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Newsletter 1

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Hello,

The first week of school done, and what a week it was. It has been so lovely welcoming all the children back to school after the summer break. Thank you to all the parents and carers who followed all of our drop-off/pick-up arrangements – I think it all went pretty smoothly. The teachers have really enjoyed getting to know their new classes and getting ready for the year of learning that lies ahead.

You should have received an invitation from your child's class teacher to attend a parent presentation sometime next week. This is an opportunity for the teacher to share with you some important information about the year ahead. Things like class routines, timetables, general expectations and the curriculum will all be explained during this meeting. If you are unable to attend, a recording of the meeting will be available afterwards. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you have about this academic year although you may find that teachers will reply to these separately, after the meeting.

It is really important to us that parents are kept informed and feel a part of their children's learning. COVID has made this harder to do but we hope these presentations will help you feel more knowledgeable about your child's school experience this year.

I would like to finish this week by saying a special welcome to our new Reception children. I hope you really enjoyed coming in to see your new classrooms and meet the staff who will be teaching and supporting you this year. Exciting times!

I hope you all enjoy the weekend,

Tim Browse

Thank you

Thank you to Christina, one of our allotment volunteers who kindly potted these wonderful flowers. Our site team are very grateful for your help. I think you will agree they look amazing!

Our site team would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who have helped maintain the school allotment this year, you've all done an incredible job. Thank you.



Wanted

Do you have any Lego, board games, complete puzzles etc you no longer use? If so our year 4 team would welcome any donations.

Please hand any donations in to the school office. Thank you.



Kingswood Foodbank

Kingswood Foodbank are really low on items such as shampoo, deodorant and clean sturdy bags.

Donations can be accepted on Tuesdays 9:30-12:45pm and Fridays 13:30-15:30, or alternatively you can place items in the donations box in the school foyer.

Your donations really do make a massive difference to this essential local resource and the volunteers at the Foodbank are extremely grateful for your support. Thank you.



Acceptable Break Time Snacks

Below are some ideas for healthier break time snacks.

- Whole or sliced fruit
- Vegetable sticks, e.g, celery, carrot, pepper and cucumber
- Plain popcorn
- Breadsticks
- Cheese or ham rolls or wraps
- Yogurt

No cereal bars, cake bars or crisps please. Please can we also remind you that we are a nut free school.



Have your say on Bristol City Council's priorities for the next five years

Bristol City Council's new draft plan for 2022 – 2027 sets out its priorities for children and young people, economy and skills, environment and sustainability, health care and wellbeing, homes and communities, and transport and connectivity. They want everyone to have their say and help get the priorities for the city right. You can tell the council what you think until 26 September. Find out more and take part at <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/bristol-city-council/corporate-strategy-2021/>.



The consultation closes on Sunday 26 September. Alternative formats of the survey can be requested in another language, Braille, audio tape, large print, easy read, BSL video or CD-ROM or plain text by emailing consultation@bristol.gov.uk or calling 0117 922 2848.

Year 6 - important information about Year 7 Applications

Although children are only a week into Year 6, we need to inform you that the deadline to apply for a Secondary School Place for September 2022 is 31st October 2021. We have found as much information as we can on the different school websites about their open events and have collated this on the Year 6 page of our school website: <https://www.abhps.com/year-6/>

Please take some time to look at the open event information for the schools - many of them are happening very soon. We would recommend that you look around as many as possible in order to help you and your child make an informed decision about where they would like to go after Air Balloon. We will keep this information updated and send out any specific flyers as we receive them.

We will be sending more information to parents and carers about the application process in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, if you have any questions about applying for secondary schools, please speak to or email Mrs King in the school office.

Arbor

Many parents have now downloaded the Arbor App and registered for their account. If you haven't yet done so and need us to re-send you the details to register, please speak to Mrs King in the school office.



Please check your emails for information that has been sent this week. Some parents have reported that emails have gone to junk or promotions folders.

Library News

I am looking forward to hearing about how you got on with the Wild World Heroes Summer Reading Challenge 2021. Some children have already told me how much they enjoyed this summer's Reading Challenge. It was great to hear how much they liked it. Please do bring in your certificates and badges so we can all celebrate your achievement.



Next week the children will be able to come to the Library with their class and get a book out. Please remember to return your overdue books ready for next week so you can take a new book home to enjoy reading for pleasure.



Ms McDonald

Parking

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

Please remember that the surgery car park is for the use of patients attending the surgery and must not be used to park for school drop off and pick up.

PE Days for Term 1

Year 1	Mars Tuesday & Friday	Mercury Tuesday & Wednesday	Venus Tuesday & Wednesday	Earth Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 2	Voyager Wednesday & Thurs- day	Apollo Wednesday & Thurs- day	Endeavour Wednesday & Thurs- day	Discovery Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3	Saturn Monday & Thursday	Neptune Monday & Tuesday	Jupiter Monday & Thursday	
Year 4	Aquila Monday & Thursday	Orion Wednesday & Thurs- day	Phoenix Monday & Thursday	Pegasus Wednesday & Thursday
Year 5	Polaris Monday & Swimming Wednesday	Vega Monday & Swimming Wednesday	Sirius Tuesday & Swimming Wednesday	Capella Tuesday & Swimming Wednesday
Year 6	Asteroid Monday & Wednesday	Comet Thursday & Friday	Meteor Thursday & Friday	Aurora Wednesday & Friday

Employment Opportunities at Air Balloon Hill Primary School

Please visit the vacancies section of the school website to view our current job opportunities.

www.abhps.com/vacancies

