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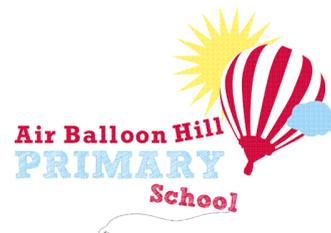
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## Newsletter 3

### 23rd September 2022

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#### FAB News

FAB are holding a welcome morning on Friday 30th September for Reception parents and carers to come along and have a cup of tea or coffee. This is an informal event and a nice opportunity to meet other parents and carers. It will be held in the Stratos Hall after morning drop off.



#### Save the date

- Autumn Discos - Thursday 20th October.
  - Non-uniform day - Friday 21st October.
  - Bag2School - Thursday 3rd November.
  - Bingo Night - Friday 18th November.
- More details to follow soon.



I am sorry for mentioning the 'C' word in September but the school's Christmas Fayre will be taking place on Saturday 26th November. We are looking for stall holders to sell gifts, toys and handmade items. Cost of tables will be £15.00.

If you, or anyone you know are interested, please contact us at [friends@abhps.com](mailto:friends@abhps.com)



#### Holiday Club

Bookings for the October half-term in Space Cadets will go live in Arbor next week. If you have already registered with Stacey, you will see it automatically in your Arbor Account and can book a place in the same way you would book Breakfast Club. If you have not yet registered for Holiday Club but would like a place, please speak to Stacey James to complete the required registration forms.



#### Harvest

Reminder that we are holding our annual harvest assemblies on Monday and will be collecting donations of food and toiletries for the Kingswood Foodbank. The Foodbank are low of the following items and would really appreciate donations of men's deodorant, women's deodorant, cooking oil, coffee, instant rice packets, toothpaste, pot noodles, biscuits, tins of tomatoes, rice pudding, custard, toilet roll, hair conditioner, soup, non-bio washing powder and crisps.



Donations are being collected in the classrooms and can also be placed in the boxes provided in the main foyer.

#### Zig Zags

We are noticing an increasing number of parents regularly stopping on the zig zags to drop children off in the mornings. The zig zags at the school have a legal Traffic Regulation Order applied to them and this means that no one can park on them, even to drop off and pick up. Stopping in the middle of the road or on the zig zags is endangering not only your child's life but also those of other pedestrians who may be crossing. We understand that parking near to school is difficult and we would encourage you to leave 5 minutes earlier and park further away from school, rather than put lives at risk by stopping on the zig zags.



## Year 6 - Important Information about Year 7 Applications

Reminder that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for September 2023 is 31st October 2022. Online applications are now open via the Council's website. A link can be found on the Year 6 page of our website.



We have found information on local 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 be holding a Parents' Information Session on **Tuesday 27th September at 3.30pm** to outline the admissions process and answer any questions you may have on applying for secondary school places. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs King in the school office.

## Sarah's Top Tips

- The council has launched a project to help get us all moving and hopefully lower our fuel costs and pollution. They can help you reduce your car journeys with free cycling trials, eScooter credit and bus taster tickets. For more information please click [here](#)
- If you are on means tested benefits such as Universal Credits and Tax credits, you can have support with savings by this government initiative. For more information please click [here](#)
- Martin Lewis Money Saving Expert gives advice for the upcoming winter and how to stay warm. For more information please click [here](#)



If you have any tips that you think other parents and carers would find helpful, please let us know about them and we can share them with the school community. Email - [airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk) or let Sarah or the school office know.

## No Scootering in school

Please be reminded again that scootering and riding bikes is NOT permitted anywhere on the school grounds. Whilst we love that children use these methods of transport to get to and from school, we must ask that they get off their bikes and scooters at the gate and do not ride them in the playgrounds or buildings.



Also, can we politely remind parents/carers not to allow children to climb on the railings at the front of the school.

## Apple Harvest

This year our Apple Harvest at Air Balloon's allotment was four times as much as last year! Some "winter pruning" in February helped the tree produce more despite the very dry summer. A milk jug with a hole cut in the side helped harvest them before they fell.



Apples and pears are ready to harvest when you lift them gently and they come off easily. It's still a bit too early for Air Balloon's pears, but the apples were mostly ready this past week.



Tell us what you're harvesting from your gardens!

## Reception - evidence me

Invitations have been sent home to reception parents today to register for their evidence me account. If you have not received the email, please check your junk or spam folders or speak to Mrs King in the school office.

For more information on evidence me, please speak to your child's teacher.

