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Everyone can learn

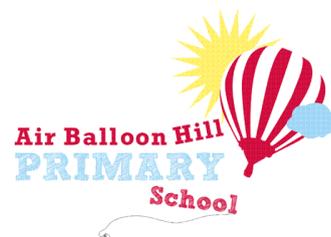
Everyone belongs

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Newsletter 36

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Hello,

I reported earlier this week that we have had a positive case of COVID in the school. Luckily, it was not necessary to close any of our class bubbles but it serves to remind us that we are still having to carefully manage the risk of coronavirus in school.

It is for this reason that we have taken the precautions we have with regards to our end of summer events, such as no adults at sports day. I am aware that other settings may have in place arrangements that are different to Air Balloon's. This is because every setting is different. Our risk assessment is right for our school and that is why – even though it is not a decision I want to make – we have decided that no adult can attend this year's sports day.

Of course, in light of any new guidance, our risk assessment will be re-visited and our precautions may change. But until then, we must all respect the decisions that have been taken to help lower the risk of people catching the virus and bubbles closing.

It is also really important that parents and carers follow the guidance if anyone in their household develops symptoms:

- All household members must isolate
- Book a test for the person with symptoms
- Inform the school

And please remember, do not bring your child to school if they, or anyone in your household, have any symptoms.

Like all of you, I cannot wait for restrictions to be lifted. I have really missed visiting classes or standing in a hall full of children when doing an assembly. There are children, parents and members of staff that I haven't spoken to – in real life – for months! I would like nothing more than to relax our precautions, take off my mask and get through a meeting without having to say to at least one person 'you're on mute'.

But sadly, we're not there yet.

I am confident however, that if we keep our precautions securely in place, we will get there as soon as is safely possible.

Enjoy your weekend,

Tim Browse

Masks

Please can we remind parents/carers that masks **must** be worn when you are on the school site, even in the playgrounds, as social distancing cannot always be maintained.



Lost Property

George in Neptune class has lost his jumper. If found please hand into the school office to be returned to the class. Thank you.



Parking

Please remember to be respectful of our neighbours and do not park on driveways. Please park responsibly in the surrounding roads.

School Photos - Friday 2nd July

Friday 2nd July is School Photo Day. Please ensure your child attends school in their full school uniform (including jumper or cardigan). Children who usually have PE on Fridays should not wear their PE kit to school but come in normal uniform. Year 6 pupils should wear their Leaver's Hoodies.

As it is later in the school year than normal for photos, we are only able to offer the option to order online - more details on how to order will be sent next week.

Saturn Class - Blue Peter Badges

A few weeks ago, the children in Saturn class decided to apply for their Blue Peter Green Badges by becoming Blue Peter Climate Heroes and completing three pledges to help the environment for at least two weeks. The pledges the children chose to complete for two weeks were:

Power: Switch half an hour of screen time for 30 minutes outdoors.

Plants: Save water by turning off the taps when you brush your teeth.

Plastic: Sort the rubbish recycling at home carefully.

Supersized Pledge: Switch off all lights and devices when leaving the classroom.



The children were delighted yesterday when their badges arrived in the post, along with a certificate. They should be very proud of themselves for everything they have done (and are continuing to do - we know some of them are still carrying on with their pledges).

Thank you to Jack for getting everyone started on the project.

School Uniform Orders – online ordering

We are pleased to announce that you are now able to place orders for school uniform direct with our supplier.

Please visit

<https://www.aws-ltd.co.uk/product-category/children/schoolwear/air-balloon-hill-primary/>

to see the list of uniform items available and to place your order direct. Orders can be posted to your home (charges apply) or delivered to school to be given to your child to take home (free of charge).

We are currently in the process of changing our administration systems to a new provider. Whilst we are still happy to accept school uniform orders via the school office and SCOPAY at the current time, this will change later in the year. We will update you in due course.

Library News

Please return all Library books to school. There are large lidded quarantine boxes in each hall for children to drop their books into.

If you are unsure if your child has a library book please log on to the Libresoft Library website and use your child's library login and password to check current loans (this can be found in their Reading Record Book).

Please use the following link: <https://apps.libresoft.co.uk/8013441-6jxfwmv3syoc1kaqm6uu-abhps/>



Employment Opportunities at Air Balloon Hill Primary School

New positions have been added this week to our eteach job vacancies page.

<https://www.eteach.com/schools/air-balloon-hill-primary-school-24934>



Message from Hillside Preschool

The time that everyone thought would never happen has come, Mrs Llewelin is retiring!!! After 32 years of teaching, Bev has decided to step back at the end of the school year.



Although she wouldn't want any fuss, we can't let this momentous occasion pass without celebrating it. Many, many of your children (and parents!) have passed through the preschool. If you would like to make a donation for a gift and give a card please deliver into the safe hands of Mrs Briody. Thank you very much.

FAB Logo Competition

We've had some great entries so far, but we would love to see more so we've extended the deadline to Wednesday 30th June... There's still plenty of time to enter your design.

