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Everyone can learn  
Everyone belongs

## Air Balloon Hill Primary School

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### Newsletter 17

19th January 2024

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## Part 1 - Key messages this week

#### Governor update

At last term's Education Committee Governors received and reviewed the annual Pupil Premium funding report. Pupil Premium funding is a significant funding stream within the school's annual budget and Governors need to assure themselves it is used effectively for its intended purpose, enabling our most vulnerable children to access education as fully as possible. We heard about the various ways the funding is used at Air Balloon and the impact it has for our pupils. We also reviewed this year's Pupil Premium strategy, which is now published on the school website. The amount of Pupil Premium funding we receive is mainly based on the number of pupils eligible for

free school meals (FSM). It also remains in place for several years after any eligibility for FSM lapses. If you believe you may be in receipt of benefits which make you eligible to claim free school meals, or want to understand more about eligibility to claim them for your child along with any wider benefits to the school of doing this, please ask to speak to Mrs King in the school office or for more information about how to apply, please click [here](#)

This term Governors will be reviewing the progress data of all pupils during Term 1&2 and next term Governors will be spending a day in school, reviewing in person all we hear about during our meetings.

Nikki Jackson – Chair of Governors

#### SEND Coffee Morning

We will be holding a SEND Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.



#### 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.



#### Remember to label items

Please remember to label your child's clothing, bags and lunch boxes. We always have lost property that we are unable to reunite with owners.

If your child has lost an item of clothing, a lunch bag or water bottle, please check the lost property cupboard located outside of the library.

#### Menu Change

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, we will have a special menu on Thursday 8th February (Please see page 5 for menu). To ensure we order sufficient food, we would be grateful if you could pre-order your child's lunch for this day. This can be done via the Arbor app (choose **Chinese New Year Week** menu option) or via the sign-up sheet at the school office. Please pre-order by **Friday 2nd February**.



### Zig Zags

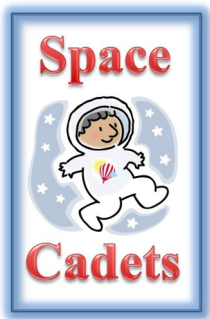
We are noticing an increasing number of parents regularly stopping on the zig zags to drop children off in the mornings. The zig zags at the school have a legal Traffic Regulation Order applied to them and this means that no one can park on them, even to drop off and pick up. Stopping in the middle of the road or on the zig zags is endangering not only your child's life but also those of other pedestrians who may be crossing. Drivers with a blue disability badge are allowed to park on double yellow lines but not the zig-zags. We appreciate that drop-off and pick-up times can be very busy and there is very limited parking around the school area. However, it is important that these rules are followed. To avoid parent conflict, we also advise that parents do not take photos of other parents without their permission.



### Lost Property

Sonia in Sun class has lost her gloves and hat with leopard ears. If found please return to the school office to be returned to class. Thank you.





**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 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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



**VOLUNTEER**

# 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](mailto:bookbuddies@abhps.com)

01179030077 ext.258

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Chinese New Year  
Special Menu  
Year of the Dragon  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Main:** Chinese-style Chicken Curry

**Halal:** Crispy Halal Chicken Bites served with a  
Sweet and Sour Sauce

**Vegetarian:** Diced Quorn Pieces in a Black Bean  
Sauce

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DRAGON

**Served with:**

Peas

Fluffy Rice

Prawn Crackers



**Dessert:**

Chinese Chocolate Vegan Cake

Fresh Pineapple Wedges

Fortune Cookies

Jacket Potatoes will be available with a selection of  
fillings and salad.



*Allergen Information available on request.*



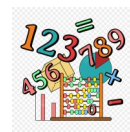


## Part 2 - Key messages from classes and year groups this week

### Reception

#### 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.



#### Reception Vision, Height and Weight Screening

Letters were sent out via Arbor 17th January from the School Nursing Team regarding routine vision, height and weight screening that will take place at the end of April. If you wish to opt-out, please complete and return the opt-out forms to the school office before the 29th April. Paper copies of the forms are available from the school office.

### YEAR 5

Year 5 are visiting Aerospace Bristol on 9th February as part of their Inquiry Project. Consent and payment can be made via Arbor.

### YEAR 6

#### Visit to BBA

We have been invited to take our Year 6 pupils to Bristol Brunel Academy on Tuesday 30th January to watch a performance of their school play - We Will Rock You. Please see the letter sent on the 16th January for more information. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher.

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

### 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.

### 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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