



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Welcome to new staff

We have some new staff members who have joined the Ashton Gate School community this year.

Welcome to:

Ms Pope who is the LSA for Ladybird Class

Mrs Hanley who is one of the Beech Class teachers working on Thursdays and Fridays

Ms Hancox who is our new Key Stage 2 SENDCo

Miss Noon who is a new Year 6 LSA

Ms Collier who is a new Year 3 LSA

Messages From Teachers

Headlice have been reported in year 3. Please check and treat your child's hair accordingly.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net or 0300 1245515 for more information

Reporting Absences

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](#).

Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

Don't forget:

Our spelling scheme is changing!

We are excited to announce that we have a new spelling scheme, Spelling Shed, which will be launched in term 2. This is to allow time for staff to become familiar with how it works and the online element to be set up. Your child **will not** be bringing home spellings until term 2. If you would like to work on spellings with them in the meantime, please feel free to spend some time looking at the statutory word lists which can be found here: [Supporting your child at home | Ashton Gate Primary School](#). However, there is no expectation for you to work on these. We look forward to sharing further details with you in due course.



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



South Bristol Arts Trail

Join us for a weekend celebrating local creativity across Southville, Bedminster and Ashton

11am - 5pm 23 & 24 September 2023



The Arts Trail is returning to Southville next weekend and we are so excited to be a part of it again! The children worked extremely hard in Term 6 to create a collaborative piece of art which will be on display at our **Ashton** site. The site will be open 11-3 on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September.

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.



Monday 18th September 8.45-9.45am

Ashton Site Library

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.

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

WELCOME BACK BBQ – 23rd September - 4pm to 8pm – Ashton Site

We'll be kicking off the new school year with one of our most popular events. Come along to the Ashton site for an evening of food, music and drinks for all the family. **We are prepared for all weathers** and boast the best value bar on North Street.

Tickets are £5 per Adult, £2.50 per Child and include your first trip to the BBQ <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s5w9-20230923160000>

DRINKS and AGM – 27th September – 7.30pm – Ashton Site

We'll be hosting the annual AGM for the PTA at the Ashton site and would like to invite, nay implore, all interested parents and carers to come along for a **free drink** and hear what the PTA has been up to.

As always, **we'll be electing the PTA committee for the year** and looking for new Committee members to join us. It is a great way to contribute to the school community and meet other parents. You don't even need to take on a specific role to take part. We have members without specific responsibilities, which works well if you would like to help but don't want to over-commit.

On this note, we say a huge thankyou and bid a sad farewell to Caroline King, our fantastic **Communications Officer**. She has been a stalwart of the PTA for the last 6 years and has decided to hang up her keyboard and enjoy PTA events as a participant this year.

The **Communications Officer** role is a hugely important part of the PTA. If you would like to throw your hat in the ring to write newsletters, manage Facebook, and generally all things comms, please join us on the 27th.

Many of the events we all enjoy wouldn't happen without the PTA volunteers. If you have the time, please **come down, enjoy a drink and maybe get involved!**

Dates for the Diary	Date
Welcome Back BBQ	23 rd September – 4pm til 8pm
Drinks and PTA AGM	27 th September – 7.30pm
Film Night	November - TBC
Christmas Trees	2 nd December
Christmas Fair	9 th December

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

Ashton Gate Out of School Care We Are Hiring

We are looking for **TWO** new **Early Years Senior Playworker** to join our busy Ofsted registered 'Met' rated after school club.

We provide wrap-around care and deliver a wide range of activities for around 500 children and are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of young people.

If you have a passion for working with children AGOSC could be just the right job for you.



For four/ five days per week.

Breakfast club hours: 7.30-9am term **time only**

After school club hours: 2:45 – 6:15pm
term time only.

Holiday Playscheme shifts available.
(Breakfast hours not essential)

Rate of Pay: £12.62 per hour

Closing date: n/a

Interview date: tbc

Start date: ASAP

For more information or an application pack

Call **01179 833426** or **07366976530**

Or email: **bellaw@agosc.com**