



# Ashton Gate Primary School

**'Rising High Together'**

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## Ashton Gate Primary School News & Information

8th September 2023

### NEWSLETTER 1

#### Message from Mr Jones

Welcome back to school! I hope that you all had a great summer and had some time to relax and unwind. I would also like to make a special welcome to our new families who are joining us this year, we are very happy that you are joining our school community.

The new academic year looks to be another busy and enjoyable time for the children. The teachers have prepared a broad and stimulating curriculum which I know the children will enjoy engaging with.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that the staff at the school are always happy to be contacted if you ever have questions about any aspect of your child's time in school. Like you, we know how important good dialogue is between home and school.

With very best wishes for the year ahead,

Mr Jones

#### Messages from Teachers

Year 5 end of day.

At the end of the day, teachers will lead their classes across the road to the MUGA where they will be released. Children who are being picked up will not be released on the road or pavement. This is for safeguarding reasons so we can ensure that all children are picked up safely at the end of the day. Thank you in advance for your patience and support with this.

#### RAAC

As you know, there has been significant coverage in the press regarding reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) in schools. We would like to reassure you that we have been informed by Bristol City Council that none of our buildings were constructed using RAAC.

#### Catering Manager

We have now appointed a new Catering Manager. Catherine Olney started with us on Friday 1st September. If you need to contact her the email address is [catering@ashtongatep.co.uk](mailto:catering@ashtongatep.co.uk)

Don't forget:

Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

**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.

**Clubs****KS2 Clubs**

Please remember that Choir, Girls Football and Skateboarding clubs are not running next week as the teachers and Year 6 children will be at Year 6 camp. They will all start the following week.

All coding clubs are also postponed and will start the following week.

**Art**

There are only a couple of places available for KS1 and 2 Let's Make Art Clubs at Ashton and Upton sites.

Please follow this link to book your child's place for Tuesday - <https://buytickets.at/letsmakeartuk>

or email us directly - [info@letsmakeart.co.uk](mailto:info@letsmakeart.co.uk) to secure a place for Thursday

Take look at what we got up to last term please go to [www.instagram.com/art\\_for\\_schools](http://www.instagram.com/art_for_schools)

**KS1 Dance Club**

There are still spaces available on this club for more information contact [www.thrivekids.uk/classes](http://www.thrivekids.uk/classes)

## World Literacy Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September is World Literacy Day! To recognise the day, Services Design Solution have very kindly donated some innovation-based books to inspire a passion for both reading and STEM subjects for the children at Ashton Gate Primary School.

Services Design Solutions said, "Not only do these books cover science and engineering, but several also target young girls to empower more females to join industries such as our own. According to the Women's Engineering Society, only 16.5% of engineers are women! We currently employ over double the industry average of females and continually look for ways to support the next generation with careers in construction. We hope the children enjoy their new books!"

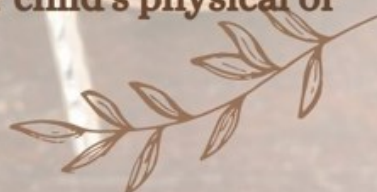


## Join us for a Parent Coffee Morning with the school Nurse

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 18<sup>th</sup> September 8.45-9.45am

Ashton Site Library

EVERYONE IS WELCOME (Including little ones)

## Barney's Fundraising Story

Over the summer holidays Barney was showing lots of concern for global disasters that we saw in the news- especially the wildfires!

He had so many questions about why it was happening and where the people would live as well as what to do if a fire or a big storm would happen to our house and Bristol.

We talked about it and he wanted to give his money from his moneybox to the families who lost their homes and toys! We decided to do a fundraiser instead for the families in Hawaii.

We created some drawings of a pineapple and palm tree and Barney coloured them. They have been made into t-shirt transfers and we have been selling t-shirts for kids and grown ups this summer. Barney has raised over £200, the money will go to the Maui Strong fund that is creating refuge and support for families in Maui!

Barneys funder page:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/help-for-families-in-the-maui-wildfires>

The charity

<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/strengthening/maui-strong-fund>

We are so proud of Barney!

From Barney's family.



## Ashton Gate Out of School Care We Are Hiring

We are looking for a new **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.

Post subject to DBS and reference checks.



For four or five days per week.

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

Breakfast Clubs: 7.30-9am

Holiday Playscheme cover shifts available.

Rate of Pay: £11.65 per hour

Closing date:	On-going
Interview date:	On-going
Start date:	On-going

For more information or an application pack

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

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



### Reporting Absences

The school absence line will be phased out over the next few months. 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](#).

### 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092199529256>

### 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](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

## A guide for **parents and carers** on applying for a **primary school** place for the school year **2024–2025**

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2024



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### What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check the guidance on applying for schools – available at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community schools the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. Contact the school directly for further details on open days.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 15 January 2024.

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t 0117 903 7694



### Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 15 January 2024.

Apply online [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

## apply for a **secondary school** place for the school year **2024–2025**

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you will need to apply for a school place by 31 October 2023.



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## Do you want to build your skills? Volunteer with us

Home-Start Bristol works with families with children under 5 in Bristol & South Glos who are going through tough times. We welcome volunteers from the diverse communities we serve.

Volunteers provide support for 2 - 3 hours a week either at a group or visiting a family in their home.

Contact us today to find out more.

**[homestartbristol.org.uk](https://homestartbristol.org.uk)**

**0117 950 1170**

