



Ashton Gate Primary School

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Conversion to Academy Consultation

You should have all received an email yesterday from the Chair Of Governors regarding our proposed conversion to join Cathedral Schools Trust. Please contact the school office if you did not receive this communication.

Messages from Teachers

Year 2 Exhibition

Just a reminder that we would like the children in Year 2 to create a piece of art or a DT project, at home, inspired by the Great Fire of London. The children could build a 3D monument, a cardboard St Paul's Cathedral or a lego London house. They could even draw a picture of London then vs now. Both 2D and 3D art are welcome; we would love as many children to get involved as possible.

We would like to showcase their creations to you all and therefore will be holding a History exhibition in the hall on Wednesday 7th February. We ask for these to be brought into school by **Monday 5th February**.

Year 3 - Reminder

Just a reminder that our Ancient Egyptian Day is on **Thursday 8th February**, where the children will continue to explore further into our Ancient Egypt topic. They are welcome to dress up for the day if they so wish, but there is no obligation to do so.

School Crossing Patrol

We have been advised by Bristol City Council that the Phil will be off until at least the end of February. Unfortunately, they are unable to cover this crossing in the meantime. We will give you updates as we receive them.

Parents Evening

Parents Evening dates are:

4th & 6th March Upton Road and 5th & 7th March for Ashton Site

Booking information will be in next week's newsletter.

Parent Governor

We have received 5 nominations to become a parent governor that have been duly seconded. Therefore, we will need a Parent Governor election for you to elect your new Parent Governor. Details regarding the election will be sent out to you on Monday.

Don't forget:

Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

Measles

There has been an increase in the number of measles cases in the UK. Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Information from the DFE regarding what to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school can be found here - [What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/24/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/)

Park and Stride

The school has been made aware of several worrying incidents this week relating to parking and driving, particularly at the Ashton site at morning drop-off.

Parents are reminded that the school has an agreement with Aldi that allows you to park in their car park at the start and end of the school day for a maximum of 1 1/2 hours. Please can we request that you take up this offer whenever possible in a bid to keep all members of our community safe, thank you.

School Dinners Booking System

Thank you to all parents who have booked school dinners using the new booking system. We understand that this is a big change and appreciate your support with this. The new booking system has been introduced to ensure that the school can be as efficient as possible when providing school meals and also means that parents will know what their child is having for lunch everyday. As you are aware, the deadline for booking the next week's meals is Wednesday. This is so that the school is able to order all produce required to provide our school lunches. If you are unable to book a school dinner or have forgotten to book, please speak to a member of the administration team who will be able to help you.

PE Survey

We are interested to find out parent views of PE taught in our school. Please complete this survey to offer feedback and suggestions to support the development of Physical Education and extracurricular sporting opportunities at Ashton Gate Primary School.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PEsurvey>

Thank you,

Miss Khan & Miss Cook

Our new Amazon Wishlist - thank you so much!

Last week we announced our first new fundraising initiative of 2024—Click here to see the Wishlist.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/K1HHIH85XUE?ref_=wl_share



We've worked with the school to prepare a list of hand-picked items and resources that the teachers would love. And the great news is: **you lot bought almost all of it, in just a few days!**

We all want to thank every person or class who has bought something. Your generosity will have an amazing effect on our classrooms.

We still have some items left - [play-doh](#), [giant dice](#), [a human skeleton](#) and [more](#) - if you'd like to contribute. But if you're not able to yet, please know we're aiming to work with the school to keep the list topped up throughout the year.

£10,000 of income from Christmas fundraising

2023 has been another year to celebrate for PTA fundraising.

We are delighted to share that the 2023 Christmas Fair, raffle, cards and trees brought in a fantastic **£10,000** of income. Thank you all so much for giving your time and money to make these initiatives such a success.

We are always speaking to the school about where best to channel PTA funds, and look forward to working with them on exciting projects in 2024. Here are some of the amazing school activities your money has helped to support in 2023:

£300 to supply the Upton site with chalk for a year

£3000 for a new set of Little Wandle reading books for Key Stage 1

£4500 for forest school - fully funding Year 3's sessions

£9000 for play therapy sessions for the year, for children needing help with speech and language

£2000 for revamped book corners for every class

Dates for your diary

Keep an eye out for more details on these fundraising events, coming soon!

Pub quiz - 15 March - tickets going on sale after half term

Smartie challenge - Easter

PTA Summer Fair - 6 July

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

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

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

Wednesday 19th June 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

