

Everyone can achieve

Everyone can learn

Everyone belongs

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## Newsletter 5

**2nd October 2020**

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Hello,

Throughout October we will be taking part in Black History Month during which time we will be celebrating the huge achievements of a number of Black Britons and looking at how they have helped shape our lives today. From Mary Seacole to Margaret Busby, from Samuel Coleridge-Taylor to Bristol's very own Dixie Brown.

Every Monday we will be taking a key theme which will be explored in classrooms. This year, we will be exploring:

- The history of 'black history'
- Inspirational figures in black history – with an emphasis on Bristol
- Black Lives Matter

As we explore the lives of many inspirational people from our past and present, we will also be talking to all our children about their aspirations. We want to find out about our children's hopes and ambitions for the sort of world they want to live in, a world where everyone belongs.

The work we do for Black History Month will help support much of the work on 'equalities' that we are planning to carry out this year. We want to make sure that Air Balloon is a place where everyone feels that they belong and where the diversity of our community is recognized and celebrated. This is not something the school can do on its own. As the year continues, we will be seeking to engage with our community on many projects that will strengthen our school community. Supporting Black History Month is a small part in this endeavor and something that we are always very proud to take part in.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Thank you,

Tim Browse

### Minutes Matter

We are finding that now, more than ever, our timings are really important. If the school day begins to overrun, then it has real consequences for the rest of the day. We did notice that our number of 'lates' began to creep up last week. Due to the fact that children go straight into class, lessons are beginning earlier this year so if your child is late, then they will be missing out on important learning. Please can parents and carers do their bit to help the school day to run smoothly by keeping to their children's drop-off/pick-up timings.

### More space

A reminder for those parents who drop off in the top playground, especially our Year 4 parents, that you are now able to exit the school site by walking along the side of the school and out via the main entrance. This should further support our efforts to maintain social distancing during those busier times of the school day.

### Uniform

A reminder that from Term 2 onwards we will be expecting all children to come to school wearing school uniform. We relaxed our policy for term 1 in light of COVID but after half term, please make sure your children are coming to school in school uniform and the correct PE kit on their PE days. If anyone is finding it difficult to purchase a uniform, please do contact the school as we may be able to help.

### Harvest Festival



We will be celebrating Harvest Festival this year on Tuesday 13th October with a virtual assembly for the children to watch in class. We would like to continue to support our local Foodbank, and are asking for donations of any non-perishable foods in sealed packets and/or toiletry items for your child to bring to school on Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th October. There will be a collection box in each class. We would like to thank you for your support on behalf of the Bristol East Foodbank who will receive all of your donations.



### Year 3 Appeal

In year 3, we're working on a piece of 'large-art', inspired by the 'Big-art attack' pieces that used to be on the television show. We're hoping to create our piece next week. However, as it stands, we're currently short on black materials to use for our picture. If you have any old, unloved bedsheets, clothes, towels, pillowcases...any materials that we can use to create a large floor-based picture, please could we have them? We're particularly short on black items. Anything you have, no matter the quality, would be greatly appreciated.



### Year 7 Applications

The application window is open and all applications must be received by 31st October 2020.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

We will update the Year 6 page on the school website with details of secondary school open days as and when we receive them.

<https://www.abhps.com/year-6/>

If you have any questions or need help completing your application, please do not hesitate in contacting Sally King in the school office.



Friday 2nd October

# LIBRARY NEWS



Air Balloon Hill Primary School Library

- How to return your Overdue Library book
- Click and Class delivery service.
- Recommended reads this week

## Launching: Click and Class Delivery Library Service!

All children will receive a sticker showing their individual Library Barcode number and a Password. (Stickers will be stuck into Reading Record books).

### How to Return your Library Book?

*Please can all Library books be returned to school, Books can be handed in to the class teacher.*

*All books that return will be placed into a 72 hour "quarantine box". Books will also be wiped clean and returned to the Library ready for your reservation!*

*Return your Library book so you can choose a new one.*

Once logged in children will be able to see their personal Libresoft Library page and view our library books. Please read the handbook to follow instructions on how to reserve a book.

Your chosen Library book will be delivered to class. This book can be taken home to enjoy!

Children's Laureate 2019-2022 Cressida Cowell's key message 'reading is magic, and magic is for everyone'

This weeks recommended reads are:

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf

The Night Pirates by Peter Harris

Please watch the YouTube video introduction to update yourself on the new Click and Class Delivery service:

<https://youtu.be/7ZBpYdKUu6o>

To read the Handbook please see our school website:

<https://www.abhps.com/library-2/>

