



Air Balloon Hill Primary School

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Hello,

Although I am always keen to delay the school's slide into Christmas for as long as I can, I have to acknowledge the fantastic singing that some of our children treated an audience at St Georges concert hall on Wednesday evening.

Together, along with children from other schools, they performed in an hour long performance which showcased their fantastic singing through a range of carols and Christmas songs. A huge thank you to Mrs Sadler and Mr Harris who supported the children through the event. It was a wonderful evening and has made me look forward to our own 'songs around the Christmas tree' evening later on in the term.

I am also really looking forward to our Christmas Fayre this Saturday. FAB have worked really hard coordinating it and it promises to be a really enjoyable family event. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have contributed to the various prizes and stalls - these school events really could not happen without you.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Tim Browse

Next Week in school ...

Monday

- ~ Spelling Bees.
- ~ Year 2 Sea Songs WOW Event— 2:45pm.
- ~ Governors FGB Meeting 6:30pm.

Wednesday

- ~ Year 3 WOW Event—Bollywood Dance—9:00am— Parents and Carers welcome.
- ~ Mercury and Mars WOW Event- 2:30pm

Thursday

- ~ Venus and Earth Class WOW Event— 2:30pm

Friday

- ~ Book Buddy Training—9:15am



Best Class Attendance of the week

This weeks winners are:

Dining Hall : Sirius £99.59%

PE Hall: Asteroid 98.47%

Year 2/3 Hall: Meteor 98.35%



Attendance for the week = 94.69 % that's 188 days of school missed by children this week, more than 1 class missing a whole week of education.

Smoking

We have received several complaints recently about the number of adults smoking directly outside the school gates. Whilst we appreciate it is a public space, we would ask that adults do not smoke around children and families entering/exiting the school gates.



Team Points

1st - Banksy (25)

2nd—Rowling & Dixie (12)

3rd - Brunel (8)



Foodbank Appeal

We have received a letter of thanks from the Kingswood Food Bank for all of your donations this year. The donations they received have helped them feed, so far this year, 1183 people of which 492 have been children. Over the corresponding period last year they fed 963 people of which 390 were children. You can see that the demand for support continues to grow quite considerably. This will be the 5th Christmas since they have opened and it will be their busiest time of the year. Last year they fed 207 people over the 3 Mondays they were open in December with 118 alone on the last Monday before Christmas Day, the biggest ever single day figure.



Next week, we would welcome any donations you can make to the Food Bank including Christmas puddings, crackers (to pull), gravy granules, stuffing mix, chocolate coins, mince pies, cake, panettone, tins of family biscuits and selection boxes - these will be much needed and appreciated to help local families enjoy some festive cheer.

Donations can be left in the box in the main foyer during next week and we will deliver the donations to the Food Bank on Monday 17th December. If you are able to add an extra item or two into your shopping trolley next week to help this valuable local resource, we would be extremely grateful.

Thank you.

In-Service Closure

Friday 8th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Christmas Lunch

Reminder.. It is now too late to order a Christmas lunch for 20th December. If you have ordered but not yet paid, please pay at the office by the end of Monday.



Children are allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers on Thursday 20th December.

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.



After School Activities

Messy Church

Next Wednesday is the last Messy Church before Christmas.

Bookings now available for Reception and KS1 Gymnastics starting in January.



Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for volunteers to help with the upkeep of our onsite school allotment, if you can spare any time during school hours or afterschool and are interested please contact Adam Lea (Site Manager).



Congratulations...

To Mrs Watton and her husband who welcomed a baby boy, Flynn, on 27th November weighing 6lb 8oz and also to Miss Huish and her partner on the birth of their son, Kaiyan, on Sunday 2nd December weighing also, 6lb 8oz. We send them all our love and look forward to meeting them in due course!



FAB News

Christmas Cards

All orders will be sent home in book bags early next week.



Christmas Fayre

We look forward to seeing everyone for some festive fun on Saturday, 11am-2pm. Thank you for all of your generous donations.

Carols Around the Christmas Tree

This is always a lovely festive evening and this year it will take place on Tuesday 18 December at 6.30pm. Tickets are £2 per adult and £1 per child. Spaces are limited so tickets will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Please complete the slip on page 3 and return it together with your money to the office in an envelope marked "Carols Around the Christmas Tree".

All funds raised by FAB at the fayre and during the school year are used to enhance your child's learning experience. We fund your child's class trip, gifts at Easter and Christmas, together with lots of other items that the school may need.

Stories around the Christmas Tree

We still have spaces for years R, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Stories Around the Christmas Tree. This is a lovely, free event for the children - they come back to school in their PJs or onesies, dressing gowns and slippers for milk, biscuits and festive stories around the Christmas Tree. Teddies and soft-toys are obviously an optional extra to bring along too!



Whilst the children enjoy a story or 2, parents and carers are invited to the Dining Hall where FAB will be serving tea and coffee and mince pies. Again this is free but donations are welcome.

Lost Property

Kai in Voyager Class has lost his Next black coat, it has vertical lines and silver buttons, if found please return to the Class.



Carols Around the Christmas Tree Tuesday 18 December, 6.30pm



I would like to purchase the following tickets for the above event:

- Adult tickets @ £2 each (please insert number required)
- Child tickets @ £1 each (please insert number required)

Child's Name Child's Class