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Everyone can learn

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Newsletter 23

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Hello,

Next week, the Air Balloon governors will be visiting the school to work with leaders, teachers, support staff and children as part of their on-going support and challenge to the school. By visiting the school, they are able to check that leaders' plans are in place and help evaluate their success.

The governors will be focusing on reading and writing and looking at how we are supporting the children to make progress. They will also be talking to the children about their learning and behaviour at Air Balloon. This is a really important part of school governance and is a good opportunity for governors and the school to work together.

You will also remember that governors are planning on holding a series of parent focus groups on a range of issues as was explored in the school's presentation to parents last term. Parents and carers have registered their interest in taking part in these discussions and we are hoping to carry out the first parent focus group before the Easter holidays. There is still time for you to sign up to these activities. If you are interested, please complete the form which can be found by clicking [here](#).

I hope you all enjoy your weekend,

Tim Browse

Red Nose Day

On Friday 18th March, all children are invited to wear a red nose, or any accessories purchased through the comic relief charity, to show their support for Red Nose Day. Please note that this is not a non-uniform day and participation is voluntary.



FAB News

Special Person Presents

With Mother's Day fast approaching, FAB will once again be organising gifts for mums, grandmothers and other special adults. It's a perfect way for children to say thank you to anyone who plays a special part in their life.

All gifts cost £2.50 (you can purchase multiple gifts) with the choice of either chocolates, a bunch of flowers (usually daffodils or similar) or a non-edible gift (candle, mug or similar). FAB will then deliver the wrapped gifts to classes on Friday 25th March to be brought home in time for Mother's Day on 27th March.

If you would like to purchase a gift for someone special, please hand the correct money into the office in a clearly marked envelope with the child's name and class and choice of gift(s) written on the front.

The deadline for orders is **Wednesday 16th March at 3.00pm**. Unfortunately we can not accept orders after this date.

Bag2School

We will be running Bag2School again on Friday 8th April. Bags will be sent home with the children next week, but they will also accept donations in any carrier or black bags. The donation point on Friday 8th April will be under the shelter in the top playground. Reminder that Bags2School don't accept school uniform, but we're hoping to resume the second hand uniform sale soon so keep hold of what you've got and carry on bringing those donations in separately.



COVID

Here are some important updates based on national guidance for schools on managing COVID in their settings:

Facemasks

- Masks are no longer required to be worn outside of the school building. (Please respect those who choose to continue to wear a mask and social distancing is still recommended where possible.)
- Masks are still required to be worn inside the school during busy times of the day.
- Parents/carers are required to wear a mask if attending a meeting in school.

Suspected cases

- Anyone displaying the three classic COVID symptoms should book a PCR test and isolate until the test result is returned.
- Children who develop any of the three COVID symptoms should not come to school and will be sent home if their symptoms develop during the school day.

Positive cases

- Whilst it is not a legal requirement for anyone who tests positive to self-isolate, children and/or staff who test positive for COVID must not attend school for the recommended ten-day period if they test positive.
- During this ten-day period, lateral flow tests can be taken from day 5 onwards. After two negative test results, 24 hours apart, children/staff can return to school. Individuals can order their own LFT testing kit [online](#).
- We ask that parents continue to report to the school if their child tests positive for COVID.
- The school will only inform parents if there is an outbreak of COVID within a school specified bubble.
- Following an outbreak of COVID within the school, leaders will review the school's risk-assessment and inform parents of any changes.

Foodbank

We continue to collect donations for the Kingswood Foodbank, and this week they have asked for donations of Easter Eggs that can be given to families towards the end of the month as well as food items suitable for Ramadan in April.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Adrijana in Apollo class for achieving her Level 3 certificate for proficiency in gymnastics.



Moon Class Parents' Evening

The postponed Parents' Evening for Moon Class will be held on 21st, 22nd and 24th March. Further information on booking and accessing your appointments online will be sent via email on Monday.

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.



Library News



World Book Day Sponsored Read.

After an extension this week, today is the last day of our World Book Day Sponsored Read. Please can the Sponsorship forms and sponsorship money be paid online using the link as follows by **9pm tonight**, Friday 11th March.

The just giving page for the sponsored read: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/abhpsponsoredread?utm_term=Ydq63V4eX.

World Book Day Virtual Book Fair.

Today is the last day to purchase a book from the Air Balloon Virtual Book Fair. All books purchased will be delivered to school next week, to your child's class.

The link to the Facebook group for the virtual book fair. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1192149504862251/?ref=share>

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

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 these positions.

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

Up-to-date contact details

Please make sure to keep us updated with any changes to your contact details. It really is essential that we are able to contact you if we need to. This is especially important if we need to close a class at short notice.

