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Everyone can learn

Everyone belongs

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Newsletter 11

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Hello,

This week, Air Balloon has taken part in Anti-Bullying week. On Monday, I led an assembly on how to recognise bullying and what to do about it. At Air Balloon, we say that bullying is repeated behaviour by a person - or group of people - which hurts or upsets someone else on purpose. We use the acronym **STOP** which stands for **S**everal **T**imes **O**n **P**urpose.

I also talked about the different types of bullying, including physical, emotional and cyber-bullying. The last example is an ever-growing concern and can be very difficult for schools to manage as it often happens when the children are not in school. We always ask parents to be vigilant in monitoring children's online activity including knowing what apps or games they are using. Being online is great but there are risks and it is important that parents and teachers work together to help keep children safe from bullying online.

Our key message for what to do if any child experiences bullying, including cyber-bullying, is to

START:

Stand tall – remember that nobody deserves to be bullied.

Talk – tell somebody about what is happening.

Act – make sure you act in the right way. Don't retaliate or fight back.

Record – Write down what's happened, or take a screenshot.

Trust – make sure you share what's going on with a trusted adult

You can watch this week's assembly by visiting our YouTube channel or by clicking [here](#). Next week, we are going to continue supporting anti-bullying week, focusing specifically on how to stay safe online.

I hope you all enjoy the weekend and I'll see you next week.

Tim Browse

WhatsApp Update

Talking of online safety.... You may have heard that WhatsApp has developed a new feature called disappearing messages where messages, or content shared on chat groups, have a limited life span until they disappear. This feature presents additional risks to children. If your child uses WhatsApp, you can read more about it, and how to support your child with managing their settings, by clicking [here](#).



ParentMail

Please ensure that you are checking your ParentMail messages regularly (especially in the mornings) for any updates from us about class or bubble closures. All of the messages will be sent by ParentMail and email, we are not able to send text messages or make individual phone calls to notify you if your child's bubble has been closed.



If you have a smart phone but don't already have the ParentMail app, we would recommend downloading it for free from the App Store or Google Play and activating your account so that messages can be seen quickly and easily.

If you have any questions about the app or need any help to register your account, please speak to Mrs King in the school office.

Self-Isolation

We are aware that it can be difficult for families when one or more members of the household need to self-isolate so we wanted to remind our community of the guidance from the government and NHS about self-isolating.



**Self-isolation means
NOT leaving home**

- If you display any covid-19 symptoms or test positive, you must isolate until you have a negative test result or for 10 days after you developed symptoms. The rest of your household must isolate until you have a negative test result or for 14 days after you first displayed symptoms. You must not leave your house for any reason except to get a covid test. If you do display any covid-19 symptoms, please do not send your child to school – contact the school office for further advice and call 119 to book a test.
- If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace and told to isolate, you must not leave your house for any reason, except to get a test if you develop symptoms, for the time frame given to you. The rest of the household can carry on as normal. If this will cause you difficulties in getting your child/ren to school, please contact Mrs King in the school office who will be able to advise.
- If your child is told by their school to self-isolate because they have been identified as being in close contact with someone in their school community who has tested positive for covid-19, they must stay at home and isolate for 14 days. They cannot leave the house for any reason (except to get a covid test). The rest of the household can carry on as

How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

Don't

- ✗ do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- ✗ do not go on public transport or use taxis
- ✗ do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- ✗ do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- ✗ do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

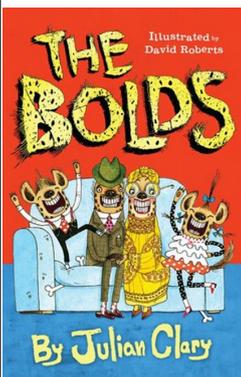
normal unless the child develops covid symptoms or tests positive (if this happens – refer to point 1 above). Siblings should continue to attend school. The isolating child **MUST NOT** leave the house, they **MUST NOT** join you in bringing other children to or collecting other children from school.

If you have any questions about self-isolation or how to manage getting other children to school while family members are self-isolating, please contact Mrs King in the school office.

We understand that self-isolation is difficult but it is a necessary action to help reduce the spread of Coronavirus and keep everyone safe. Further information about self-isolation can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Library News

This week has been very exciting as lots of new books have been added to our Library catalogue. A huge thank you to Verity who has been helping me add these new and donated books ready for you to reserve using our Click and Deliver Service. You will notice when you are logged into the Library system that all the new books are displayed. Please have a look, as I am sure you will find something interesting to read. A new reading adventure awaits!



