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Everyone can learn
Everyone belongs

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Newsletter 10

17th November 2023

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Part 1 - Key messages this week

Reminder - School Photos on Thursday

Individual and sibling photographs will be taken on Thursday 23rd November. If your child has PE on Thursdays, please send them into school in their normal uniform this day. All children should wear their jumper or cardigan as well (and, obviously, their best hair styles and smiles!!).

Out-of-school sibling groups can be photographed from 8.25am in the Messier Hall (access from the top playground). In-school siblings will automatically be called during the day to have their photos taken together (unless you inform the office that you don't want the sibling photo to be taken).



Governor update

At the governing board meeting at the end of Term 1 we were delighted to welcome two new members to the governing board.

Jude Watkins, who was recently elected as the second parent governor attended her first meeting, and Lloyd Khan, also a parent at the school, was elected by the board as a new co-opted governor.

Jude and Lloyd have recently been undertaking their induction checks and activities. Jude will serve on the Education committee and support our link role for the Early Years Foundation Stage and Lloyd will serve on the Finance committee and be our link governor for Health and Safety. On behalf of the Board I extend them a warm welcome.

We continue to recruit to several co-opted governor vacancies and are focussing our efforts to recruit people with the appropriate skills from members of the wider community the school serves. If you know anyone who might like to find out more about these voluntary roles which support the leadership of the school please visit www.abhps.com/governor-vacancies/

Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has already donated items to our Reverse Advent Calendar for the East Bristol Foodbank at Kingswood. We hope to be able to collect at least 25 of each item that we can pass on at the end of term. You can donate items from the calendar at any time until the end of term – either to the collection boxes in the classrooms or to the boxes in the main foyer.



2023 Reverse Advent Calendar



13th November Titan Class	14th November Mars Class	15th November Capella Class	16th November Sun & Comet Class	17th November Phoenix Class	20th November Earth Class
21st November Endeavour Class	22nd November Saturn Class	23rd November Venus Class	24th November Aquila Class	27th November Moon & Meteor Class	28th November Polaris Class
29th November Neptune Class	30th November Apollo Class	1st December Discovery Class	4th December Pegasus Class	5th December Sirius Class	6th December Jupiter Class
7th December Sky & Aurora Class	8th December Mercury Class	11th December Star & Asteroid Class	12th December Orion Class	13th December Voyager Class	



FAB News

Christmas Fayre

This is taking place on Saturday 2nd December 11am-2pm. We are looking for external stall holders so please share the date if you know someone who may be interested. It is £15 per table and can be booked by emailing friends@abhps.com



To help us with the fayre, we are asking for donations of:

Wine, Chocolate, Too small/old but good condition Christmas jumpers, Teddy bears and Raffle prizes - Do you work for a business who may be willing to donate vouchers/items that could help towards our raffle? If so, please get in touch on the above email address.

Santa's Grotto tickets will be on sale from Monday in the school foyer. Tickets are £2.50 each for an assigned time slot during the fayre on 2nd December. There are a limited amount of spaces so book quickly!

Raffle tickets will also be on sale from next week. Tickets are £1 each and the winners will be drawn at the end of the fayre.

- 1st prize - £50
- 2nd prize - £25.

Other prizes available:

- Family tickets for Oliver Twist at the Tobacco factory
- Family ticket to Aerospace museum
- Grand pier unlimited rides voucher
- Mendip activity centre Family voucher for disc golf
- Bristol Rovers tickets
- Voucher for the Lock Up on Church Road

Times Table Rockstars England Rocks Event

Air Balloon took part in a nationwide TTRockstars competition for Maths week! Well done to all KS2 children who put their times table and division facts to the test as part of 'England Rocks!'

The winning classes are:

- 1st : Aurora
- 2nd : Meteor
- 3rd : Asteroid
- 4th: Polaris
- 5th: Jupiter



Sarah's Top Tips

Mental Health is not talked about as much as it should be. But in reality it affects as many as one in four of us every year. Here are some websites that are both practical and helpful. If you are feeling unwell, please do reach out to someone you trust, your GP, a family member or friend. You can also speak to me. I will always provide a listening ear and can signpost or refer you to relevant services.

<https://www.second-step.co.uk/wellbeing-colleges/bristol-wellbeing-college/>

<https://bristolmind.org.uk/>

This week's top tip is from a lovely parent who would like to remain anonymous.

Mamas Bristol CIC : Swaps & Freebies is a group on Facebook where parents share unwanted or no longer needed items/ clothes/toys etc for free. For more information please click [here](#)





CHRISTMAS FAIR

Entry
on
donation

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, FUN, STALLS,
DELICIOUS TREATS, GROTTO & MORE!

