



Ashton Gate Primary School

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Parents Evening dates are:

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

Bookings will open Monday 12th February 7am and close on 1st March 9am. To book please use this link.

<https://parents-booking.co.uk/login.jsp>

School Dinners

A reminder that school dinners for the first week back need to be booked by 14th February.

Book Donation for Children's Mental Health Week

A big thank you to Services Design Solutions, who kindly donated a range of children's books linked with Children's Mental Health Week – which has been celebrated across the school this week. The KS1 school council took some time to select books for their class to enjoy during afternoon book time.



Reading

Just a reminder that your child's reading book from their group reading sessions in school can be found on the below website as an ebook.

Please look out for our new ebook stamp in reading diaries that will tell you when a new book has been added to your child's account. If you have misplaced your child's log in details please speak to their class teacher.

<https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/>



Don't forget:

Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

Year 5/6 Netball

Well done to the year 5-6 netball club who have all been working incredibly hard this term. We finished the term with a match against Headley Park and played brilliantly as a team. The girls showed great enthusiasm and resilience and should be very proud of their efforts. Playing against another school can be quite daunting, so well done girls!

Next term we will be continuing to develop our skills in the club whilst working towards a tournament.

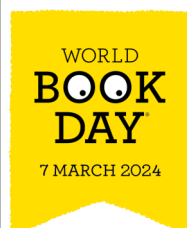
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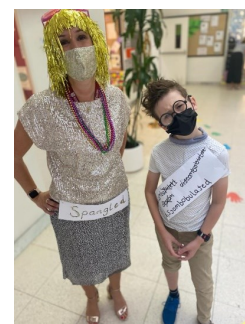
KS2 Lost Property

We have had a large quantity of unnamed winter coats in lost property all term. If these are not claimed by the first week of next term we shall take them to the charity shop. Can we please ask that all items are clearly labelled.

A little reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March 2024



Throughout the school children will be participating in activities to inspire and encourage an atmosphere of reading for pleasure. We invite children to come to school dressed as an inspiring book character on this day, or as an alternative perhaps children would like to join the staff in embracing the biggest book of words there is ... The Dictionary, and dressing as their favourite word!



Invitation to be a Mystery Reader:

During the week beginning Monday 4th March we invite pupil's family members to pop in as 'mystery' or surprise readers to their child's class. If you are available to come in at any point please do let the class teacher know and come surprise your child with a story.

Parent Governor

Further to the recent communication about the election of Parent Governors, we have received 5 nominations, all duly proposed and seconded, and it will therefore be necessary to hold a vote.

Please use the below link to see the candidate information and vote for your preferred candidate. Voting will close at 9am on Monday 26th February.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parentgovernor2024>

Happy 90th Birthday Phil—Our amazing lollipop man

This week we delivered some of our birthday gifts to our lovely Phil, who is currently at home and still unable to work.

We sent all your love and birthday wishes, he was very touched by the generosity the Ashton Gate community have shown him and sent his thanks to you all. We presented him with a hamper, hand made lollipop teddy and a beautiful painting of him outside the Ashton Gate school, doing the wonderful job her has done for the last 24 years. The painting was painted by David Dryden, a local artist. Phil spoke with us about what he wanted to do with the rest of the birthday donations and he wants to buy 2 benches as a gift from him to the school, one for each site. We are very grateful for this kind gesture.

We will keep you updated on Phil's return to Ashton Gate, we know you all miss him as do we.



PTA News

Coming soon... a FREE film night!

Your next PTA fundraising events are on their way. First up is another classic, and free, film screening at the Upton site. As ever you can expect our bar, and popcorn, as we bring you the thrill of the silver screen.



[FREE Family film night](#) | Friday 23 Feb | 6.00pm

A chance for children and grown-ups to watch a family film together.

We'll get the kids to choose which film we're watching after half-term. Until then, make sure you grab your spot!

> [Book your tickets here](https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s4ae-20240223180000) < <https://bookwhen.com/agpta/e/ev-s4ae-20240223180000>

Please note - this is for children with an accompanying adult, and not a drop-off event.

We seek talented grown-ups for the PTA Summer Fair

Are you, or do you know, a musician, comedian, magician or otherwise talented person?

If yes - could you wow the crowds at our Summer Fair on **Saturday 6 July**? If you'd like to be part of the entertainment at our huge end-of-year bash, let us know at ashtongatepta@gmail.com.

And if you're not feeling like performing, we'll be seeking all-important volunteers for the event, so please keep the date free if you'd like to help out.

More PTA dates for your diary

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

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



Smartie challenge - Easter

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





School Aged Immunisation Team

Pill Health Clinic
3 Station Road
Pill Bristol
BS20 0AB
T: 0300 124 5515

2 February 2024

E: sirona.MMR@nhs.net www.sirona-cic.org.uk/childrens-services/

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to you as you may have seen on the news that there has been a recent rise in measles cases across the country.

Bristol City Council, Sirona's School Immunisation Team and other partners are working together to ensure we offer those currently unvaccinated the opportunity to have the vaccine to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Measles is a very infectious virus, which spreads quickly if people have not had the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, especially in nurseries and schools. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are needed for maximum protection.

Measles can be a very unpleasant illness. In some children and young people it can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation – and in rare cases tragically can cause death. People in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weakened immunity, are at increased risk of complications from measles.

Symptoms include a high fever, sore red watery eyes and a blotchy red-brown rash. Anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice.

Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccinations by contacting their GP practice. We are also planning to hold vaccination clinics over the next couple of months to enable people to catch up on the MMR vaccine. Letters are in the process of being sent out with information about these extra clinics.

You can look in your child's personal health record, known as the red book, or contact your GP practice to check if your child has received the vaccine. Children should have the first dose at 1-year-old and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. Two doses of the MMR can provide life-long immunity.

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This [leaflet](#) includes more information about measles, mumps and rubella and the MMR vaccination. You can also find out more information on our website at [Measles and the MMR vaccine - Sirona care & health \(sirona-cic.org.uk\)](#) or by scanning the QR code.



Our resources are available to view and listen to in different languages and formats.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Northcott'.

Julie Northcott, Deputy Director of Public Health

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Mary Lewis
Chief Nursing Officer – Sirona care & health