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### Newsletter 7

20th October 2023

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## Part 1 - Key messages this week

Hello,

Today marks the end of Term 1 – it's been a long old term but a successful one. Thank you to all the staff who have worked hard on supporting the children's start to the year. And thanks to the children for their hard work and parents and carers for your support. I hope that you all have a pleasant half term planned and enjoy the week's break.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 30th October and sharing with you all of the things that we will be getting up to throughout the term including the run up to (whisper it) Christmas.

Take care everyone,

Tim Browse

### Space Cadets - Holiday Club

Following a recent financial review of our Holiday Club provision, Governors have agreed the following amendments to our pricing structure from the beginning of January 2024.

- A space in Holiday Club will continue to be charged at £30.00 for a full day. The option to book either an am or pm session has been removed.
- The sibling discount has been reduced to £5. Therefore, each space for an additional child will now cost £25.00.

These decisions are never easy ones to make. However, these changes are necessary in order to secure the financial stability of holiday club. We hope that these adjustments will be manageable for those families who use our holiday club.

As part of our long-term review of holiday club, we have sent a questionnaire to all parents and carers that have ever registered an interest in holiday club. Please keep a look out – even if you have not yet used holiday club – as your feedback will help us and may result in us making some changes which could support current and future users.

### Parent Governor Election

Congratulations to Jude Watkins who was elected as Parent Governor last Friday with 43% of the votes. Thank you to Lloyd Khan and Sulaimon Saka-Atanda for standing in the election.

### 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.

### School Discos

Thank you to FAB and DJ Harris for the fantastic school discos last night. The children all enjoyed themselves.

Thank  
you

### Rainbow

Despite the autumn weather that has made a sudden appearance this week, we were treated to a beautiful rainbow on Thursday.



### Autumn/Winter Menu

Monday 30th October is the start of our Autumn/Winter lunch menu. Paper copies of the new menu have been sent home this week. In addition, we have a special Halloween Menu (see page 3) on Tuesday 31st October.



### Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening appointments will be held on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November and can be booked via Arbor. Details on how to book your appointment can be found here: [Booking-a-Parents-Evening-Appointment-in-Arbor-2023.pdf \(abhps.com\)](#)



### 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. We have had another complaint from the local GP surgery that parents are regularly using the car park to drop off and collect children from school. 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 use the surgery's carpark in order to drop off/pick-up children from school. The surgery have informed us that they are going to ask Parking Eye to start to manage the car park again which will mean unauthorised users will be fined £60.00 if they are caught parking in the surgery car park.



### Well done

Congratulations to Pete in Polaris who won the Hanham Tennis Tournament earlier this month. Pete also won the tournament that was held in Frome last weekend. What a great result, well done Pete!



### Sarah's Top Tips

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our last SEN coffee mornings! It was great to see so many of you there.

The next workshop will be on the 8th November again from 09:00am - 10:00am. Lucy Hennessy will run this workshop on the PACE approach as a way to help children in a way that helps them to stay calm.

If you have any questions about this or would like to chat to one of us in the meantime please contact us on the main school line of 0117 9030077. We look forward to seeing you then.



# Halloween Menu

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### All year groups

There have been some cases of Nits in the school. Please check your child's hair during the holidays and treat if necessary. Thank you.



### 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](http://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



### 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.

### 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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