



Ashton Gate Primary School

'Rising High Together'
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Dementia Awareness Parent Session

What? Raising dementia awareness and enabling positive change for children and families within our school community

When? Thursday 9th May, 9.15-10.15am—Ashton Lunch Hall

Who? Led by Sally Townsend (Community Development Coordinator for Schools) and Alice Phipps (Dementia Support Worker), Bristol Dementia Wellbeing Service (partnerships between Alzheimer's Society / NHS)

Content-30 minute Dementia Friends session; an interactive informal session where parents will develop their own knowledge and understanding of what dementia is, how it may affect someone and ways to help.

15 minute presentation on the children's recent learning and ways to support this.

15 minutes Q&A as a group or individually, browsing further materials at both child and adult level.

If you would like to attend please let us know by completing the form using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1q7SjFmtZ7>



Save the Date for the Year 6 Leavers Festival "Ashtonbury"

Date: Monday 15th July

Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue: Ashton Site

DJ, Ice-Cream Van, Photo Booth and Chill Out Zone!!

More on the "line up" still to be revealed!

Tickets on sale soon!!



Don't forget:

Paper copies of newsletters are available from the school office

PTA News

School discos

Tickets to the school discos are flying! Thanks to all of you that have booked - we can't wait to see everyone there. You've still got lots of time to [grab your £2.50 tickets](#) here.

Reminder of all those disco dates, times and places:

- > [Reception](#) | Tue 21 May | 4 - 5pm | Ashton site
- > [Year 1](#) | Tue 21 May | 5.30 - 6.30pm | Ashton
- > [Year 2](#) | Wed 22 May | 4.30 - 5.30pm | Upton
- > [Year 3](#) | Wed 22 May | 6 - 7pm | Upton
- > [Year 4](#) | Thur 23 May | 5 - 6pm | Upton
- > [Years 5 and 6](#) | Thur 23 May | 6.30 - 7.30pm | Upton

- > [Buy your tickets here](#) < <https://www.ashtongatepta.co.uk/general-5>

Thanks as well everyone who has volunteered to help out. Because of your incredible response, we've got all the volunteers we need.

The PTA Smarties Tube Class Championship - the results!

We are SO grateful to you all for your generous Smartie-tube donations. We hope you got a few odd-jobs done as a result.

We have just finished counting the 20ps, and are thrilled to announce an amazing fundraising total of **£1700!** Incredible!

With the most Smarties tubes returned to school, the winners are **Bumblebees** for the Ashton site, and class **4C** for the Upton site. Congratulations - both classes will be getting a treat soon.

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a nut free school. We ask that no nuts or any items containing nut ingredients are brought into school.

Vacancy

The Governors wish to appoint a SMSA Supervisor who enjoys working with children to work as part of our team to ensure that our pupils are safe and secure. The role will also include providing support and advice to the SMSA Team, and assisting the SMSA Manager by allocating routine duties to the team. Other duties will include supervising the children whilst they eat their lunches, help clearing away the food hall and afterwards supervising whilst they are playing outside in our playground or inside, depending on the weather.

The successful candidate will be reliable, trustworthy, and able to work independently and will be expected to maintain a strong presence around the school, building good relationships with all pupils and encouraging good behaviour to promote a positive lunchtime atmosphere.

Hours – 11.30am to 1.30pm Monday to Friday, term-time only.

Please visit our website for further information about the school:

We are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for the successful applicants.

Please complete your application and apply via the Eteach website, or pop into the school office for an application form.

Closing date: Thursday 9th May @ 11.59am

Interviews: Wednesday 15th May

Take part in the new Greville Smyth Park junior parkrun!

We are excited to announce that Greville Smyth Park junior parkrun launched on Sunday 24th March. It joins the Windmill Hill junior parkrun in Victoria Park where over 2,300 children have taken part in more than 360 events. Junior parkruns are free, fun and friendly! All children aged 4-14 years are welcome to walk, jog or run two kilometres along a marshalled route within a park at 9am every Sunday morning all year round, whatever the weather! It is a run, not a race! Those who wish to get a personal best can, and those who wish to chat to their friends are very welcome too. A tailwalking adult will always be the last person to finish. You can attend any parkrun so how about trying both Greville Smyth and Windmill Hill?

All children and volunteers need to register once online before attending their first parkrun event and will be issued with a barcode. If you have already registered for another event, you don't need to register again. Multiple runners can use the same email address to register and receive their results. There is no charge to take part. Wear anything that you are comfortable to move in.

Each event starts with a briefing and a warm up. At the finish, children collect a finish token which is scanned along with their own barcode (printed or shown on a phone) and their result time is emailed. Completing multiple parkruns gives the opportunity to earn wristbands in recognition of their achievement.

Volunteers are at the heart of parkrun and 15 are needed at each event every week. Many roles only take about 30 minutes. Volunteers are marshals, timekeepers, warm up leaders, barcode scanners, finish funnel managers, and more.

Greville Smyth Park: meet by the playground.

Windmill Hill: meet in Victoria Park by Nutgrove Avenue

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

