

Dear Upper Horfield

Wow, I can't believe we're already just a week away from the half term break! Since the last newsletter we have been busy celebrating Harvest, with a visit from the North Bristol Foodbank to explain to the children the work they do in our local community. We also enjoyed a fantastic Harvest Assembly with all our children performing a variety of Harvest themed songs for the rest of the school. We'd like to say thank you to all our families for their donations in support of the Foodbank and to those parents who joined us for the assembly last Friday. Please remember, if you feel you need support from the Foodbank, or know somebody in difficulty, Upper Horfield can make referrals for help or you may wish to approach them directly. You can find out more details of what they offer and how to get help at their website: <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

In this edition of the Upper Horfield Newsletter you'll find out what our year 5 students have been learning. Don't forget the regular updates we share on Class Dojo and Tapestry for all our classes. If you haven't already signed up to these, contact the school office or your child's teacher.

Parking

We have had a number of complaints about parking outside the school. We are asking all our parents and carers not to park on the Zig Zag Lines directly in front to the school, or on the double yellow lines. This will help avoid further congestion and keep our children safe.

We are also asking parents and carers not to block our neighbors' driveways.

Staffing Update

Miss McDonald, who is our Special Educational Needs coordinator (SENCO) is due to leave us in term 2 for adoption leave. Whilst she is away, Mrs. Briley will take over the role of SENCO for years 1 to 6 and Mrs. Newman will take over as SENCO for the Nursery and Reception children. Please note that if you need to discuss your child's SEN needs, their class teacher is there to help.

Nasal flu vaccine

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter on 22nd of November 2023, to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent (or do not consent) form at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

Prams/Pushchairs

Parents and Carer unfortunately, we do not have a pram park – please don't leave your pram/pushchairs in the main reception area due to health and safety, – Thank you

Top Tips for Attendance

- Make school attendance a priority.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep.
- Try to get into a regular morning routine
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick.
- If you think your child is struggling with their work at school, contact their teacher. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Talk to teachers if you notice sudden changes in behaviour.
- Ask for help from school if you're having trouble getting your child to school.
- If you are genuinely having trouble getting your child in to school, contact us and bring them in when you can, even if it is a bit late.
- If your child is genuinely ill, get them to the doctor. This means you will have medical evidence and they will be less likely to pretend to be poorly in the future.
- Send them to breakfast club- this is a great way to start the day.

Bikes & Scooters

Please note that if your child cycles or comes to school on a scooter, they are very welcome to use our bike shed and scooter rack. However, please remember that they do so at their own risk, as the school can take no responsibility or liability for stolen bikes and scooters. We highly recommend your child locks up their bike or scooter. Please remember that E scooters should not be ridden on school premises. They present an obvious health and safety hazard to our children and parents at drop off and pick up times.

School Meals

A reminder for parents /careers that dinner money is £2.70 for each day. Children can choose either a hot meal or cold meal. Could parents/carers please pay in advance.

Label All School Uniform/Coats/Bags

Please label you child/children school uniforms, coats and bags/lunch bags to ensure that they don't get misplaced.

Reminder to all Nursery and Reception parents

Please ensure that you have activated your Tapestry account and check it regularly so you can see what your child has been doing in school/nursery, as well as seeing any memos we put on. Thank you.

Buy Our Magical Blankets!

Adverts written by year 5

We have been inspired by our core text this term "The Princess' Blankets" by Carol Ann Duffy to write advertisements for some extraordinary blankets...

This blanket is made out of galaxy and outer space and we are offering you a discount of 20%! Using this blanket will change your night's sleep and it will leave you speechless. This wonderful blanket is one of a kind. You will definitely feel disappointment if you miss this offer. The blanket is colourful and so comfortable. I definitely disagree with you if you think this blanket is bad. You must buy this blanket!!! It is an unmissable sale and deal for 20% off too!!

By Raiel Hartley-Decordova

Have you wanted to sleep as comfy as can be? Well, this blanket is for you. It is made out of clouds, rainbows and the sky. When you want to lay down and relax this blanket can help you. If you sleep with it you will be unbelievably comfy! You can have 50% off. You wouldn't want to miss this once in a life time blanket. It is endlessly comfy even when you wash it! You will be speechless after you sleep with it. You will feel like you are in a royal bed. This wouldn't disappoint you!

By Annabelle Webb

This wonderful blanket will leave you speechless. This is an unmissable opportunity that will change your life. This blanket is made with the most delicate and softest petals you will ever feel in your life. The comfy, fluffy fabric will make you feel warm and safe. This marvellous blanket is a once in a lifetime deal that you would not want to miss. It's a soft, sheer and most definitely colourful blanket. Knowing all that let me shock you even more. There is a 50% discount only for today. Get yours now for half the price. That will offer you a perfect night's sleep.

By Anna Paul

This blanket will leave you speechless after you get it. Only on this day we are giving you a bargain. A 20% discount which is one in a life time. This blanket is made of phoenix feathers. After you get it you will be in disbelief on how warm it is so you should get it immediately. It is available for only one month before being sold out. The phoenix is no longer extinct because we found over 12 of those feathery, amazing phoenixes alive. It was really hard to achieve since we had to find a phoenix. It is unmissable and is wonderful

By David Carp

This blanket will be an unforgettable experience when it comes to your door because it is an unmissable deal. With 20 percent off just for you. And it is a blanket made of cotton candy so don't miss this once in a life time deal. You cannot disagree with me when you get this in your hands. So don't miss the endless comfort. I promise not to disappoint you and I just know you will be speechless.

Nicholas Gagla

CHALLENGE: Our learning objective for this work was to use words with prefixes and suffixes – which piece of writing has used the most words like this?

Nursery Admissions

Do you have a child who is 3 years old? We will have some spaces in our Nursery so do come and look around and join our list. Contact the main office for more details and an expression of interest form and to arrange a visit.

Parents may be aware of the upcoming expanded entitlement for childcare - 15 hours free for 2-year-olds of working parents from April. Traditionally we would be full prior to April, so if you would be interested in this please join our waiting list now.

School Uniform Order

Parents/Carer School uniform can be ordered from monkhouse.com. Our Schools URN is 108970.

Phonics Information Session

Phonics Information session will be held on Tuesday 31st October 9am in the School Hall. There will be a short presentation on how we teach the children to read and a chance to look at some of the resource. All parents/carers are welcome but it would be most useful for the parents of Reception and KS1 children.

BeeZee Bodies

Parents and carers please find attached link from BeeZee Bodies to promote the next round of healthy lifestyle programmes for families. Families can also join these programmes at any time over the next couple of weeks too.



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Last day of 1st Term

Reminder for Parents/Career last day of Term 1 on Friday 20th October and we re-open to all pupils on Monday 30th October.

Deadline for Year 7 Application

Do you have a child in Year 6? If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you need to apply for a new year 7 secondary place. You must apply by **31 October 2023**. Apply online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-secondary-school-place>

11-19 YEARS OLD?

We help young people
with all kinds of things like ...

Message us for confidential advice
and support and to chat with a School Nurse.

The service is open on Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm.

Send a message to:
07312 263093



Dates for the diary

Friday 6th October

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 11th October

Year 4 Class Assembly

Thursday 12th October

Year R School Open Morning

Friday 13th October

School Photos

Monday 16th October

Year 6 Barton Camp trip

Tuesday 31st October

Year 7 School Place Deadline

Term & Closure Dates

Term 1 2023/2024

Term 1: Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

Term 2: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023

Term 3: Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

Term 4: Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Term 5: Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Term 6: Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024

2023/2024 Inset Days

Friday 1st September 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Thursday 28th March 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024