We want as many Air Balloon pupils as possible to enter our competition to design a new logo for FAB. The chosen design will feature as the official FAB logo appearing on all of our advertising, volunteer T-shirts, the website and Facebook page.

You can use the template attached, or pick one up from the school office to draw your design. We want it to be as colourful and eye catching as possible. Our only requirements are the letters FAB appear somewhere on the logo and it's in colour (no collage or sticking).

Once it's completed, make sure you add your name and class and hand in to the office by Wednesday 30th June.

The chosen design will receive an amazing art set as well as having their design chosen as the FAB logo!

Good Luck!

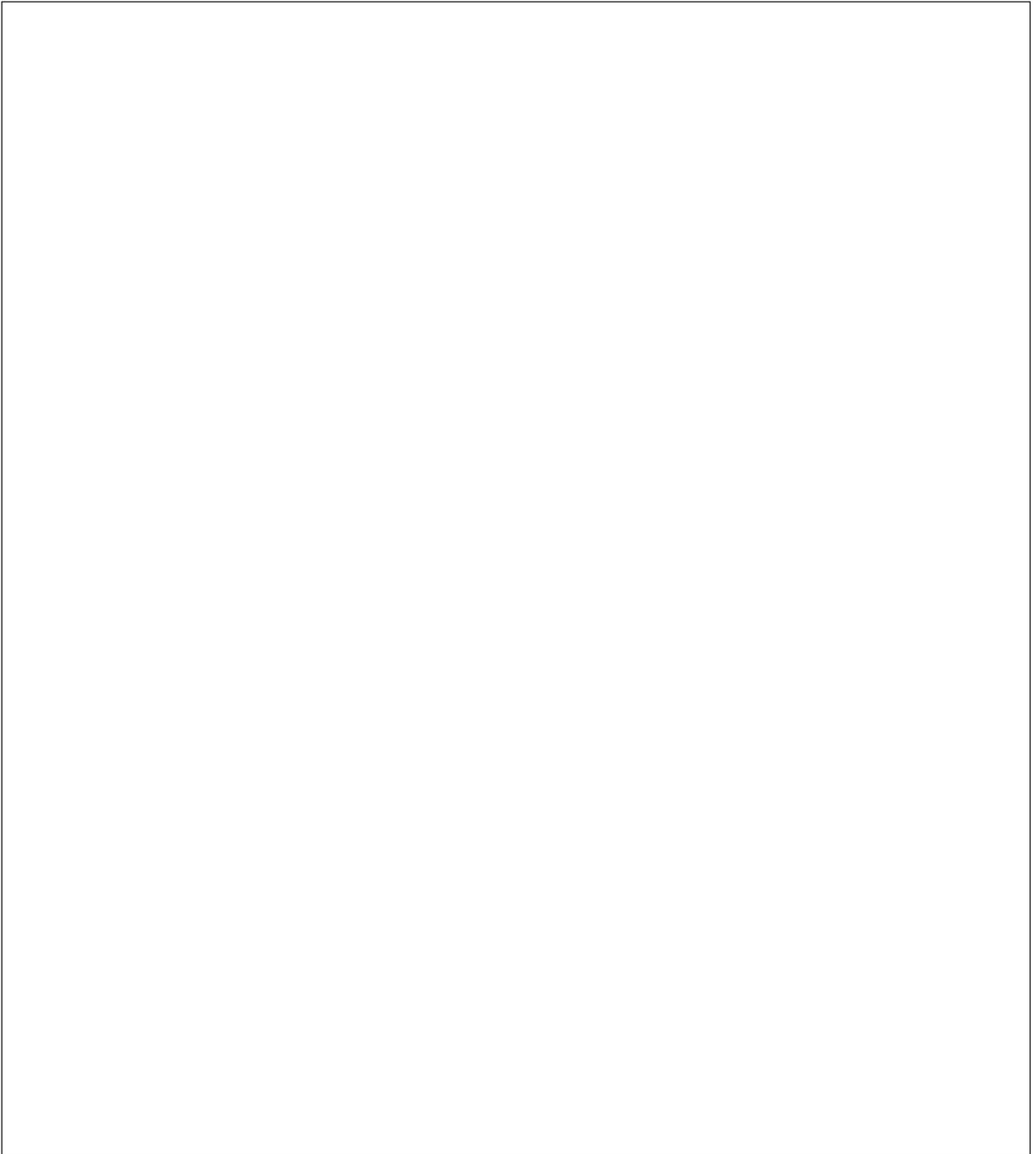
Advance Notice of Road Closure

Please be advised that a small section of Hillside Road (outside Air Balloon Surgery) will be closed between 12th July 2021 and 11th July 2022, whilst building work is carried out on the corner. The road may not be closed permanently, however please be prepared for traffic disruption over the next 12 months and seek an alternative route to school - ensuring you leave extra time to take the longer diversion.

Year 6 Transition Day

If your child is attending the transition mornings at BBA, John Cabot or City Academy on Tuesday and they'll require a school meal when they return, please remember to order it on Monday.

FAB LOGO COMPETITION



CLOSING DATE – WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE 2021

NAME

CLASS