My book recommendation this week is:

The Bolds by: Julian Clary

A very funny, family adventure with fabulous illustrations.

With laugh out loud jokes and a trip to the local wildlife park, including a brilliantly wacky heist that could be the end of Teddington's best-kept secret!

Mr and Mrs Bold are just like you and me: they live in a nice house (in Teddington), they have jobs (like writing Christmas cracker jokes) and they love to have a bit of a giggle. One slight difference: they're hyenas. Yes, that's right - they're covered in fur, have tails tucked into their trousers, and they really, really like to laugh. So far, the Bolds have managed to keep things under wraps!

Also check out Book two: The Bolds to the Rescue.

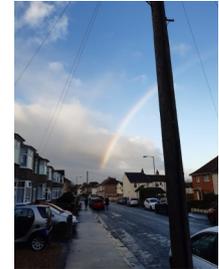
Children in Need

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who took part, sponsored our children and donated to Children in Need. We have already raised an incredible **£3,900.00!!**



Rainbow

Thank you to one of our parents who sent us this wonderful picture of another rainbow over the school.... You could say we're the pot of gold at the end!



Foodbank Appeal

Every year, we have a Christmas appeal for the East Bristol Foodbank to support them and this year we know that they need our help more than ever.

Between January and October, the Kingswood Foodbank alone have helped to feed over 2350 people, including 825 children - that's almost double the number of people they helped in the same period last year. In December 2019, they fed 268 people in a month - this year they are expecting to help over 500.

From Monday, we will have boxes in the main foyer for donations and we will make regular drop-offs to the foodbank throughout December. Their Christmas Wish List is:

- Christmas Puddings
- Christmas Cakes
- Mince Pies
- Crackers (to pull)
- Tins/boxes of festive treats and biscuits
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy Granules
- Chocolate/Sweet selection boxes
- Stuffing Mix

They would also welcome donations of Advent Calendars (before 27th November) and gifts that they can give out for Christmas - so would welcome any children's gifts, books or colouring books and toiletry gifts for adults.

This wish list is in addition to the items that they need all year round, so donations of tea, coffee, toilet rolls, toiletry items (deodorant, shower gel, tooth paste etc) laundry products, baby supplies (nappies, wipes, food), cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned meat, veg and fruit, UHT milk and fruit juice are also needed.

If you can help by adding an extra item or two to your shopping over the coming weeks and dropping it off in the foyer, we know the team of volunteers at the Kingswood Foodbank and everyone who receives your donations will be extremely grateful.



Water Bottles

Please remember to send your child/ren into school everyday with their water bottle, so that they can have a drink whenever they need it.





Winter Wonder Bags

Help us make Christmas a little brighter for local families in need this winter.

Can you help by donating any new...



Socks (all sizes)
Small children's toys
Children's gloves/hats



Christmas decoration/tree chocolates
Chocolate treats for children and adults
Small family games /cards / card games

Toiletries or toiletry gift sets, women's, men's or family toiletries
Note pads / pens / children's stationery / colouring / activity books
Christmas puddings, yule log, Christmas cake, Christmas/luxury biscuits

**** All items must be new,
not gift wrapped and
put in a tied bag ****

**Drop off or get donations delivered direct by
10th December 4pm to:**

Broomhill Children's Centre, Fermaine Avenue, BS4 4UY	0117 3534276
Oldbury Court Children's Centre, Frenchay Road, BS16 2QS	0117 3532899
Speedwell Children's Centre, Speedwell Road, BS5 7SY	0117 3532899
St Anne's park Children's Centre, Lichfield Road, BS4 4BJ	0117 3773189



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CATHEDRAL SCHOOLS TRUST

Cathedral Schools Trust is currently consulting on admissions arrangements for all the schools within the Trust. The consultation will run from Monday 16th November 2020 to midday on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

Full details of the consultation can be found via our website (www.cathedralschoolstrust.org) or via the websites of the following schools:

Bristol Cathedral Choir School (www.bccs.bristol.sch.uk)
Cathedral Primary School (www.cathedralprimaryschool.org)
Headley Park Primary School (www.headleypark.bristol.sch.uk)
St Katherine's School (www.stkaths.org.uk)
Stoke Park Primary School (www.stokeparkprimary.org)
Trinity Academy (www.trinityacademybristol.org)
Victoria Park Primary School (www.victoriaparkprimary.co.uk)

