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Everyone can learn

Everyone belongs

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## Newsletter 16

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Hello,

We are saying farewell to Mr McLeod who is leaving Air Balloon at the end of this week to embark upon ventures new. Mr McLeod has supported many children at Air Balloon, through his work as a tutor and HLTA. He will be missed by children and staff alike and we wish him all the very best for his future.

Before I wish you all a lovely weekend, I would just like to remind everyone about the uniform policy regarding earrings. We have noticed that the earrings some children are wearing are getting bigger and more dangly by the day. Please make sure that any children with their ears pierced, only wear studs or very small hoops. This is to help reduce the risk of injury. We have also seen an increase in children wearing fake nails. Again, these are not safe or appropriate for school so please ensure that children do not wear nail extensions to school.

Thank you for your support in this matter. I hope you all enjoy a happy and dry weekend.

See you next week.

Mr Browse

### Parking

We understand that parking near the school site can be challenging especially when more parents choose to drop-off / collect their children by car during the winter months or rainy weather. However, please be reminded that nobody is permitted to park or stop on the yellow zigzags outside the school gates. It is very dangerous to do so and against the law. We have also had a reminder from the local GP surgery that their carpark is for patients only. Many of their patients are elderly and disabled and therefore need to be able to park in the car park as close to the surgery as possible. Parents and carers must not, therefore, use the surgery's carpark in order to drop off/pick-up children from school.



### Childminder Needed

We have a parent who is looking for childcare after school on Thursdays and Fridays & unfortunately, Space Cadets is full and has a waiting list. If you are a registered childminder and have availability to collect from Air Balloon, please speak to the school office and we can pass your details onto the parents. Thank you.

### Emails

Can we ask parents / carers when emailing the school to put the child's name and class in the subject title. Thank you.



### Kingswood Foodbank

We have attached a letter from Kingswood Foodbank thanking us for our continued support during 2022.



### Hillside Road Closure

We have been advised that Hillside Road will remain closed until at least the 11th July 2023.



## Sarah's Top Tips

Bills are very high at the moment. You may be able to apply for a grant to help if you are finding things difficult from one of the organisations below.



- British Gas Energy Trust - Independent fuel debt advice. For more information please click [here](#)
- Warmer Homes, Advice and Money (WHAM) - Bristol Energy Network - For more information please click [here](#)

For help and support on housing and tenants rights these organisations are very useful.

- Turn2us Grants - Turn2us - For more information please click [here](#)
- Acorn - Union for the Community - For more information please click [here](#)
- CHAS Bristol - Housing Advice Service. For more information please click [here](#)
- Shelter - The Housing and Homelessness Charity. For more information please click [here](#)
- Citizens Advice - For more information please click [here](#)

If you are in receipt of Universal Credits you may be able to apply for a cheaper Broadband option known as a social tariff. Millions of people are missing out on these. Details of how to apply, please click [here](#)

If you have not received your cost of living payment, please report it here: <https://secure.dwp.gov.uk/report-a-missing-cost-of-living-payment/welcome>

If you are on a low wage or are a single parent you may be entitled to a council tax reduction. Please check using this link: <https://www.gov.uk/council-tax/who-has-to-pay>

If you have a disabled child or your child is seriously ill you may be entitled to apply for a grant. To have a look and see if you are eligible please check using this link: <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/Pages/Category/grants>

This is a tip from one of our parents Christine. If you have anything you'd like to share we'd love to hear from you.

Pay in Cash - and haggle hard: 15 ways to save money this winter. For more information please click [here](#)



Should I keep my

# child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.