

Dear Upper Horfield

Welcome to term 2! Autumn has arrived, and in some style and we've been enjoying wonderful variety of colours of the leaves falling from the trees around the school. Since our last newsletter, our year 6 children have thoroughly enjoyed their residential at Barton Camp, returning to school full of confidence, energy and even stronger friendships. Our year 5 and 6 children have also been receiving their Bikeability training, designed to help them stay safe when cycling on the streets. This is vital training which we encourage all our older children to take part in every year.

We have also had some excellent news... Upper Horfield has secured extra funding for the refurbishment of the library. This was through the Tesco Stronger Starts vote in our local Tesco stores. We actually came first, getting the most votes and therefore the highest level of funding of £1,418! We'd like to thank all our families who supported this and to one of our governors, April and Mrs Bullas for making it happen.

Thank you to all those parents who made it to our Phonics workshop this week, it was lovely seeing so many of you and we are looking to offer more workshops to support our parents and carers in other areas of the curriculum. We are also looking forward to seeing all our parents and carers at our upcoming Parents Evenings on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please make sure you book a time to see your child's teacher. It's always a good idea to bring your child along too as they will have work, they are particularly proud and want to share and they always benefit from being even more involved in their learning.

## Autumn/Winter

Parents/Carers as the weather has changed, please remind your child/children to bring their coats/jackets, hats and gloves to school.

## Congratulations to Martha

Many congratulations to our Administrator Martha on the birth of her daughter on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Martha is on maternity leave and we have a new Administrator Faiza, who is covering for Martha.

## Nasal Flu Vaccine

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>

## 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.

## School Uniform Order

Parents/Carer School uniform can be ordered from [monkhouse.com](http://monkhouse.com). Our Schools URN is 108970.

## 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

# Year 6 Voice Barton Camp 2023

Dear Parents/Carers please take a look at some of our 2023 Barton Camp highlights and children views:

- I loved evening swim and sliding down the pool. Kendra
- Rave night and the evening swim were fun. Tia
- I had a great week at Barton camp. Ne`cia
- It was the best time of my life, staying with my friend in the dorms. Klevis
- It felt so great around campfire and toasting marshmallows. Usman
- Sleeping in dorms and spending time with my friends was a great experience. Dorian
- I loved the idea of shared activities and spending some time with Elmfield children, it was great fun. Martha
- I liked the heated pool and the dorms. Amelie
- I enjoyed going down the swimming pool slide and staying in Dorms. Helena
- Swimming in the pool, staying in dorms with my friends and food was great. Telida
- I liked the breakfast, chilling in mu dorm and the swimming pool. Jack







## Kindness Week!

The week beginning on 13<sup>th</sup> November is kindness week. We will be talking about kindness and getting involved in lots of fun kindness activities focusing on the theme 'Make a noise about bullying'. We will start the week off on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** with **Odd Socks Day**. Children will be encouraged to wear odd socks on the Monday and kindness week will end with Children in Need Day. This will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and it will be a non-uniform day in honour of Children in Need. Please can children bring in £1 if they would like to wear their own clothes.

## Year 6 Screening

Parents/Carers Year 6 Screening/height & weight will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

## Autumn/winter 2023 Three weeks Menu

Parents/Carers please find the attached menu for 3 weeks of Term 2 October/November 2023.



NEW MENU  
OCT.pdf

## 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.

## Parents Evening

Parents/Carers keep a look out! Parents Evening letter will be sent out next week taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023.

## Data Collection Sheets

Parents/Carer please remember last date for returning data collection sheet is 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## Year 6 Swimming Lessons

Parents/Carers Year 6 children has swimming lessons every Wednesday. Please remind your child to bring their Swimming kits.

### Dates for the diary

Year R Open day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Year 6 Screening Height/Weight

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

Nasal Flu Vaccine

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Parents Evening

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November &

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Last Day of Term 2

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### 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

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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 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10am  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10am  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

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