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Newsletter 5

6th October 2023

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Part 1 - Key messages this week

Harvest

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival on Monday and collecting donations for the East Bristol Foodbank. So far, we have collected 31 jars of jam and 32 tins of rice pudding – it would be amazing if we could reach 100 of each to donate on Monday so, if you are able to, please add an extra jar of jam or tin of rice pudding to your shopping list this weekend.

All donations should be left in the main foyer or taken to your child's class where staff will be able to collect them on Monday morning before taking all of the donations to the Kingswood Foodbank on Monday afternoon.



Parent Governor Election

Each parent or carer with a child attending Air Balloon Hill Primary School is entitled to one vote in the election. Please complete the online ballot form: <https://forms.office.com/e/HpCHXqtxJp> by **3pm** on **Friday 13th October 2023**. If you are unable to access the online form, paper copies of the ballot can be collected from the school office.

Reception – Evidence Me

Reception parents have been sent invitations to sign-up for Evidence Me. If you have not received the email or would like a second parent to be added, please email airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk

Space Cadets - School Disco 19th October 2023

If your child is due to attend Space Cadets on Thursday 19th October, you have been sent a short form to complete to let us know your plans for after-school club. Please complete this form by Friday 13th October so that staff can prepare to support your child in getting ready for the discos and so that we know if they are returning to Space Cadets afterwards.

Dogs

We know that some of our families walk their dogs to school. We would kindly ask if this could be avoided especially as some dogs are tied up in the lane or by the school gates as the children come into school. We have had several frightened children this week who felt very uncomfortable at having to walk past a dog on their way to school. Thank you for your understanding.

Sarah's Top Tips

Our top tips this week are being shared this week by parents! If you have anything you would like to share with others, please do get in contact. I would love to hear from you.

Tanya shared with me that there is a reuse and recycle shop in St Philips, just off the Feeder Road. [Book a visit to a Reuse and Recycling Centre \(bristol.gov.uk\)](#) You can swap items as well as buy them for a small price. I understand that there are also shops in Avonmouth and Hartcliffe shown on the link but you'll need to book a time for the St Philips one. They often have a selection of paint which is useful if you're decorating.

Shakila also shared with me this week that if you iron (with a steam iron) the sleeves of a school jumper, you can stretch the sleeves to make them longer and therefore make the jumper last longer. School uniform isn't cheap and we try hard at Air Balloon to cater to all needs. You can buy new uniforms direct from the supplier here www.aws-ltd.co.uk We also keep a range of second hand, good quality uniforms, that can be purchased. Please collect an order form from the foyer or get in touch if you would like any support in this area.



Job Opportunity - School Cook

Air Balloon Hill Primary School has an in-house catering service providing nutritious, high quality mid-day meals for children and staff compliant with the School Food Standards.

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, dynamic and well-qualified cook (ideally to NVQ Level 3 in catering) to assist the Kitchen Manager in preparing and producing nutritious meals using high quality and fresh produce, locally sourced wherever possible.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone who is passionate about serving quality food to children and who can bring their own brand of enthusiasm and creativity to our school kitchen.

Ideally, the successful candidate will have experience of working within the education catering sector, but above all, hold a passion for preparing food of the highest quality, with customer satisfaction at the forefront.

A strong team player, you will be able to work with and without direct supervision, possess effective communication skills, be flexible and adaptable and keen to develop further.

We can offer:

- A welcoming and forward thinking school and supportive staff team
- The opportunity to instil a passion for Healthy Eating in our children
- The chance to make a difference
- Kitchen workwear and safety shoes (to be worn at all times)

We are looking to appoint a cook to start at the beginning of November.

The hours of work are term time only, 35 hours per week, 7am - 2pm, Monday to Friday including staff training days. The post holder may occasionally be required to work additional hours to accommodate special functions for which overtime will be paid.

Salary to be paid on the Bristol Grade 6 scale

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 this position.

