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Everyone can learn
Everyone belongs

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Newsletter 13

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Part 1 - Key messages this week

Hello,

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre last Saturday. It was a lovely community event and everyone there seemed to have a great time. It certainly got me into the festive mood in the run up to the Christmas holidays.

A huge thank you to FAB (Friends of Air Balloon) for organising and co-ordinating the event. It takes a lot of effort to put on an event like that and I thought everyone worked together to create a wonderful Christmas Fayre for children and families. Thanks as well to the members of staff who

helped out on the day and, of course, thank you Santa Claus and his elves for turning up and allowing all those children to visit you in your Air Balloon grotto.

We don't yet know the full amount raised from the Fayre but we think it will be over £2000. This is money that FAB will be able to put to good use as they continue to support the school and children of Air Balloon.

I hope you all have a lovely – and to all those Fayre volunteers, a relaxing – weekend. See you all next week for our last week at school before the holidays.

Thank you,

Tim Browse

Photo Proof Cards

Reminder that the deadline to order our photos 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 Jumpers

Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to school on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December.



Menu Change

Please note that due to the Christmas Lunch on Thursday 14th December, there is a change to the menu on Wednesday 13th (so that Roast Turkey is not an option for 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
MENU
CHANGE

Last Chance to Book Stories Around the Christmas Tree

Spaces for Stories Around the Tree must be booked by the end of the day on Monday using the School Shop feature in Arbor. Children should return to school on Tuesday 12th December at 6pm in their pyjamas and dressing gowns for some festive stories, milk and biscuits. We will be using the main school classrooms for this and so 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, we just ask you to book so that we know how many children we are expecting (and can buy enough milk and cookies!)



Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Next week is the last chance to donate items – either to the classroom or to the collection boxes in the main foyer ready for delivery to the Foodbank on Monday 18th December.



Congratulations

A huge well done to Pete in Polaris class who won a Gold Medal at a tennis tournament in Painswick on Sunday 26th November.



Reception Nativities

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Reminder that the Reception Nativity plays will be held on Monday 11th December.

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. If you do need to bring a buggy or pushchair, these will be stored under the shelter in the front playground during the performances. Thank you.



Year 4 Sponsored Litter-pick

Year 4 took part in their sponsored litter-pick today at Troopers Hill and St George Park. They are raising money to help save the Golden Toad through the charity Cool Earth. Recently, in science and geography lessons, they've been learning all about climate change; the science behind it, the part we all play in it, and the impact that an increase in greenhouse gases could have for our planet. Naturally, we want to help to improve the situation.



Through their environmental campaign, they hope to take action to improve the environmental situation within our local area. You can find out more about their campaign here: <https://y4environmentalaction.wordpress.com/> or sponsor them here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/y4ea>

Sarah's Top Tips

Bristol Energy Network - are an energy knowledge based organisation and their aim is to help people to be able to spend less on energy usage. There is information on their website at Bristol Energy Network

There is help if you are on means tested benefits and have a pre-payment meter. You can self refer by clicking [here](#), or I can refer you if you prefer. They can help with grants as well as advice on how to use less energy

If you would like some leaflets on ways to make the most of your energy, please send me an email on sarah.webb@abhps.com, call the school on 0117 9030077 or text on 07469029470.

Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities is a lovely course that is suitable for families with children up to age 17. For more information please see the attached leaflet or give them a call. I'm also happy to talk it through with you.



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



Year 3 would like to invite you into our classes just before the end of the day on Thursday the 14th December to have a look at our finished 'Quilts' which showcase the children's identities and the work we have been doing over the last two terms to explore this.

The children have worked so hard and have really enjoyed this topic so it would be lovely if you could pop in and visit our 'Art Gallery'.

Don't worry if you can't make it though as the Quilts will be sent home on that day also.

We will open the doors at 3pm and it will be home-time as normal.

We hope to see you then,

Year 3 Teachers

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 \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk)

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)



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



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>



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.



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: 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**

or view our advert on the eteach website

The closing date for applications is Monday 11th December 2023 at 12pm

Interview date to be advised.

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

School Meals Supervisory Assistant – Start Date 3rd 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 11th 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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