



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'

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Messages From Teachers

Reception

This week your child will have been sent home with their first school reading book. This is a wordless book that we would like you to share with them at home. Wordless books are the first step in the reading process and are great for getting children talking about stories and engaging with what's happening in them. We would encourage you to spend time with your child looking at this book, discussing what's happening in the pictures, spotting things that start with the sounds we have been learning at school and sharing ideas on what the story might be about. We kindly ask that you record when you have read in your child's reading diary. Children who are ready will begin bringing home books with words in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 2

This term, the children have been learning about the artist Paul Klee and have created art inspired by his work. We invite them to create a project / piece of art inspired by the artist Sonia DeLaunay, who uses similar techniques to Paul Klee. They may even want to recreate a piece inspired by Paul Klee himself.

We will be holding an Art Exhibition in the hall on **Wednesday 18th October 9:10-9:30**, displaying these pieces done at home. Parents are welcome to come and see all of the fantastic work created by our fabulous Year 2s. Any questions please speak to the class teacher.

Year 3

Cheddar Trip Reminder

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have offered to help with our trip to Cheddar caves. Due to the limited spaces we have available, we have only been able to ask a small number of helpers with our trip, who have been informed by their class teacher. If you have not heard from your class teacher then you will not be needed on the trip. But thank you for offering to help.

Trip Days

3Y and 3H—Tuesday 17th October.

3CH and 3A—Friday 20th October.

We aim to leave promptly at 9am on both days.

Please also check the weather as the children may need a waterproof coat/jacket or warm jumper/coat as it can get quite cold and damp in the caves, and sensible footwear for all weathers.

Year 3 continued

Ancient Britain Day reminder

Friday 13th October—the children are welcome to dress up as a person from the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. The day will involve some workshops focused around our history topic. PE will still go ahead for classes 3Y and 3H on this day.

Homework

Just a reminder for those who haven't seen this term's homework, this is an optional activity which can be found on the Year 3 Ashton Gate website by clicking the homework icon.

Many thanks, Year 3 team

Year 4

Trip to Caerleon Roman Fortress and Baths - 19th Oct

Thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteered to accompany our trip. We had over 50 volunteers! Unfortunately, we can only take 8. So, if you haven't been contacted by your child's class teacher yet, please assume we couldn't ask you this time. Thank you for taking the time to volunteer and please do sign up again in the future; we will try to take different volunteers for each trip.



Harvest

Please see information on our Harvest Appeal on page 6.

KS2 Lunches

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



KS1 Spare Clothes

KS1 are in need of spare clothes. In particular socks and boys trousers. If you have any you would like to donate please pass them onto the Ashton Office. Thank you.

Maths Photo challenge!

We need your help to fill our new maths display at the Ashton Site 'Maths is everywhere'. Can you find maths in the environment or something you use in everyday life that involves maths to put on our display! (Don't forget to make sure you are in the photo).

Please send your photos to Mrs Johnson (Shannon.carter@bristol-schools.uk) or Miss Wiles (olivia.wiles@bristol-schools.co.uk)



Author Visit

Years 2 and 3 will be visited by author Polly Ho-Yen on Tuesday 31st October. This opportunity has been organised with the support of our local independent bookseller Storysmith Books, who are also kindly donating a signed copy of the book to our KS1 and KS2 school libraries, so that inspired children can enjoy it at their leisure. Storysmith will be on hand to facilitate a book signing on the day. Further information can be found at: www.storysmithbooks.com/pollyashtongate (please ensure you clearly state your child's name and class in the order notes).

Nasal Flu vaccination 20th October

The e-consent process for the **Nasal Flu** vaccinations will close at 9am on Wednesday 18th October

Nasal Flu vaccination for Reception – Year 6, please remember to complete your consent form whether you do or not want the vaccination at

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

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



PTA NEWS

PTA MEETING 11th OCTOBER – BRISTOL BEER FACTORY – 7.30PM

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 11th October, 7.30pm (for an 8pm start), at the Bristol Beer Factory. If you couldn't make the AGM but are still interested in getting involved, please come along, everyone is welcome!

FREE MONEY @ WWW.EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK

With Prime Day, Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Christmas just round the corner, you can massively help the school by signing up to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>, add 'Ashton Gate Primary School PTA – Bristol' as your chosen Charity, download the add on (so you automatically sign in when shopping on relevant retail websites), and then when you make an online purchase you will be making a valuable contribution at no cost to yourself!

All your favourite online retailers are on there (including holiday companies!) just to make it even easier! Last year we raised £500 through them so huge thanks to everyone who took the time to set it up!

Dates for the Diary	Date
PTA Meeting	11 th October, 7.30pm, Bristol Beer Factory
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 ashtongatepta@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook at [Ashton Gate PTA | Facebook](#)

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 6th 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.

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

JustPark

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.

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





EMERGENCY FOOD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Dear Parents,

We are South and East Bristol Foodbank, and this coming Harvest time, we are reaching out to you, as parents of our local schools, to join us in our mission to provide emergency food, support, and advice to those in our community facing financial crisis.

Our Foodbank operates through seven centres strategically located around the South and East areas of our city, including in your local area. In the month of August this year alone, we distributed enough food to provide approximately 3,963 meals to individuals and families who are struggling to afford life's essentials. This achievement would not have been possible without the incredible generosity of people like you.

The majority of the food items we distribute come from individuals and families who have been kind enough to pick up an extra item or two during their weekly supermarket trips, or donated in various other ways.

Harvest is a time when we celebrate the abundance we have in our lives, but it's also a reminder to extend our generosity to those in need and we are delighted that your school has generously agreed to support us by organising a food collection drive. They will provide you with details on how and when you can drop off food items, as well as details of specific items we are in most need of this season.

If you find it challenging to physically drop off food items, you can also visit our online shop at <https://www.givetoday.co.uk/sebfoodbanks/> and purchase food items that will be delivered directly to us. Every contribution, big or small, makes a tremendous impact and helps us reach those who need it the most within our community.

We understand that not everyone may be able to contribute, and that's perfectly okay. Your support, however, will be greatly appreciated and will genuinely make a significant difference in the lives of those facing hardship in our community.

If you would like to learn more about the work we do or explore other ways to get involved, please visit our website at <https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/>. We have various opportunities for volunteering and supporting our mission beyond the food drive!

Thank you for your consideration and for being a part of our compassionate community.

With warm regards,
South and East Bristol Foodbank

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 www.eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk

Charity No: 298528



South & East Bristol foodbank

AUTUMN 2023

please make sure all donations are in date and unopened!

Brands are just examples!

Tinned Fruit	Tinned Tomatoes	Tinned Meat and Vegetarian Meals		
Toilet Roll	Instant Mash/Tinned Potatoes	Fruit Juice (Long-Life)	Pasta Sauce	
Rice Pudding	Tinned Soup			

Donate here or get in touch for other locations:
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 Follow us on social media @sebfoodbank
 Shop online at [givetoday.co.uk/sebfoodbanks](https://www.givetoday.co.uk/sebfoodbanks)

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WOMEN'S
SUPER LEAGUE

QUID-A-KID

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

Gallagher PREMIERSHIP RUGBY

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