SATURDAY 2ND
DECEMBER 2023
11AM - 2PM

AIR BALLOON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
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**The Air Balloon Breakfast, After School & Holiday Club
Hillside Road, St George, BRISTOL, BS5 7PB**



require a

Lively and Committed After School Club Playworker

This is an exciting opportunity to work as part of a dynamic team in our extended school provision of breakfast, after-school and holiday clubs. The successful candidate will be employed directly by the school and will work under the guidance of the Wraparound Care Manager.

To work 15 hours per week (3pm - 6pm) during term time
Monday - Friday
Start date: December 2023

Salary to be paid on the Bristol Grade 4 Scale – currently £11.59 per hour

NVQ level 2 or experience of working with children within a play environment would be desirable.

Level 2 Food Hygiene certificate essential
(training can be provided for the successful applicant if necessary)

To obtain an application pack, please email
rachel.bowyer@bristol-schools.uk

or view our advert on the eteach website

The closing date for applications is Monday 27th November 2023 at 12pm

Interview date to be advised.

Air Balloon Hill Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults 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.

Online checks may be performed on shortlisted candidates as part of the school's due diligence checks

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

All year groups

Earlier this week, we sent a letter from Mr Browse about the new climbing frame. You can find a copy here: [Letter-to-parents-re-climbing-frame-13.11.23.pdf](#)

All year groups

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



Reception

It was lovely to see so many of you attend the reading/phonic meetings that took place on Monday. For those of you who could not attend please find attached a copy of the presentation: [Reception-Reading-Meeting-2023.pdf](#)

One important message is for you to encourage your child to say the pure sound for each letter/group of letters.

These two YouTube links demonstrate the pure sounds if you are not sure.

<https://youtu.be/IFsQCZCrX7E?si=KS4ft8drmTbtWKZ4> (Phase 2)

https://youtu.be/qjI_I_V1eMk?si=BF0PNcWlb9MQ72SL (Phase 3)

Please complete a reading activity with your child at least three times a week. This can be a mixture of reviewing sounds, practising the common exception words or reading their book. When your child is reading their decodable book please encourage them to track each word with their magic finger.

If you have any questions regarding reading or any specific questions regarding your child's progress please talk to their class teacher.

Moon Class - Our PE session has moved, we are now doing PE on Wednesdays.

Year 1

Mercury Class - Our PE days have changed. We will now have outdoor P.E on Mondays and indoor P.E will still be on Wednesdays.

Mars Class - Due to whole school timetable changes we will now be doing PE on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Our library session will now be on a Wednesday. These changes will be taking place from today. I am so sorry you did not receive our previous email explaining this information ahead of time!

Year 3

Inquiry: For our current inquiry project, the children in Y3 will be creating a piece of art that represents their identity. They will be using fabric pens, sewing materials and paint! Please can you provide your child with a white or light-coloured pillow case for them to use for their art project. Ideally by the end of next week please.

Times table rock stars: Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) is a great online resource that will support your child with recalling their times tables fluently. Weekly TTRS Sessions are set by your child's teacher, for your child to complete at home. Each week in celebration assembly a child in each class is awarded a TTRS certificate. Please can you support your child by providing time for them to access TTRS. If you have not got your child's login details, please speak to their class teacher.

Jupiter Class - Jupiter's timetable has changed for this week moving forward. This means that we now have INDOOR PE on a Monday and OUTDOOR PE on a Wednesday. Our library day is still the same but we now have a regular short ICT session on a Tuesday.

Year 4

Aquila Class - Just a quick email to say that we have a new timetable that has started this week, that means library and PE days have changed...nothing too exciting really.

PE days will be Monday and Wednesday- which means your child can come wearing PE kit.

Our library session will now be on a Tuesday afternoon.



Capella Class - Here is the link to the backing track for our class song Inquiry project.

The children have composed the lyrics all by themselves and we will be recording the song on Friday afternoon.

Please have a good practice at home.

I have also attached the lyrics: [Avenge-our-friend.pdf](#)

[Tasty Hard Rock Guitar Backing Track Jam in B Minor - YouTube](#) (The first 2:05 minutes)

Part 3 - Key messages that you might have missed

Reception Starters 2024

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they are due to start school in September 2024 and you must apply for a school place before midnight on 15th January 2024. If you live in Bristol (and pay your Council Tax to Bristol City Council, click here to apply: [Apply for a new reception primary place \(bristol.gov.uk\)](#)

If you live in South Glos, you should apply here: [Apply online for a school place | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)



Christmas Tree

Could you or anyone you know, donate or sponsor a real Christmas tree for the school? If you can help, please speak to Mr Lea, our Site Manager, or leave your contact details at the school office.

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 20

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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