



Ashton Gate Primary School

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School Crossing - Phil Neale

Phil Neale, one of our road crossing patrols, has decided to hang up his lollipop after 25 years of devoted service to our community. Phil has always been a joy to be around, his happiness and positivity never wanes. He has a smile and a kind word for everyone while on duty, and is adored by pupils and parents alike. Thank you, Phil, everyone at Ashton Gate is in awe of your service and dedication.

We will be holding a small celebration for Phil in the summer term, I will write to you all with more details nearer the time.



Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

School Meal Bookings

Please can parents make sure that they have booked all meals for the following week by midnight on Wednesday. There have been several occasions this week when children have said that they are having a school meal but this has not been booked. You will be asked to provide a home packed lunch if a meal has not been booked in advance.

The menu for after Easter will be available to book next Friday.

Dementia Assembly

Next Monday, the children in Y1-6 will have assemblies led by Bristol Dementia Wellbeing Service, a partnership between Alzheimer's Society and NHS.

Research shows that nearly a third of our young people already know someone living with dementia; possibly a grandparent, friend or someone in their community. The assemblies will develop their knowledge, and help them to gain a better understanding of how dementia affects people, as well as supporting their own health and wellbeing.

Dementia can be a sensitive topic and we appreciate that some pupils may know, or have known, someone affected by dementia. The assemblies will teach the children about dementia with a positive perspective, and as part of integrating raising dementia awareness into a wider whole school approach, we would like you to talk to your children about their learning we welcome any comments or feedback.

We look forward to the assemblies next week, which we believe will enable our pupils to become more active and confident individuals in our families and communities, now and in the future.



Bristol Dementia Wellbeing Service
Supporting people living with dementia

Parking on Greenway Bush Lane

One of the residents on Greenway Bush Lane has reported that their driveway was blocked by a parent collecting their child from school. If you collect your child by car, you are able to park in Aldi Car Park who are the school's Park and Stride partner if there is nowhere else to park. We ask that you do not block residents driveways. Thank you for your support with this.

Clubs Correction - Art Clubs

For pupils who attend Art Club, all Art clubs finish at 4.30pm not the times stated on the club's newsletter sent yesterday.

PTA News this week - dates for your diary

As the holidays draw near, we just want to throw a few reminders your way...

The PTA Smarties Challenge... is coming soon! Keep an eye out for updates on this Easter treat!

School Discos - are set to land on the week of the 20th May. We'll confirm each year group's date soon.

The PTA Summer Fair - will be on Saturday 6 July

Coming to the PTA Pub Quiz tonight?

If you're one of our lucky quiz-goers, remember the **Upton Site** will open its doors at **7pm tonight!** We can't wait to see you.



Do you want to cycle to school but not sure if your bike is up to it?

Dr Bike is an experienced mechanic who will be coming into school on **Friday 22nd March 2024**

Dr Bike will check over bikes and make simple repairs or adjustments to ensure they are in good working order.

Children, parents and staff all welcome to bring their bikes in on the day!

Dear Parent/Carer,

Dr Bike is coming to Ashton Gate Primary School on Friday 22nd March 2024.

As part of Ashton Gate Primary School's Modeshift STARS national sustainable travel award, Bristol City Council are providing us with a free bike checking service.

The Dr Bike mechanic will be available to do a thorough safety check and carry out minor repairs to ensure bikes are road worthy.

What Dr Bike should be able to do: fix punctures, adjust breaks, tune gears and deal with minor problems such as replacing cables or brake blocks.

What Dr Bike can't do: fix broken or bent frames and wheels, carry out major repairs or replace significant missing parts.

NB Whilst every effort will be made to try and see to everyone's bike on the day, this is sometimes not possible due to numbers. To help us plan for this, please can you complete this form as soon as possible: <https://forms.office.com/drbike>

Please bring your child's bike into school on the morning of **Friday 22nd March 2024** and **leave it unlocked in the bike storage area** so the bike can be checked during the day. **Complete the slip** below and return it to the school and then **clearly label the bike with your child's name and class on the day**. At the end of the day bikes will be returned with a note detailing any work done and also details of any further work the mechanic believes is needed.

We hope that you will wish to take advantage of this offer, supporting this event and other similar activities all help towards us achieving a Modeshift STARS national sustainable travel award.

Yours sincerely,

D. Scriven

Donna Scriven
School Business Manager

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



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

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



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Sadly I am writing to advise that Mr Neale one of your School Crossing Patrols has decided to hang up his Lollipop and will be leaving his role as the School Crossing Patrol for your school. We'd like to thank him for all his hard work and commitment to keeping your school community safe as they cross back and forth en route to and from school. He will be sadly missed.

However, that will leave the crossing unsupported until such time as we are able to recruit someone to take on the role.

Are you looking for part-time work. It is a paid position and you are paid for ten hours per week term time. The hourly rate is £10.98 and the hours are annualised as they are for other school roles. Full training and uniform will be provided.

You will need to be a good communicator with an ability and understanding of working with the general public.

We are looking for someone to provide the crossing Monday to Friday an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon at school run times (your duty times will be agreed with the School and it may be that you are not on duty for the whole hour, however, you will be paid for the full hour each shift – 10 hours in total per week). If you can't commit to 5 days perhaps you could share the job, maybe a friend could cover the morning shifts and you the afternoons, or perhaps you could do Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and then a friend take over on Thursday and Friday. We are open to discuss with you how the vacancy might be managed.

Please if you know anyone who may be interested in taking on the role, perhaps a neighbour or family member who is looking for part-time work, pass on the information to them. The role is funded by the Road Safety Team at Bristol City Council.

If you are interested, or you know someone who might be or would like more information please contact Frances Dansie by email road.safety@bristol.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.