

Everyone can achieve  
Everyone can learn  
Everyone belongs

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## Newsletter 12

1st December 2023

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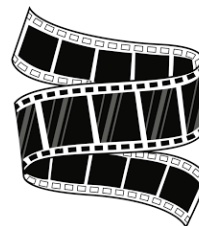
### Part 3

Relevant information shared in previous newsletters

## Part 1 - Key messages this week

### Photo Proof Cards

Children have brought home their photo proof cards this week. The deadline to order (for free delivery to school) is midnight on **Sunday 10th December**. Any orders placed after this date will incur a P&P charge and will be delivered to your home address. If you need a duplicate copy of the proof card, please ask at the school office.



### Christmas Menu 2023

Reminder - In order for us to ensure we order the right amount of food is ordered for Christmas Lunch, we are asking **ALL** parents and carers to pre-order their child's lunch for this day using Arbor.

Please log into Arbor (either the App or the online Parent Portal) to tell us what your child would like for lunch on Thursday 14th December. It's quick and easy to order...just follow the instructions in section 3 of this week's newsletter. If you are unable to access Arbor, you can order your child's Christmas Lunch by signing-up at the school office. The deadline for all orders is **Wednesday 6th December**

If you have any questions, please speak to staff in the school office. Allergen information will be available on page 6. Please note that the jacket potato option will not be available on this day.



### Menu Change

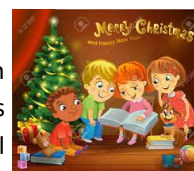
Please note that due to Christmas Lunch on Thursday 14th December, there is a change to the menu on Wednesday 13th (so that the children don't get Roast Turkey two days in a row!). Wednesday's Menu will be Mild and Creamy Chicken Korma, Vegetable and Bean Burrito or Halal Chicken Korma. Dessert will be Lemon Drizzle Cake.

LUNCH  
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### Stories Around the Christmas Tree

This annual Air Balloon tradition will be taking place on Tuesday 12th December from 6-6.30pm. Children can return to school in their pyjamas and dressing gowns for some festive stories, milk and biscuits. Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment using the **School Shop** feature in Arbor. We will be using the main school classrooms for this event, therefore entry to the site will be via the main entrance.

Parents will be able to wait in the Messier Hall and enjoy a hot drink while they wait. This is a free event, but we ask you to book so that we know how many children we are expecting (and can make sure we provide enough milk and cookies!)



### Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far – we are continuing to accept donations for the rest of the term and will deliver everything to the Foodbank on Monday 18th December. We have moved the donations from the foyer to make space for the Christmas Fayre tomorrow but will continue to have collection boxes there next week.



## FAB News

### Christmas Fayre

We are excited to welcome you all to the Christmas Fayre tomorrow 11am-2pm. The majority of the fair will be CASH ONLY.

The halls get very crowded and space is limited. Therefore, we will be encouraging you to leave prams and pushchairs outside in the bike shelter.

We can't believe Santa is coming all the way to Air Balloon Hill Primary School! If you have booked a ticket, please make your way down the decked ramp outside just before your allotted time where you will be greeted by one of Santa's elves.

Thank you for supporting us with your generous donations. Also a huge thank you to the parents and carers who have offered their time to volunteer with us.

All proceeds will go towards the next exciting FAB project!



### Well done

Jasmine in Capella competed in her Team Gymnastics competition in Crawley on Saturday and her team achieved Gold. What a great result!



### Bristol Parent Carers

Bristol Parent Carers have shared the links below so that you can join their community and access any support you may need:

Information leaflet: <https://simplebooklet.com/dl4pagelocalservices>

Website: <https://www.bristolparentcarers.org.uk/join-us>



### Venus School of Dance

Congratulations to Val, one of our SMSAs, who took part in a cabaret show with the Venus School of Dance last weekend.



### School Badges UK - Competition Winner

School Badges UK recently ran a competition for pupils to win their school a £500 voucher to spend with them.

Tomasz in Neptune class entered and came FIRST! Well done Tomasz and we look forward to using the voucher very soon.



### Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to send Christmas cards this year. In order to be environmentally minded we do ask if children could send a 'class card' which can then be displayed in the classroom for everyone to enjoy. However, we do recognise that some children will want to send cards to individual children in their class and year group. Please note that all cards must be handed in to the class teacher who will arrange distribution at a time that is convenient and appropriate.



### Thank you from the year 2 teachers

The year 2 teachers would like to thank the parents and carers who come in to school to read with their child each Friday, and especially to those parents and carers who included children whose adults were not able to attend.

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

### Year 1

As a year group we are almost ready to begin making our 3D art installations which will showcase our learning about our Wonderful World Inquiry. Can we please ask, if you haven't done so already, that you bring in a shoe box for your child by the end of this week so we can begin being creators next week. If you don't have a shoe box, can you please bring in a different box similar in size and if you happen to have any spare shoe boxes at home, we would be very grateful for any extras.

We aim to have our installations completed by the end of this term and we would like to invite you into school on the morning of Friday 15th December so that you can celebrate your children's achievements with them and they can show off their knowledge and hard work. This will replace the normal reading in class session with parents and should take no longer than 20 minutes. At the end of the session your children will perform a few festive songs.

Many thanks for your continued support.

## Part 3 - Key messages that you might have missed

### Reception Starters 2024

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, they are due to start school in September 2024 and you must apply for a school place before midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/apply-for-a-new-reception-primary-place)

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



### Reception Nativities

We are delighted to confirm that the Reception Nativity plays will be held on Monday 11th December. The children have already started to learn their songs and are getting ready for their performances and we can't wait – they are always the highlight of the Autumn Term.

