



Air Balloon Hill Primary School

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Hello,

I've really enjoyed visiting some of the classrooms this week, along with other school leaders, to see what the children have been learning during their English lessons. At Air Balloon, we use a process called 'talk for writing' to develop children's English skills. The first part of the process is about introducing the children to a type of writing or text.

This week I've observed lots of non-fiction writing. All over the school the children have been writing instructions, invitations and non-chronological reports. I've learnt how to tame a sabre tooth tiger in Year 3; been invited to a very spooky party by the children in Year 1. The Year 2 children have shown me how to make a batch of Mama Panya's delicious pancakes, whilst the Year 4 children have taught me how to train a dragon. In Year 5 I've learnt what a 'Chimera' is in Greek mythology and in Year 6 they've been studying newspaper articles.

It's been a fascinating journey around the school and it's always a privilege to go into our classrooms and see everyone at work. I will continue exploring some of the children's lessons next week and I can't wait!

I hope you have a super weekend,
Tim Browse

Next Week in school...

Wednesday

~ Mars and Mercury WOW event—
2:30—Parents invited.

Thursday

~ Venus and Earth WOW event—2:30—Parents invited.

Friday

~ Healthy Schools Event—3:30—Front Playground.



Team Points

1st - Dixie (83)

2nd - Brunel (72)

3rd - Rowling (65)

4th - Banksy (38)



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Best Class Attendance of the week

This weeks winners are:

Yr 2/3 Hall : Star 99.57%

Dining Hall: Apollo 98.81%

PE Hall: Voyager 98.81%



Our overall school attendance for the week is 96.54%, 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!)

Resilient Readers

Don't forget it will be the Resilient Readers cinema treat during the last week of term for all the children who have read 3 times a week.

Please remember to write in your child's Reading Record when they read at home. We are very excited about the films to be shown.....more details next week.



Lost Property

Poppy in Sun Class has lost her cardigan and Nuh in Pegasus has lost 2 sweatshirts. If found, please return to the class. Thank you.



We also seem to have a lot of coats and jackets piling up in lost property!!

Use of the Ball Court and Climbing Frame after school

We have a number of children who are staying behind after school and playing in the ball court and on the climbing frame instead of going home at 3:20pm.



After 3.20pm, children are no longer the responsibility of school staff (unless they are attending a club or Space Cadets). The children are not supervised and this is therefore a health and safety concern for the school.

Please ensure your children exit the school premises at the correct time, thank you.

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.



In-Service Closure

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

5th In-service day to be confirmed



FAB News

Thank you to everyone who came along to our bingo evening last Friday. It was a great night and we managed to raise approximately £246.

Autumn Discos

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

Reception & Yr 1	3.30pm-4.30pm
Years 2 & 3	4.45pm-6pm
Years 5 & 6	6.15pm-7.45pm

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

Christmas Cards

You should have all now received the Christmas Card template, we've seen some great festive designs already! Don't forget they can be designed using felt or crayons and should be as bright and festive as possible (no glitter or attachments)! Completed sheets should be handed into the office, no later than Wednesday 24th October. Your design will then be turned into a free Christmas Card, and you will have the opportunity to buy more packs (£5 per pack of 12) plus other festive items including gifts tags and tea towels.

Black Iris Photo Shoot

On the 31st October, Black Iris, will be opening up their studio exclusively to parents of Air Balloon. They will be providing a FREE family or individual photo shoot with a FREE 6x8 image. Appointments can be made by calling Black Iris, direct on 01179 396865.

FAB Meetings

Our next FAB meeting will be held on Friday 26th October at 9.00am in Space Cadets. Everyone welcome.



After School Activities

After School Clubs

There is no Messy Church next Wednesday 17th October. All other clubs are running as normal.

Advance Notice:

There will be no netball club on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October.

Text Messages

Please remember that if you reply to our text messages sent by the school, the inbox the messages come back into is not monitored and your message will not be picked up.



Bristol Healthy Schools

Next Friday 19th October, Mr May will be hosting a Food and Nutrition event in the PE Hall 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.

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.



School Photographs

Please remember to hand in all photograph orders to the school office by **9am on Monday 15th October**. Don't forget if you order your prints online you will receive four free prints!!



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, please mark the emails "Photo Feedback"

Choir T-Shirts

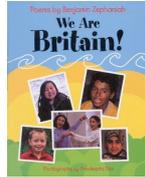
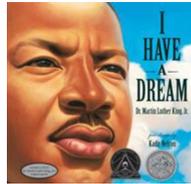
Miss Sadler is still missing some green choir t-shirts.

Please can you check at home and return them to Miss Sadler as soon as possible.



Library News

In celebration of Black History Month we have some wonderful new books on display. The Fact Cat series has a great photographic story all about "Rosa Parks" and I have a fantastic new poetry book called "We are Britain", by Benjamin Zephaniah.



Library World Film Club

It's that time again for World Film Club. On Wednesday 17th October we will be showing in Hindi with English subtitles, The Incredibles, rated U. A family of undercover superheroes, while trying to live the quiet suburban life, are forced into action to save the world.

Screenings are at Lunchtime and Wednesday after school from 15:20 till 16:30. Year 6 can come with a signed permission slip, otherwise all children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.



Secondary School Applications

Reminder that the deadline for applications is **Wednesday 31st October 2018**.

Applications for Secondary School places for September 2019 can be made via the Bristol City Council website from mid September: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions>



St George Community Fair

Thank you to everyone at St Aidan's who invited us to the St George Community fair last Saturday.

We always enjoy this event as this reminds us that we are a part of the St George wider community. We were able to showcase some of the art produced by the children in years 5 and 6 and talk to people about our GEM project.

The fayre was opened by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Lesley Alexander.



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



Advance Notice

A Book Fayre will be held during week commencing 22nd October.

Poppies will be available to buy from the Office from Monday 22nd October.



Change

Please do not ask the office for change other than for school dinners, trips and uniform



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 23rd 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 24th 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"/>

