

Dear Upper Horfield

Now that the children have had a few weeks of the new term, it was time for our students to elect new student councillors for the year. There has been a buzz of election fever with hustings, campaigns and manifestos through the school! We're so proud of how our children engaged with the democratic process, preparing them for their future as responsible and informed citizens. And we're delighted to share the outcomes and introduce our new student councillors in this edition of the newsletter.

It is also that time of year when we do our bit to support our local community through our links with The North Bristol Foodbank. We're having our Harvest Assembly on Friday 6th October at 9:30am. Parents and Carers are invited to come along and enjoy some fabulous singing of traditional Harvest songs and the class presentations on the theme of Harvest, appreciating what we have and helping those less fortunate. We are also asking for donations for the Foodbank (dried/ canned foods, toiletries and even pet food) over the next few weeks. All donations, however small will be gratefully received! The children were treated to a special assembly this week from The North Bristol Foodbank, who explained what they do and who they help.

On another note, we would like to thank all our parents for getting the children into school by 8:50am, before the gates are closed. This has been a great success and has meant we have the children in for the whole of their Early Bird Maths sessions, which start at 8:45am.

Tim Seddon, Head Teacher

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>

P.E Kit

Children must bring their P.E kits on P.E days. Our P.E kit is a white t-shirt, black shorts/sports trousers and sports shoes.

P.E Days

Monday: Year 1, Year 5, Year 3

Tuesday: Year 4, Year 2

Wednesday: Year 5, Year 1

Thursday: Year 3, Year 2

Friday: Year 4, Year 6

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

Name Labels

Please label your child's school uniforms, coats, bags and lunch bags to ensure that they don't get lost.

Tapestry

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

Nursery Donations

If anyone has any of the following toy donations our nursery would greatly appreciate it. Dinosaurs, Animals, Dressing up clothes, Building blocks/bricks, Baby doll clothes/accessories. Thank you.

Year 7 Secondary Place

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>

PTA Information

The School PTA is looking for more representatives, could you help? They will be arranging a winter fair in December. More information will be added in upcoming newsletters.

School Council 2023-2024

The pupils in Years 1 to 6 have had the opportunity to complete and submit a School Council Manifesto, within this they have added who they are and why they would make a great School Councillor to represent their peers. We received so many fantastic entries! The votes were counted by Miss Stobbart, who leads the School Council at Upper Horfield, and the successful candidates were announced recently.

Well done to all pupils who submitted a Manifesto, everyone showed outstanding leadership.

The School Councillors for 2023-24 are wearing their badges with pride, making them identifiable to all pupils. There is also a School Council board in the corridor, displaying their photographs so all pupils know who they can talk to if they have anything they would like the School Council to discuss. Pupils can also post suggestions, topics and ideas for the School Council in the Suggestion Box, ensuring that every pupil at Upper Horfield has a voice.

We cannot wait to hear about other School Council news and initiatives as the academic year progresses!!

Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we have a School Council?

Upper Horfield has a School Council to ensure that there is a Forum to listen to and share the thoughts and ideas of pupils across the school. It is only fair that all pupils have a voice to express their thoughts about school life and how it could be improved for them.

How many Councillors are there?

Each year group elected 2 School Councils, creating 12 Councillors in total.

How were the School Councillors elected?

All pupils in years 1 to 6 had the chance to nominate themselves for the role, by completing a Manifesto. It is then a pupil democracy; where the Councillors were elected by receiving the highest number of votes from their peers.

How did the pupils vote?

Each pupil in years 1 to 6 received a voting slip from their class teacher. The children independently completed their voting slips and posted them into a sealed box. The boxes were then taken by Miss Stobbart to be counted and verified.

What makes a great School Councillor?

- Approachable.
- Good listener - everyone in the class has to feel comfortable talking to you.
- Organised - it will be your responsibility to make sure meetings happen in your class on a regular basis.
- Assertive - the opinions of your class are just as important as everyone else's.
- Efficient - class discussions must cover a lot of issues in a short space of time.
- Fair - everyone has the right to express a point of view.

Our School Councillors



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School Uniform Sale!

A reminder that embroidered school uniform is available to buy from <https://www.monkhouse.com>

The School still have some sizes available for a fraction of the online price and are available to buy from Main Reception. Sizes available are:

SWEATSHIRT:

£4.00 Sizes 4-5, 5-6, 6-7, 7-8, 13,

£4.50 Sizes Adult XS, Adult S

CARDIGAN:

£4.50 Sizes 4-5, 5-6, 9-10, 11-12,

£5.00 Sizes Adult XS, Adult S

POLO SHIRT:

£3.00 Sizes 3-4, 13

FLEECE:

£5.00 Sizes 3-4

P.E T-SHIRT:

£3.00 Sizes Adult S

P.E BAG

£2.00

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

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Resilience
Aspiration

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Upper Horfield
Community School &
Early Years

Is your child starting School in September 2024?



Come and visit our school,
meet the staff and see what we
have to offer your child...

Open days:

Thursday 28th September at 10am

Thursday 12th October at 2pm

Tuesday 14th November at 10am

Tuesday 5th December at 2pm

A small school,
with a big heart!

Please call 0117 9031281 to book a visit, we look forward to meeting you.

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