



# Ashton Gate Primary School

**'Rising High Together'**  
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## Ashton Gate Primary School News & Information

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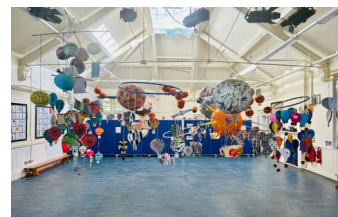
Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

### Message From Mr Jones

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank the PTA for running such a superb end of summer barbeque last weekend. A great time was had by all who attended and more tickets were sold for this barbeque than any other before it. A special thank you to Jo, Jono and the PTA committee for your time and dedication in making this such a successful evening.

The PTA do so much great work for the school and are always looking for more parents to help share the workload. They are a great bunch and always have lots of laughs while putting on such great events. Even if you can help for half an hour at one of the events that would be greatly appreciated. Contact details for the PTA are always in the newsletter and on their Facebook page. They would love to hear from you!

### Southville Arts Trail



Thank you also to the staff who gave up their own time over the weekend to support the art installation in the Ashton hall. Hundreds of people visited the school over the two days, and the balloons were a huge hit with everyone that came to see them. A selection of the balloons will now be on display on both sites.

### Messages From Teachers

#### Reception

##### Reading

Last week and this week your children would have been sent home with their reading diary and a book from their class book corner. The purpose of this is to introduce your children to the routine of bringing a book home from school, sharing it with an adult and bringing it back. This means that when the children start bringing home their reading books they are already in a routine. The reading diaries are for you and us to record when the children have read. It does not have to be a huge amount, just a little note so we are aware of what they have read and how they got on.

More information on reading will be shared with you at the information afternoon.

##### PE

As of next week, please can children come to school in their sports clothes on PE days. They will remain in their PE kit for the entire day, so will not need a change of uniform. On Wednesdays we will set up sports activities in the outside area. They are welcome to wear PE shoes on this Wednesday.

Caterpillar Class – Tuesday

Ladybird Class – Thursday

Bumblebee and Butterfly Class – alternate Tuesday and Thursday. (There will be a sign on the classroom door to confirm dates).

##### Toys

Please make sure children don't bring their own toys into school.

## Messages from Teachers

### Year 4

Headlice has been reported in Year 4, please check and treat your child's hair accordingly.

### NumBots information for Year 1 and Year 2



Your child now has a NumBots login in the front of their reading diary. NumBots is an online maths game playable at [play.numbots.com](https://play.numbots.com) or through the numbots app. Playing the game little and often will help support your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts.

There are two game modes when playing NumBots:

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

We hope you enjoy playing the games and please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Miss Wiles and Mrs Johnson

### KS2 Lunches

Due to staff shortages there will be no jacket potatoes available next week.



### Lost Uniform - Upton Site



A significant amount of uniform has been left on the main Upton Playground over the last 2 weeks. This includes PE kit, coats and hats. We will continue to remind the children to collect any uniform that they remove during break times/PE lessons but we are finding it very difficult to return these lost items to their owners because the vast majority of it isn't named. Please can you either write your child's name on the label, or use name labels, so we can reduce the amount of uniform that gets lost. There is a Lost Property cupboard near the office at the Upton Site and, weather permitting, we will display any lost uniform on a table on the Upton Playground every two weeks, starting on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### School Car Park

We have signed up with Just Park to let parking spaces in the school car park. If you are interested in booking a space, please use the link below.

**JustPark**

<https://www.justpark.com/uk/parking/bristol/s/greenway-bush-lane-bristol-bs3-1qz/>

### Reporting Absences

Studybugs

The school absence line will close on Sunday 17th September. If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, you need to report this using the StudyBugs app or using this link - [Studybugs – Parents](#). When reporting absences please add your child's name and class.



### Triathlon Sponsorship Celebration

Congratulations to former pupil Holly, who was invited to a special celebration event on the 36<sup>th</sup> floor of the Heron Tower in London. She raised a stunning total of £990 in sponsorship in the event, which many children from Ashton Gate took part in last summer.



## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2023

The official theme for this year's event is '**Mental health is a universal human right**'. This day is a chance for everybody to talk about mental health and emphasise how important it is to reach out if you're struggling.

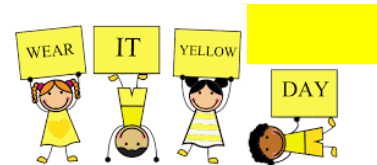
Kindness doesn't just help other people, but it also improves our own physical and mental health. Whether we're giving kindness, receiving kindness or even just witnessing kindness, it can have a great effect on us!

