



Ashton Gate Primary School

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Year 2

On Thursday 14th December, Year 2 are having a disco in the afternoon. Children are invited to wear a Christmas hat or hair accessory and bring a small snack to enjoy.

Year 6

We would like to say a huge 'WELL DONE!' to the entire Y6 cohort who produced such amazing home projects for the WW1 museum on Wednesday! The range of different information was incredible and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing it all and watching them interact with everyone who visited. Thank you to all the parents/carers and grandparents who were able to join us and those who supported at home; it was a great celebration of their WW1 topic. If you would like to see pictures of the exhibits, please follow this link to our Y6 History page. [History | Ashton Gate Primary School \(secure-primariesite.net\)](https://www.ashtongateprimaryschool.co.uk/history/y6-history)

Year 6 Polar Explorer Day!

On Wednesday 6th December, Year 6 will be extending their learning about Shackleton and the Polar regions with a Polar explorer day. Please come into school dressed ready to explore! This could include some gloves, a hat and sunglasses, as well as a warm coat. On the day, will be discovering more about the shipwreck of The Endurance and doing an experiment to learn more about how Polar animals stay warm.

Children In Need



Thank you for your donations to Children In Need we raised £550.

Talking About Emotions: Zones of Regulation

We will be holding a parent session to present our whole school policy of Zones of Regulation.

We will be discussing how to talk to children about big feelings and share useful strategies for managing emotional dysregulation.

Where: Ashton Site

When: 9:10am on Tuesday 5th December

Please let us know you would like to attend by completing the form using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6giB5HvUE1>

Don't forget:

Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

Choir Concerts

Choir have had a very busy weekend taking part in the Bristol Beacon Winter Sing and Handfuls of Harmony Autumn Concert.

Both performances were amazing, and we felt so proud of all the hard work they have put in. Choir will continue into Term 3 with everyone who is already involved, but if you would like to join please email

sarah.huxley@bristol-schools.uk

Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert

Year 5 & 6 will be performing their annual carol concert showcasing some Christmas songs, soloists, instrumentalists and poets.

Year 5 adults are invited to watch on Tuesday 13th December from 2:00 and Year 6 adults are invited on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th from 2:00. Due to space in the Upton hall only 2 adults per family are able to attend.

Sarah Huxley



ANOTHER YEAR SPREADING CHEER IN BS3



Local Christmas gift donation scheme BS3 Pass the Parcel will be back for the fourth time this Christmas. Set up during the dark days of lockdown in 2020 this joyful local project hopes to bring a little light to those in need this winter.

Pass the Parcel works with the community for the community and aims to ensure that those in the BS3 area who are less fortunate, for whatever reason, still receive a lovely gift and treats at Christmas time.

Last year, Pass the Parcel shared over 500 gift bundles with vulnerable individuals, families and children across BS3. This was achieved with the help of some brilliant volunteers, support from the community, connections with businesses and schools (including this one) and enthusiasm from local traders.

The dedicated team is once more fundraising to purchase gifts and are still in need of monetary donations to their Just Giving account: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/pass-the-parcel-1697093689655> or through their website www.passtheparcelbristol.org – where you can find out more about the project, links to the Just Giving page and how to get involved in their wrapping day on Saturday 9th December at St Paul's Church in Southville.

Every donation really will make a difference this year. So go on, share a little Christmas sparkle with others this winter.

Whatsapp and Online Safety

As a school we look to support children and their adults with online safety as much as possible. We are aware that there have been some disagreements between children over WhatsApp recently. Please be advised that WhatsApp is recommended for people aged 16 and over to use without supervision. Please continue to show an interest in your children's online behaviour so you can celebrate good choices and support with any problems. The links below offer support for parents and carers on the subject of their children using WhatsApp. We also have lots of useful links and suggestions on the Online Safety section of the school website. Mr Anderson will lead an Online safety session after school on the 25th January (times TBC). Please feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns beforehand or speak to your child's class teacher.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

<https://www.ashtongate.bristol.sch.uk/online-safety-e-safety/>

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The PTA Christmas fair - one week to go!

Happy Advent, and happy Elf Day. Our huge festive fundraiser is just 7 sleeps away!

Saturday 9 December | 11am - 3pm

THE BIG CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

> [Buy your £1 tickets here](https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s8in-20231128000000) < <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s8in-20231128000000>

Can we just take a sec to appreciate these seasonal joys, prepared by your PTA class reps (with help from some elves).



5G - North St Christmas



3Y - Wapping Wharf Christmas



Bumblebees - Bees

These are just three of the 20+ magnificent prizes that are coming your way in [our massive raffle](#), which will be drawn on Christmas Fair day!

> [Buy your £1 tickets here](https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s8in-20231128000000) < <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s8in-20231128000000>

Any volunteers?

Did we mention we need some volunteers this week? If you have just an hour or so to give, it will make a humongous difference to the running of the fair..

[Sign up here](#) to join us on the 9th - we mainly need people in the final slot from 2.00 - 3.15pm.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/93286566075/false#/invitation>

Plus, all fair volunteers are entered into a dedicated raffle for one of the amazing hampers ☐

Our last uniform sale of 2023

Monday 4 Dec | 3.00 - 3.30pm | Ashton site music room

Another chance to bolster your dwindling supply of correctly sized, presentable school clothes. We have brand-new items with old school branding, plus second-hand of course. Come grab a bargain!

PS - Christmas trees

We have just 7, yes 7, six-foot Christmas trees left to [buy here](#). <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-swzn-20231202100000>

Collection is 2 December (tomorrow!) - 9.00 - 10.30am.

1st December 2023



Ashton Gate Primary School Christmas Fair

Saturday 9th December 11am - 3pm

- Christmas Themed Stalls and Games
 - A Huge Raffle of Amazing Prizes
 - Food Available on the Day
- Bar Including Beer and Mulled Wine
- And Not Forgetting Santa Himself!

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Football

Last Friday the year 5/6 football team took part in a tournament. They played brilliantly and the team spirit was high, even during some tough matches. Both teams demonstrated great resilience and put all their effort into every match. A big well done to the teams, they represented Ashton Gate fantastically!



Join us for a Parent Coffee Morning with the school Nurse

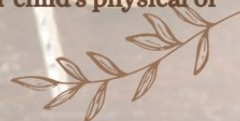
This is a great opportunity to meet our school nurse to answer questions you may have, or just come for a chat with other parents.

What Advice can we offer?

We can advise on issues such as sleep, continence, healthy eating/lifestyles, behaviour & emotional health or any other concerns you may have about your child's physical or mental health.



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Ashton Site - Wednesday 6th December

8.45am-9.45am

EVERYONE IS WELCOME (including little ones)

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

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

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.

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

