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Everyone can learn  
Everyone belongs

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## Newsletter 20

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## Part 1 - Key messages this week

Message from the governors Quality of Education committee.

At this term's Quality of Education committee Miss Liley shared with governors the data across all year groups from the autumn assessments of pupils progress, which showed a positive trend when compared to this time last year.

We also heard about the Oracy initiatives being undertaken across the school to support children's learning. Oracy supports children being able to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language. When Governors spend the day in school next month they will be looking at the Oracy initiatives in greater depth to better understand the positive impact they can have on children's learning. Along with the ability to read fluently, Oracy supports learning across all curriculum areas and will also help improve our pupils writing skills.

As parents and carers one of the most important things you can do to support children's learning in school is to read regularly with / to your children and discuss with them the stories you've shared. If you have any questions about reading with your child at home please don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher.

### Measles

Further to the information in last week's newsletter about the increase in Measles cases across the UK, Sirona have written to some parents this week to invite them to bring their children to a MMR Vaccination Clinic in school from 3pm on Monday 19th February. Letters have been sent home to children who may not have received both doses of the MMR Vaccine.



### Red Nose Day 2024

Advance notice that we will be supporting Comic Relief on Red Nose Day (15th March 2024). Look out for information after half-term about our fundraising events, how to buy red noses and how you can support this fantastic charity.



### Book Bags

We have a limited number of book bags in stock if anyone needs to purchase one. They cost £5.50 each and can be purchased from the school office (cash only).

### Chinese New Year

Thank you to the Stratos Galley staff for a fabulous lunch yesterday celebrating Chinese New Year – including a very fierce looking dragon made out of watermelon and pineapple!

We would like to wish everyone a very happy Chinese New Year for Saturday 新年快乐



### World Book Day Menu

To celebrate World Book Day on the 7th March, we will be having another special menu – dishes all inspired by and celebrating Julia Donaldson. See page 4 for details.



### Parents' Evenings



Parents' Evenings will take place on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February. Appointment bookings will go live at 4pm on Monday 19th February via Arbor. For information on how to book an appointment, please see the guide here: [Booking-a-Parents-Evening-Appointment-in-Arbor-2023.pdf \(abhps.com\)](#)

Please note the following information regarding appointments for classes with 2 teachers:

Mars – Mrs Coles: 28th - Miss Marshall: 29th

Discovery – Miss Cassell: 28th - Mrs Stokes: 29th

Aquila – Miss Huish: 28th - Mrs Laird: 29th

Sirius – Mrs Barker: Tuesday 27th - Mrs Webber: 29th.

Asteroid – Miss Skuse: 28th - Mrs Hillier: 29th

All appointments are face to face and will be held in your child's classroom. Please arrive a few minutes before your appointment time to look through your child's books.

If you have any questions or difficulties in booking an appointment, please call the school office on 0117 903 0077.

NB - For appointments in Capella, Polaris and year 4 classes, a waiting area will be set up in the library for appointments between 3:30pm and 4:30pm due to gymnastics after school club using the hall.

### Year 6 Hoodies



We are pleased to confirm that FAB (Friends of Air Balloon) have agreed to pay for each year 6 child to have a Leavers' Hoodie this year which means there will be no cost to parents. You can order a hoodie using the link below but please check the measurements before ordering as we are unable to change hoodies that have been ordered in the wrong size. (we have a sample size of Age 9-11 in the school office if you would like your child to try it)

<https://forms.office.com/e/QeqNaXUHyZ>

We would like to purchase the hoodies before the end of term 4, so please place **orders by 1st March**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or email [airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk)

### Message from Nexus Fostering

At Nexus Fostering based in Gloucester, we're looking for local people like you to become foster carers. By providing a loving and stable home environment, you can support the increasing number of children and young people in the local area who cannot live in their family homes. Not all children require long-term care. We also need foster carers for short-term placements, respite care, and to provide temporary homes to support young parents and their babies. So, if you have a spare room and are ready to change lives, please give us a call on 01452491980 or email Bridget Fletcher on [bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk](mailto:bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk).



### Hillside Pre-school Job Vacancy

Hillside Pre-school are looking to recruit a Level 3 Early Years Practitioner. For more information please see the attached advertisement.



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

**World Book Day** is March 7th this year, and in year 2 we are using Goldilocks and the Three Bears as inspiration. Your child might like to dress as Goldilocks, as a bear, or as another part of the story - they could be a tree from the forest, a bowl of porridge or even a broken chair! However, if you already have something prepared or something they would like to wear instead, please feel free to go for that!

**Year 2**

As part of our **Fire! Fire! inquiry project**, we have been tasked with designing and building London after the fire. We will be making models of our designs from cardboard during week 5 of Term 4. Therefore, during the week of 18th March we will be inviting you to come in to help your child to make their design.

Could each child please bring in three cardboard items to be recycled into their buildings by the 23rd Feb? Please see picture for example from last year to give you an idea of the sizes needed.



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

### 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.



### 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](mailto:airballoonhillp@bristol-schools.uk)) to discuss.



### 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>

**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.**



# Celebrating Julia Donaldson World Book Day Menu Thursday 7th March 2024

Nell, The Detective Dog's Pizza... Will it be



Pepperoni (m)

or

Margarita (v)

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Served with:

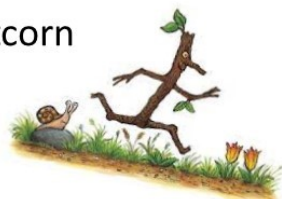


The Highway Rat's Bounty of Golden Sweetcorn



The Gruffalo's Deep Dark Wood Salad

The Stick Man's French Fries



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The Cook and The King's Potatoes

(Jacket Potatoes with a variety of fillings)



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Charlie Cook's Chocolate Cake that went to Jupiter



Berry Jelly from Acorn Wood

Gruffalo's Child Orange Eye Wedges



£2.40

Allergen Information available on request