**Sun and Moon Nativity will take place at 10am and Star and Sky at 2.20pm.**

Nativities will be held in the Messier Hall and entry will be via the gates in the front playground. This is a free event and you are welcome to take photographs and video recordings for your personal memories but remember, these must never be posted on Facebook or Social Media.



### Buggies

We appreciate that some parents may need to bring younger siblings in prams and pushchairs to watch the Nativity performances but we would ask that, as much as possible, buggies are left at home or collapsed down, as we have limited space to store them during the shows. Thank you.

### Other Dates for your Diary

**Year 6 Height and Weight Screening** – Re-scheduled date – now Monday 4th December

**Reception Open Morning** – Tuesday 5th December – for reception starters in September 2024

**Air Balloon's Got Talent** – Tuesday 12th December – more details to follow.

**Christmas Lunch** – Thursday 14th December – See information on page 6 for more details

**Christmas Jumper Days** – Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December – children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to school each day.

**Friday 15th December** – Last Day of Term and Class Parties – more details to follow

**Wednesday 3rd January 2024** – First Day of Term 3.

## Christmas Menu 2023

Please log into Arbor (either the App or the online Parent Portal) to tell us what your child would like for lunch on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December. It's quick and easy to order...just follow the instructions below:



### Ordering on the Arbor App

1. Click the three lines to access your main menu, then click on Meals.
2. You'll be taken to the Meal Choices page, where you will be presented with a list of Meals that have available menus to choose from (Choose **Christmas Lunch Week** option)
3. You can then see the **Meal Choices** page. On the page you can see all future dates you can select a meal for.
4. When choosing a meal, click on the day (**Thursday 14th December**). In the slide over, you'll see when the deadline for making your choice is.
5. Select the meal choice from the drop-down list and click the green **Confirm Choice** button to save your order.

### Ordering on the Parent Portal (from a pc)

1. From the main Parent Portal page, click **Quick Actions** and select **Meals**.
2. You'll be taken to the Meal Choices page, where you will be presented with a list of Meals that have available menus to choose from. (Choose **Christmas Lunch Week** option)
3. You can then see the **Meal Choices** page. On the page you can see all future dates you can select a meal for.
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The cost of the Christmas Lunch is £2.40 per pupil - unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals (all pupils in Reception, Years 1 and 2). Payment for the Christmas Lunch can be made via Arbor at the time of ordering or any time before 14<sup>th</sup> December. If you have a positive balance in Arbor for dinners, the cost of the meal will be deducted from your balance automatically on the day.

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If you have any questions, please speak to staff in the school office. Allergen information will be available on request but please note that the jacket potato option will not be available on this day.

Copy of the menu on page 6.

### 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>

**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 are required for these positions.**

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





# 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  
ST. GEORGE, BRISTOL  
BS5 7PB

[FRIENDS@ABHPS.COM](mailto:FRIENDS@ABHPS.COM)



# Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Traditional Roast Turkey with Pig in Blanket  
Or  
Halal Roast Turkey  
Or  
Vegetarian Cheesy Leek Christmas Parcel

Roast or New Potatoes  
Carrots and Peas

Served with Gluten-Free Vegetarian Gravy  
and Cranberry Sauce

Christmas Shortbread  
Mince Pies  
Christmas Satsumas

Please note: Jacket Potato options  
will not be available on this date

#### **Allergens:**

Vegetarian Option contains Wheat & Dairy

Pig in Blanket contains Wheat & Sulphur Dioxide

Shortbread contains Wheat

Mince Pies contain Wheat, Sulphur Dioxide and may contain nuts

**£2.40**





**The Air Balloon Breakfast, After School & Holiday Club**  
**Hillside Road, St George, BRISTOL, BS5 7PB**



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### **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: As soon as possible**

**We would also consider variations within these hours – to be discussed at interview.  
Places are available for children of Space Cadets staff.**

**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](mailto:rachel.bowyer@bristol-schools.uk)**

**or view our advert on the eteach website**

**The closing date for applications is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 12pm**

**Interview date to be advised.**

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### **School Meals Supervisory Assistant – Start Date 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024**

We currently have a vacancy for a new member of staff to join our team of School Meals Supervisory Assistants to look after the children during the lunch period ensuring that the children enjoy safe and happy lunchtimes.

Our dining hall team work in our dining halls supervising the children with their hot dinners or assisting the children with packed lunches. Duties include setting out tables and benches, laying out cutlery, mugs and drinking water and ensuring that the dining environments remain clean and safe making sure that any spills are cleaned up promptly.

Our playmakers supervise the children in our play areas which include a Scrapstore Playpod, a climbing area and an active trail as well as provision for traditional games. Playmakers are expected to interact with the children while continuing to be vigilant, ensuring safe play, and often work with an individual class or year group building a rapport with the children and their class teacher.

The ability to work as part of a team is essential to the role and we are looking for a new team member who is prepared to support our kind and caring ethos towards both the children and other members of staff. You will be joining an established team of friendly, hardworking and dedicated lunchtime staff committed to ensuring that the children enjoy lunchtimes and stay safe.

The hours of work are 11.30am - 1.30pm, Monday to Friday during term time.

10 hours per week.

The post attracts a salary on the BG2 scale, currently £11.59 per hour before deductions.

Closing date: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 12pm

Interview date: to be confirmed

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

Please note: CVs are not accepted.

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