On World Mental Health Day we invite you to :

### COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN YELLOW

We will be taking part in different mental health activities and everyone will start the day with a mindful moment.

Sophie Sowden



### Social Media

We are now on Facebook. Please like our page, we will be using this page to celebrate events and learning moments taking place across the school. We encourage you to invite other parents and family members to join as well, so that too can be part of our vibrant school network.

Rest assured, our Facebook page will prioritise the privacy and security of our children. We will follow all the necessary precautions and guidelines to protect identities and ensure a safe online environment.



### Parent Portal

Last year we introduced Parent Portal. This allows us to send you messages and newsletters directly to an app on your phone. It also allows you to submit changes, such as a new phone number or email address.

The video below explains how it works:

Portal Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpyrDjCEOh8>

You can download the app from the following stores

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/rm-parent-portal/id1531109058>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rm.parentportalmobile&hl=en\\_GB&gl=US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rm.parentportalmobile&hl=en_GB&gl=US)

Please log onto this and make any necessary changes to ensure we have up to date information.

### Term Dates 2023 to 2024

Friday 1st September to Friday 20th October 2023

Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 to Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 19th February 2024 to Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024 to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

### Inset Days 2023 to 2024

Friday 1st September 2023

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Wednesday 19th June 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024





## PTA NEWS

**BBQ**

Thank you again to everyone that attended the BBQ last weekend. It was our biggest yet and we raised a huge amount of money to start the year.

**AGM**

Another huge thank you to everyone that attended the AGM on Wednesday. It was amazing to see so many new people and hear all the good ideas that everyone had. We are really looking forward to being able to hold some brilliant events this year and raise some money to help support the school.

The committee members elected were as follows:

Co-chairs - Jonathan Graville and Jo Phillips

Co-secretaries – Aimee Wentworth and Sophie Turner

Treasurer – Louise Cooper

We also welcome Rob Neighbour and Ed Thake-Adams as our Communications Officers.

**PTA MEETING 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Now we have appointed the committee for the year and have lots of new members we will be holding our first proper PTA meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, venue TBC. If you couldn't make the AGM but are still interested in getting involved, please come along, everyone is welcome!

**CHRISTMAS...SORRY!**

We tried to hold off mentioning this until October, but sorry, we just couldn't.

The children will soon be starting their artwork in school for the Christmas cards, so watch this space for more information on how to order them in the next few weeks.

We will also be launching a brand new electronic system for the organising the volunteers for the Christmas fair in the next couple of weeks. The fair will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December so please keep some time free in your diary that day to help us host the best and most enjoyable fund-raising event of the year.

Dates for the Diary	Date
PTA Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup> October – venue TBC
Film Night	November - TBC
Christmas Trees	2 <sup>nd</sup> December
Christmas Fair	9 <sup>th</sup> December

If you are interested in hearing more or getting involved you can contact us at [ashtongatepta@gmail.com](mailto:ashtongatepta@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook at [Ashton Gate PTA | Facebook](#)

Hello, Parents & Guardians!

We are BeeZee Bodies, and we work with Bristol Council to provide FREE (and FUN!) healthy lifestyle support for families.\* We run [BeeZee Live](#) an online course where you and your family can learn how to make small changes to create healthy habits.

[www.beezeebodies.com/programs/families-live](http://www.beezeebodies.com/programs/families-live)

**BeeZee Live times**

5-8 yrs Tuesday 4:30pm	9-12 yrs Tuesday 5:00pm
5-8 yrs Monday 5:30pm	9-12 yrs Monday 6:30pm
9-12 yrs Monday 6:30pm	9-12 yrs Tuesday 6:30pm

**September is ... back to school routines**

**INFINITY BREATHING**

You and your child may be going through a lot of change this week by returning to school or even starting a new school. Breathing exercises is one of the best tools to reduce anxiety.

Using your finger, slowly follow the line of the infinity loop. Take a deep breath in as your finger follows the right hand side, then breathe out as your finger follows the left hand side. Aim to take 3 to 4 seconds to complete each half of the loop. Repeat this loop 7 times, focusing on your finger as you do so.

\*To be eligible for this awesome free service, your family must live/go to a school in Bristol and include one child who is above their ideal healthy weight.

**FUSSY EATING** is now LIVE on **BAC** BeeZee Academy

Stressed out after a summer of feeding the kids?? We've got you!

Scan here to sign up

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MANCHESTER UNITED**

Sunday, November 26th 2pm KO

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For more details and to purchase tickets,  
contact Matt Chiles

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**FAMILY DAY**

**BEARS V HARLEQUINS**

**SAT OCT 28 2.30PM KO**

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