffee morning last Friday and supported our cake sale after school. We raised a total of £245.53 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



## School Photographs

School photo proofs will be coming home next week, we are encouraging you to order your prints online as you will receive 4 free prints—details to follow next week about the deadline for ordering.



This year we used Fraser Portraits for the individual and sibling photos, we would welcome any feedback from parents/carers about the photos to help us decide whether to use them again in the summer and next year.

Feedback can be emailed to [airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk), please mark the emails "Photo Feedback"

## Stratos Gallery

This week we have received these lovely Butternut squashes from our own school allotment. also, Miss Harvey kindly donated this whopper of a courgette!!



## Next Year's Reception Children

Is your child due to start school in September 2019? We are running information sessions and school tours on the following days:

**Thursday 8th November 9:15am**

**Wednesday 28th November 2:00pm**

All tours will last 1 hour.



**If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, your child will be due to start in September 2019**

## Up-to-date contact Details

Please make sure you keep us updated with any changes to your contact details. It really is essential that we are able to contact you if we need to - this is especially important if your child is on our walk-to-school alone list.



## Menu Change



Look out for details next week of our special menu on Monday 5th November. We're having a Bonfire Night special...with hot dogs and Toffee Apple Crumble!!!

## Community News

# St. George Community Fair

FREE ENTRY to your Local Event

**Saturday 6 October : 11am-2pm**

at both **St Aidan with St George Church and Church Hall**  
Fir Tree Lane / Nags Head Hill

### Discover what's going on!

- ★ Learn Local History
- ★ Environmental Groups
- ★ Faith Groups
- ★ St George in Bloom
- ★ Children & Youth Activities
- ★ Health, Fitness & Sport
- ★ Activities & Events for Seniors

### Support local community groups

- ★ Visit stalls and displays
- ★ Buy locally made produce

### Meet those providing our local services

- ★ Local Councillors
- ★ Neighbourhood Police

Fair to be opened by the Lord Mayor

Supporting:  **Bourne Family Project**  
based in Kingswood & St George

- Play Therapy
- Adult Counselling
- Family Support

Refreshments available in the Church Hall

*Come along and see what's happening in your community!*

Please come along and say hello to us at the fayre.

## Halloween Fun with the Lord Mayor of Bristol

The Lord Mayor of Bristol is opening the doors to her beautiful Victorian mansion for a fun filled Halloween, with spooky storytelling, games and a fancy dress competition.



This is a fabulous opportunity to visit one of Bristol's secret (and spooky!) gems. There are only **30** places available, which will be allocated on a first come first should be booked early to avoid disappointment. Children must be accompanied by an adult (strictly limited to one place).



Bookings should be made via [lordmayor@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:lordmayor@bristol.gov.uk).

**Wednesday 31st October at 4pm**

The Mansion House, Canynge Rd, Clifton, BS8 3LJ.

Dear parents,



I am very excited to announce that this year we are aiming to achieve the Bristol Healthy Schools Food and Nutrition badge. This badge was created by Bristol City Council to encourage schools to think more carefully about all aspects of food and nutrition associated with school life.

Over the coming year we will be working towards the following:

- Developing a whole school food policy.
- In order to achieve the badge and improve the health of our school community, we are seeking 6 parent volunteers to form part of a food action group. This will entail attending meetings (3 per year) and offering your opinion and support. If you are interested, please let the office know.

To celebrate the launch of this project, on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October we will be hosting a Food and Nutrition event after school. The event will include:

- Increasing the uptake of school dinners.
- Healthy Snack advice.
- Simple healthy food recipes.
- Guidance on what a 'healthy packed lunch' looks like.
- Taster stalls.
- New lunch menu.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Mr May

## Foodbank Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our Harvest Festival on Monday. Please remember that we are a donation point for the Kingswood Food Bank all year round and any donations can be left in the black box in the main foyer.



## Fancy Dress Disco Ticket Order Form

Thursday 25th October 2018

Please complete this form and return it with the **correct money** in an envelope (no change will be given).

Please mark the envelope with "Disco" and your child's name and class and put it in the post-box in the main foyer by **Tuesday 16th October 2018**

Please note - children can come in any fancy-dress outfit but **cannot wear masks**.

Tickets will be handed out by the class teacher on Wednesday 17th October.

Name: ..... Class: .....

Disco (Please tick)

Reception & Yr 1 (£2.00)	3.30pm - 4.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Years 2 and 3 (£2.50)	4.45pm - 6pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Years 4, 5 and 6 (£2.50)	6.15pm - 7.45pm	<input type="checkbox"/>





## Update on Penalty Notice

We were notified last week that Bristol City Council have updated their Code of Conduct for the issuing of Penalty Notices and as we are a school who issues Penalty Notices and follows the Bristol City Council Code, we thought it would be beneficial to share the changes with you.

The Code of Conduct sets out the circumstances for which a Penalty Notice may be issued to parents for irregular attendance - including unauthorised term time holidays. The main revision to the previous version of the Code of Conduct removes the upper limit of unauthorised absences for which a Penalty Notice can be issued. This means, that for children with 8 or more sessions (4 or more days) of irregular or sporadic absences across any 10 week period, Penalty Notices can be issued.

A '10 week period' means a continuous period of 100 school sessions (which would usually be 50 school days). It doesn't include school holidays, Inset Days, or Weekends. The 100 school sessions could span two different terms, or indeed, two academic years.

Parents and Carers should be aware that Penalty Notices are issued as an alternative to prosecution (which can lead to fines of up to £2,500 or 3 months in prison). In addition, the Code of Conduct confirms that, where a Penalty Notice is being issued for an unauthorised leave of absence or term-time holiday, evidence of an individual warning is not required. The school needs to ensure that we have made parents and carers aware:

- that term time leave of absence is not an automatic right;
- of the school's expectations around parents making and the school granting leave of absence requests; and
- that unauthorised term time leave may result in a Penalty Notice.

All of these things are clearly explained in our school Attendance Policy. Evidence that parents have been warned could include: articles, such as this one, in school newsletters; information on the school's website; the school attendance policy; or written evidence of the refusal in the form of an individual letter.

Bristol City Council are also advising schools to consider whether a Penalty Notice is the most appropriate course of action for irregular attendance - for example, if it is a repeated offence which indicates that Penalty Notices are not bringing about a change in behaviour, for example, if there are repeated unauthorised term time holidays over several years or if the nature of the irregular attendance is complex or long standing. In such cases, the Local Authority may decide not to issue a Penalty Notice, but instead consider instigating a prosecution under Section 444(1) or 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996.

A copy of the new Code of Conduct can be downloaded from the Council website: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/education-welfare> (you can find the link at the very bottom of the page). Printed copies can also be obtained from the school office.

Our Attendance Policy is available on our school website - <https://www.abhps.com/policies/> or you can request a paper copy from the school office. Leave of Absence Request Forms can be obtained from the main foyer - these also contain information about Penalty Notices.



If any parents or carers have any queries about term-time holidays or Penalty Notices, please speak to Mrs King in the school office who can offer further information and advice.