We welcome feedback from all members of the community. To submit feedback please complete the link to the form on our website. Alternatively you can submit feedback by post or email by writing to:

Admissions Department,
Cathedral Schools Trust,
College Square,
Bristol,
BS1 5TS

Email: consultation@cathedralschoolstrust.org



Notice of proposed changes to the Olympus Admissions Arrangements for the academic year 2022/2023

The Olympus Academy Trust is consulting on its proposed admission arrangements for the academic year 2022/23. The consultation will be open from 23rd November 2020 to 15th January 2021. The full draft arrangements for all schools can be read at <https://www.olympusacademiustrust.org.uk/>. Paper copies are also available on request. The main changes are as follows:

1. Year 7 at Bradley Stoke Community School (BSCS) currently has a Published Admission Number (PAN) of 180 into Year 7. From September 2022 it is proposed to reduce the PAN to 150 for external applicants. A further 30 places will be taken up by students already on roll in Year 6 at BSCS moving up into Year 7.
2. The inclusion of the Post 16 application form for BSCS, Abbeywood Community School, Patchway Community School, and Winterbourne Academy.

Feedback, comments, queries and requests for copies of the policy should be addressed to:

Lisa Stevens
Admissions Officer
Olympus Central Office, Winterbourne Academy,
17 High Street, Winterbourne, Bristol BS36 1JL

Tel: 01454 252010

Email: lisa.stevens@olympustrust.co.uk

November 2020



Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

Stratos Galley is Air Balloon Hill Primary School's in-house catering service providing nutritious, high quality mid-day meals for children and staff compliant with the School Food Standards.

Due to the retirement of the current postholder, we currently have a vacancy for a **Kitchen Assistant**. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is passionate about serving quality food to children and who is willing to work within an established and friendly team under the direction of the Kitchen Manager. Duties will include preparing fruit and vegetables, preparing items served on the Salad Bar, setting up the dining hall, serving the children and staff, washing up and cleaning of equipment and other tasks as directed by the Kitchen Manager.

Ideally you will have experience of working within the education catering sector, but above all hold a passion for preparing and serving food to children in a friendly manner, encouraging them to try new things and make a positive contribution to the overall meal time experience at Air Balloon.

We can offer:

- A welcoming and forward thinking school and supportive staff team
- The opportunity to instil a passion for Healthy Eating in our children
- The chance to make a difference

Uniform will be provided and must be worn correctly at all times.

We are looking to appoint a Kitchen Assistant to start on the 4th January 2021.

The position is term time only which includes working on our five staff training days.

Hours of work are 13.75 hours per week - Monday-Friday, 11.15am - 2pm

The position of Kitchen Assistant attracts a salary on the BG2 scale of £9.30 per hour before deductions.

The post holder must hold a Level 2 certificate in Food Safety and Hygiene. Training for this can be arranged if necessary for the successful applicant.

Closing date for applications: Friday 4th December 2020 at 12pm

Interviews will be held on Friday 11th December 2020

Application packs are available from the school office or refer to our advert on the Eteach website.
Applications must be made on the official application form. CVs are not accepted.

Air Balloon Hill Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check is required for this position.

We particularly welcome applications from underrepresented groups including, ethnicity, gender, transgender, age, disability, sexual orientation or religion.



Air Balloon Hill Primary School
is looking to appoint hard-working and dedicated

Bank Cleaners

to cover staff absence as and when needed.

This is an exciting opportunity to work as members of our Site Team ensuring that our school premises are kept clean and tidy providing a safe environment for our children to develop and learn.

The successful candidates will work under the guidance of the Site Manager and will receive all relevant training. Duties include ensuring all toilet areas are clean and hygienic, classrooms are clean and tidy and halls, corridors and other areas provide a safe, clean and welcoming environment.

Hours of work: 3.30pm – 5.30pm Monday-Friday

Salary to be paid on the Bristol Grade 2 Scale £9.30 per hour

Closing date for applications: Friday 27th November 2020 at 12pm

Interviews will be held on Thursday 3rd December 2020

Application packs are available from the school office or refer to our advert on the Eteach website. Applications must be made on the official application form.

CVs are not accepted.

Air Balloon Hill Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this position.

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