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

Closing date: Monday 30th October at 12pm

Interviews will be held on Friday 3rd November 2023

Application packs are available from the school office, or please view our advert on the Eteach website

Please note: CVs are not accepted.

We welcome and encourage visits to our school. Please contact the office to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Part 2 - Key messages from classes and year groups this week

Reception

Sun Class: Each Friday your child will be sent home with their new sounds to practise. Please can you ensure your child's sound book (yellow folder) is back in their bag for the following Wednesday so we can collect them in ready to add the next sounds.

Sun Class: Our PE day is a Tuesday. We will be starting our PE lessons next week on Tuesday 10th October. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit every Tuesday.

Year 1

We sent Year 1 parents and carers a letter this week about a forthcoming visit from Zoolab. If you haven't received the letter, please click here: [Year-1-Zoolab.pdf \(abhps.com\)](#)

Year 4

We sent Year 4 parents and carers a letter this week about a forthcoming trip to Weston Water Treatment Centre. If you haven't received the letter, please click here: [Year-4-Weston-Water-Centre.pdf \(abhps.com\)](#)

Part 3 - Key messages that you might have missed

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 2024 is **midnight on Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Online applications are open from the 12th September 2023 via the Council's website. A link can be found on the Year 6 page of our website.

Apply now for
your child's
secondary
school place



We have confirmed the key open event information for local school websites and have added this on to the Year 6 page of our school website: <https://www.abhps.com/year-6/>

Flu Vaccines

The annual flu vaccination programme is scheduled to be carried out in school for all children on the **17th November** for children who have consent for the vaccination. To book your child's flu vaccination please click [here](#).



School Milk Services

School Milk Services have asked that when you enquire about ordering milk for your children, you do so by using their website: www.schoolmilkservices.co.uk/parents



They have had an influx of parents registering over the phone, however, registering online reduces time and ensures children's details are entered correctly (including their class).

They can take over the phone registrations when parents are unable to register online due to personal circumstances (such as no access to the internet), but best practice is for this to be done online.

FAB News

The autumn discos will take place on Thursday 19th October. Tickets are £2.50 each and are being issued on a first come, first served basis. Please follow the link to book your ticket. Please put the money in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class to the school office. Fancy dress is encouraged but **NO MASKS** are allowed. Cut-off for ordering and paying for tickets is 3:00pm Monday 16th October. <https://forms.office.com/e/NSby2XWb8v>



- Reception - 3.30 - 4.15
- Year 1 and 2 - 4.30 - 5.15
- Year 3 and 4 - 5.30 - 6.15
- Years 5 and 6 - 6.30 - 7.30



Some dates for your diary...

- Bag2school - 18th October
- Non uniform day - 20th October
- Christmas Fayre - 2nd December

All money raised at these events go towards supporting the school. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Term Dates

Term 1: Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

Term 2: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023

Term 3: Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

Term 4: Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Term 5: Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Term 6: Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

In-Set Dates

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024



Space Cadets Contact



We have recently noticed a significant increase in parents and carers contacting Stacey, our Wrap-Around Care Manager at unreasonable times of the day and at weekends. We would like to take this opportunity to clarify Stacey's availability to respond to queries and phone calls.

Stacey is contactable from **7am to 12 noon** and from **2.30pm to 6pm Monday to Friday**. She does not work at the weekend. Please only phone or text during these hours. If Stacey doesn't answer, please leave a voicemail and she will return your call as soon as possible during her working hours. Please do not contact Stacey between 6pm on Fridays and 7am on Mondays.

Please can you also ensure that you notify Stacey if your child is booked in for After-School Club but isn't attending on any particular day – for example if your child is going to someone else's house for tea.

Thank you for your support.

Job Vacancies at Air Balloon Hill Primary School

Please visit the vacancies section of the school website for our latest job opportunities, or visit

<https://www.eteach.com/schools/air-balloon-hill-primary-school-24934>

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