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Newsletter 6

13th October 2023

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Part 1 - Key messages this week

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Harvest Appeal. The volunteers at Kingswood Foodbank were so grateful for your generosity.

Dare we mention Christmas? Yes!! We will be starting a new collection for the Foodbank after half-term, collecting festive items that they can pass on. We will provide a list of wanted items after the holiday but we know that they always ask for advent calendars to be donated by mid-November, so if you are shopping over the next few weeks and spot any early Christmas bargains that you would be happy to donate, please bring them in after Halloween!

Parent Governor Election

Our Parent Governor Election **closes** at 3pm today and we will announce the results in next week's newsletter.

Year 7 Applications

Please remember that applications for Year 7 places must be submitted by midnight on 31st October. If you need help with your application or have any questions about the application process, please speak to Mrs King in the school office.

Autumn/Winter Menu

Monday 30th October is the start of our Autumn/Winter lunch menu. Paper copies of the new menu will be sent home with the children next week. In addition, we have a special Halloween Menu (see page 4) on Tuesday 31st October.



Parents' Evenings

We will be holding Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November for most classes in Year 1-6. Bookings will 'go live' in Arbor next week and we will send details via email on how to book your appointments.



Lost Property

A black and yellow stunt scooter belonging to a child in Orion class has been reported as missing. If found please return to the school office.



Well done

Well done to Freddie in Pegasus and his team, the under 9s Red falcons, who won the Autumn cup last Sunday.



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 **Monday at 3:00pm**. <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



Entry to all of the discos will be via the door in the front playground (nearest the library window / lost property). For the Reception disco, parents can bring children into the hall and exit via the main entrance. For all other discos, parents should leave their child/ren at the door. Parents are welcome to wait in the front yard (outside of the main office) during the discos but will not be allowed to stay in the hall. We will have plenty of staff at the discos to help the children.

Collection from the discos at the end will be via the main entrance and into the hall, exiting the hall from the door in the top-left corner. Children will be waiting in the hall at the end of each disco. Please collect your child promptly at the times shown above.

When queuing for the discos, please line-up in the front playground and we will tick names off our lists in advance of the children heading into the discos so that there is no delay in them getting in as soon as it starts.

Bag2school



Our next collection is Wednesday 18th October. Please bring in any unwanted clothing items in a carrier/bin bag. The bags can be left under the shelter in the front playground on the MORNING of the 18th by 9:00am. All funds raised from the bags will go towards FAB's fundraising.

Personalised Christmas gifts

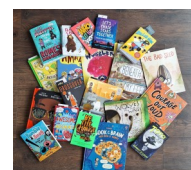
Your child will bring home an A4 sheet today to create their own Christmas picture. If you would like to order any items, please follow the instructions on the sheet. The pictures must be returned by Wednesday 1st November, at 3.30pm, to have your orders returned in time for Christmas. Any pictures received after this date may not be sent in time.

Christmas Fayre

Can you help with the Christmas Fayre? The fair has been booked for Saturday 2nd December. Due to dwindling volunteers, this may not go ahead. If you can help us with setting up, running a stall, or clearing away. Please contact us at friends@abhps.com

The Small City Bookshop

This year, FAB are providing books for the reading incentive. These books have been purchased from The Small City Bookshop in Redfield who kindly gave FAB a discount on the order so we wanted to say a huge thank you.



Sarah's Top Tips



With the October half term fast approaching I thought it might be good to share some free and cheap things to do over the holidays.

This is a blog sent to us by a local Bristol mum who has a great blog with loads of stuff going on in Bristol to suit all budgets. <https://bristolfamilyblog.com/halloween-october-half-term-autumn-events-guide/>

Also, Felix Road Adventure Playground is open during the half term-Sundays to Wednesdays from 12.30-5.30 with a free meal for every child. For more information please click [here](#)

One of our staff members shared this amazing tip with me this week. Thanks Marie!

If you apply here on this website you can receive a months free bus travel for the month of your birthday. There is a short form to fill in and you will need a passport sized photo for the card. www.birthdaybus.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

Please see below some key dates for Term 2:

- Tuesday 31st October – Special Halloween Lunch Menu
- Wednesday 8th November – Endeavour and Voyager trip to Bristol Zoo Project
- Thursday 9th November – Zoolab visiting Year 1
- Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November – Parents' Evenings
- Week Commencing 13th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- Monday 13th November – Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements with School Nursing Team (details to follow)
- Monday 13th November – Reception Phonics' Parents Information Meeting at 5:30pm
- Friday 17th November – Flu Vaccinations (see section 3 for details on how to book a vaccine for your child)
- Thursday 23rd November – School Photos (individuals and siblings)
- Friday 24th November – Aquila and Orion Trip to Weston Water Treatment Centre
- Friday 1st December – Pegasus and Phoenix Trip to Weston Water Treatment Centre

More information about our Christmas events will be shared with you next term.



Halloween Menu

Tuesday 31st October 2023

£2.40

Slithering Sausages – choose from:

Pork and Beef
Halal Chicken
Quorn Vegan

Served with

Cats Eyes (Peas)
Boiling over Beans (Baked Beans)
Tomb Stones (Chipped potatoes)
Dracula's Blood (Ketchup)

**Who is watching from underneath
the cobwebs** (Chocolate Cake)
Eye ball Jelly

Jacket Potatoes also available.

Allergen
Information
available on
request



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

Star Class Update:

This week we have moved onto set 3 in phonics and the children are all doing really well. Please can you make sure that your child's phonic folder is in their book bag on a Thursday so that we can collect them in and return them to you on Friday with a new set of sounds.

In maths this week we have been exploring size using the related vocabulary. Lots of new learning has taken place and the children are starting to compare length using the language 'longer than' and 'shorter than'.

We have also introduced the message centre and the children are loving finding and hiding messages (symbols) and giving meaning to them. Please encourage this at home.

PE will start next Monday (16th October) The children can come to school wearing their PE kit with their school jumper/ cardigan on top.

Moon Class:

Moon class are going to start doing PE. Our session is on Monday. Please send your child to school dressed in their PE Kit every Monday from now on.

(White or green T-shirt, black shorts or joggers, black trainers or daps.) No logos or branded items. More details are on the school website.

Sky Class:

Sky Class are starting their PE lessons next Tuesday 17th October. Please make sure your child comes into school in their PE kit.

Year 4

The children in year four are trying to organise a sponsored litter pick in the local area, with the money raised being donated to 'Cool Earth', an environmental charity which seeks to improve global CO2 levels by protecting and rewilding vital rainforests. We've set up a website, with a link to their just giving page: <https://y4environmentalaction.wordpress.com/>

Part 3 - Key messages that you might have missed

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.

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



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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