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Everyone can learn
Everyone belongs

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Newsletter 16

12th January 2024

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Part 1 - Key messages this week

SEND Coffee Morning

We will be holding a SEND Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24th January at 9am in partnership with Bristol Parent Carer Forum. Everyone is invited to come along and meet other parents, carers and support staff to find out more about support available locally for children with special educational needs and disabilities.



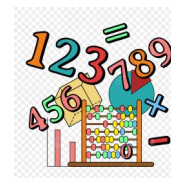
Dogs on site

Please remember that dogs – of any size – are not permitted on the school site, even if they are being carried. This is really important in order to keep everyone safe. Please note that dogs should not be tied up on school railings or left directly outside the entrance during drop-off/pick-up. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. We would be grateful that, if you do need to bring your dog with you when dropping off or collecting your child, you do not stand immediately outside of the school gates as this does block the entrance for others accessing the site.



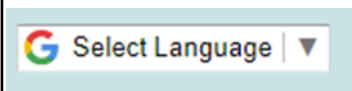
Reception Maths Presentation

Reception parents and carers are invited to join us at either 2.45pm or 5.30pm on Monday 22nd January for a short presentation on maths in the Early Years curriculum, how we teach Maths at Air Balloon and how you can best support your child at home. Presentations will take place in the Stratos Hall.



Accessing the school newsletter

Did you know that the school newsletter can be translated into 130 different languages on our website? To access the newsletter in a different language, visit <https://www.abhps.com/newsletters/>, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on this icon:



Choose the language you prefer and the whole page will be translated by Google.

Remember, you can view all pages on the website in a different language by clicking on this option at the bottom of every page.

In addition, if you would prefer to have any information on the website in audio-format, this is also now available (on desk-top or laptop computers only – not currently available on mobile devices). To hear any information, you currently need to access the website using **Google Chrome**. On the website, highlight any section of text then right-click on your mouse and select **Read Aloud Section** to hear the information.

FAB News

Would you like the chance to share your thoughts on fundraising, come up with new ideas or even give feedback on previous events? Come along to our next FAB meeting on Monday 29th January at school, 6-8pm. Everyone is welcome.



Sarah's Top Tips

Housing problems are very common in Bristol but there are services that can help.

Here are a few links to have a look at, please do get in touch if you'd like any support in this area.

<https://www.nhas.org.uk/>

https://england.shelter.org.uk/professional_resources/legal

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

https://england.shelter.org.uk/professional_resources/legal/housing_options/asylum_seekers_accommodation_options/accommodation_for_asylum_seekers

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/business/housing-for-business-and-professionals/housing-support-register>



Calling all fussy eaters! And those that want to be more active/healthy.

Beezee Bodies is a free resource for anyone wanting to make more healthy choices and/or lose weight.

They have online and in person classes that you can sign up for using the link below. They also have some really great child friendly recipes in the resources section.

Beezee Bodies promote healthy amounts of activity and small changes for a healthier lifestyle. For more information please click [here](#)



Here is a link for the NHS website [Better Health, Healthier Families](#). On the website you will find ideas for being active, games and fun ways to get moving at home, tasty recipes, ideas for healthy snacks and an explanation on why children are weighed twice during their time in Primary school.

It's recommended that children have a minimum of 60 minutes a day of exercise. They will generally get a lot of that here at Air Balloon but you can always have more! It's also a really fun way to spend some quality time together.

Joe Wicks was famous during the lockdown for doing online videos for children to exercise to in the home, his videos are free on YouTube and there are lots of videos available online. Here is one example [Bing Videos](#) Remember, you don't need to have access to the internet to have fun and get active, taking the dog for a walk, putting some music on the radio and dancing around the lounge or running around the park all count!



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 Friday 26th January 2024 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



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BOOK BUDDIES

Could YOU be a reading volunteer?

We are looking for dedicated and motivated parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles, who can commit to an hour a week to read with our Book Buddy children. We offer full training, support and sometimes tea and biscuits!

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact:

Becky Cox

bookbuddies@abhps.com

01179030077 ext.258

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

No news this week

Part 3 - Key messages that you might have missed

Parking

Reminder that the Community Policing Team have sent a letter to all parents and carers regarding parking outside of the school – particularly on the zig-zags:

We have had an increasing number of reports of drivers parking on the yellow zig zags outside of the school. By parking on these lines, you can incur points on your license and a fine. You are also posing a danger/risk to children leaving the school premises as by parking on these lines you are obstructing the view for children crossing the road.

This is a polite reminder/warning not to park inconsiderately. The local neighbourhood policing team will be patrolling at school drop off and pick up times to issue any tickets if deemed necessary.

Further issues have been raised regarding parking in the doctor's surgery and care home. These car parks are not to be used by parents during school pick up and drop off times they are for use only for those using the service.

Yours faithfully

St George Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

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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