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Everyone can learn

Everyone belongs

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Newsletter 5

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Hello,

Next week, we will be holding our own school harvest festival. Harvest festivals are believed to be the oldest forms of festivals around the world. The completion of the harvest would mark the end of the growing season, or the growing cycle for a particular crop, and communities would celebrate this time by feasting and singing songs.

In Britain, we have given thanks for successful harvests since pagan times as a way of thanking nature for the bounty it offers in the form of new crops. Over time, the spirit of the harvest festival changed with a growing focus on reaching out to those people whose harvest may not have yielded much of a return. Communities would gather their harvested goods and offer them to families who may have needed extra provisions over the winter period.

Today, harvest has become a time where communities can offer support for families in need. At Air Balloon, we use Harvest time as an opportunity to support local foodbanks. This year we will be asking for donations that will go to the Bristol East Foodbank who do excellent work supporting people and families who are at risk of going hungry.

If you would like to add your support, you can do so by donating a range of foods on Monday and Tuesday next week. There will be a collection box in each class during these days for children to add their donations. Suitable donations include: Long life milk, chocolate, shampoo, custard, washing powder/liquid, tinned vegetarian meals, instant coffee, savory snacks, cous cous packets, instant mash and clean sturdy bags.

Our donations during this time of year help to make a real difference for many families in Bristol and I know that the people of Bristol East Foodbank will be really grateful for any support we can provide this year.

I hope you enjoy your weekend and I will see you next week.

Thank you,

Tim Browse

Leon in Neptune

Leon in Neptune class is taking part in a sponsored cycle trip with his Mum from his home to Frome, which is over 45km. They are hoping to raise money, for a really important cause - The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. You can find out more about their work here <https://www.icwi.org.uk/>

If you are able to donate any money they have set up a justgiving page. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/leonisgoingtofrome>



Reception - First Class Photo Supplement

Look out in the Bristol Post on Thursday 14th October for the photos of our Reception children in the special supplement.



Year 6 SATS - IMPORTANT

Children will need to be in school for the week commencing 9th May 2022 for their formal assessments. Please do not arrange for any planned absence during this time.



FAB NEWS!

Last week, children brought home a paper template to design their very own Christmas Card!

If your child chooses to participate, their design will be turned into a free of charge sample. Parents and carers will be given the opportunity to order packs of cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, mugs, tea towels and bags and every item sold will raise money for FAB. Packs of 10 cards are priced at £5 per pack and gift tags £2.25.

It couldn't be easier. All your child needs to do is create their design - as festive and bright as they can - and then return the completed design to the school office by **MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER** for us to send off to create the sample.

Sample cards and instructions on how to order will be sent out after Half Term with an order deadline attached.

Just a few important things to remember:

- All designs must be received by MONDAY 18TH OCTOBER. We will be unable to send off late designs submitted after this date
- Designs should be in colour with no glitter, embellishments, fluorescent colours or metallic paper as this may affect the final cards
- Please ensure the design stays within the black border and the drawing is clear and bright
- Ensure your child's name and class is clearly readable, in capitals, and within the boxes at the bottom of the template
- Hand your design into the school office when complete
- Submitting a design is not compulsory but all children who do so will receive a free sample card.

Templates are also available to collect from the foyer by the main office.

Year 7 Applications

Remember the deadline to apply for a Secondary School place for September 2022 is **31st October 2021**.

If you have any questions about school places, the application process, 'catchment areas' or anything else, please speak to Mrs King in the school office.

School Uniform

If any parents are waiting for sweatshirts size 5/6 or 11/12, please accept our apologies on behalf of AWS.

They are expecting a delivery from their suppliers by early November. All sizes of T-shirts should be in stock by mid October.

Remember - To order uniform please visit <http://www.aws-ltd.co.uk/>



Hillside Road Consultation

Road Safety and Local Engineering from Bristol City Council want to inform you that they are completing a consultation for proposed traffic calming features (speed tables and cushions) along various sections on Hillside Road and Kingsway Avenue. If you are interested in the consultation and would like to see the proposals or make a comment on their online consultation page, please use the below link

The link to the consultation page is - <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/place/hillside-road-traffic-calming/>

The consultation started on Wednesday 6th October and is running for 3 weeks, so there is plenty of time for you to comment if you wish.

Use of the Climbing Frame after school

We have a number of children who are staying behind after school with their parents to play on the climbing frame instead of going straight home.

Once you have collected your child at the end of the day please ensure you leave the site promptly, as we need to lock the gates to keep the children safe who attend our after school clubs.



Covid Test

Remember - if your child goes for a Covid PCR test, ensure you email us a copy of the results before they return to school

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