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Everyone can learn
Everyone belongs

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Newsletter 19

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Part 1 - Key messages this week

Measles

You may have seen in the news this week that Measles cases are rising across the UK. Public Health have asked us to remind parents and carers to check their children's vaccination status to ensure they are protected against infection.

Children would have been offered the MMR vaccine at the ages of 1 and 3 and need both doses to be fully immune. You can check your child's immunisation record in their 'red book'. Adults are also being encouraged to check their vaccination status and seek vaccination if they have not had 2 doses. Vaccinations can be arranged through your GP surgery.



You can find out more about the vaccine here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/> and more information from the government about the increasing cases here: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>

Medical Tracker

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by any delayed medical tracker notifications that may have been received this week – we are hoping this issue has now been resolved.



Year 6 Hoodies

We will shortly be sending information out about ordering Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies. We are delighted that FAB have offered to fund the hoodies again this year so everyone will receive a free one.



Bus Bay

Polite reminder - Please can we remind you **NOT** to park in the bus bay. Please remember that the bus bay is there for the safety of the children when they are going on trips or attending swimming lessons and is regularly used throughout the term.



World Book Day - 7th March 2024

This year, teachers will be using the books that have been read in class as inspiration for their costumes.

While children are absolutely free to choose their own book character to dress up as, costumes based around the chosen book or books will also be encouraged.

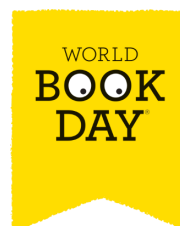
Due to this, classes will choose a book or book together with their teacher as inspiration for their class dressing up theme. Children can then join in with this if they would like to.

Please don't hesitate to ask your child's class teacher about which book or books have been chosen if your child is unsure.

More information will be sent out about World Book Day Activities closer to the time.

Thanks

Miss Giles (Reading Leader)



Attendance

Attending school every day throughout a term helps children and young people maximise their learning in the classroom and enjoy the benefits of their educational experience. Attending every day really does make a difference.



Please remember that other than in exceptional circumstances, it is unlikely that any leave will be authorised by the Headteacher. However, any request should be put in writing. Term-time Leave Request Forms are available from the foyer, please contact us on 0117 903 0077 or email airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk if you have any questions. Every application for a term-time absence is reviewed on an individual basis – taking into account specific reasons for the absence and individual circumstances – we don't have a 'blanket policy' of automatically declining requests for absences and would encourage anyone considering a term-time holiday to give us as much information on their Leave of Absence Request as possible so that an informed decision can be made.

When completing a Leave of Absence Request, please ensure it is handed into the school office at least 4 weeks before the intended absence and remember that we cannot authorise absences retrospectively. All requests will be responded to in writing and you will be informed if the absence has been authorised or not and whether any further action will be taken (i.e if you will receive a Penalty Notice).

Parents/carers are reminded that any unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice or prosecution. However, every attempt to resolve parent and carers' concerns and improve a child's attendance will be made before any formal action is considered. It is important that if you have concerns regarding your child's attendance you speak to your child's teacher or a member of the school's Attendance Team - Mrs Knight, Mrs Stone or Mrs King.

A copy of the school attendance policy can be found here: www.abhps.com/policies/ and information on Penalty Notices can be found here: [PN-leaflet-2020.pdf \(abhps.com\)](#).

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#) is helpful if you have any concerns about your child's health and whether they are well enough to attend school.

Sarah's Top Tips

With the February half term coming up quickly, here are some fun things going on!

Felix Road Adventure Playground is a unique space dedicated to children's play (eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk). For more information please click [here](#)

Youth Sessions at The Ranch - Southmead Development Trust. For more information please click [here](#)

The adventure playgrounds are both free and also provide a hot meal for children at no cost.

Bristol Live - Free February half term events in Bristol include cinema screenings and workshops. For more information please click [here](#)

All February Half Term Events in Bristol. For more information please click [here](#)

You can also visit Bristol Family Blog for more ideas for the February Half-Term. For more information please click [here](#)



For Hire

The school is keen to attract clubs or organisations interested in using our space. We have three halls and our sports field that are available to let and which could be ideal spaces for local clubs and community organisations. We would love to see them in use and contributing to the local community. If you are interested in letting one of our spaces, or you know someone who might be, then please get in touch with us (email: airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk) to discuss.



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

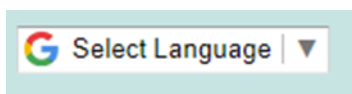


Next Friday will be a non-school uniform day. Year 5 will be on their school trip to Aerospace so to ensure that they don't miss out, they are welcome to wear their own trousers/skirts however, school jumpers/ cardigans **MUST** be worn for safety reasons so that children can be easily identified if they are separated from their group. 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



Ordering School Lunches

Polite Reminder - If you know your child will be late to school on any day (for example following a medical appointment), please let the school office know by 9:30am what your child would like to order for lunch as the kitchen need to know the meal numbers by 10am each day. They are already preparing the food based on the numbers provided so if meals are booked after this time we can not guarantee they will get the meal they would like every time. Meals can also be pre-ordered on the Arbor app (if known at least two days in advance).



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.



Chinese New Year
Special Menu
Year of the Dragon
Thursday 8th 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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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.

