

Welcome Back

It has been fabulous seeing our children returning to school and the nursery this week, refreshed and ready to learn. There is a really positive atmosphere and it has been wonderful to see the running of the school almost back to normal, with the lifting of many of the Covid restrictions we have faced over the last 18 months. Things to look forward to in the next few weeks are the Year 6 residential trip at Barton Camp and the Harvest Assembly on Thursday 14th October. We are also offering after school clubs through our sports partner, Shine. If you haven't done so already, get your child signed up. Places are limited and can disappear quickly.

Coronavirus (Covid-19) Absence

Please follow the link below to our school website for our quick guide for parents and carers on what to do if your child is ill (a copy has also been sent via email with this newsletter).

<https://www.upperhorfield.bristol.sch.uk/information/covid-19->

Coronavirus (COVID-19) absence
A Quick Guide for Parents and Carers

What to do if your child has COVID-19	What to do if your child is exposed to COVID-19	What to do if you have COVID-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at home for 10 days from the start of symptoms. Do not go to school, work, or public places. Do not travel. Do not visit care homes or hospitals. Do not visit or be visited by vulnerable people. Do not visit or be visited by people with underlying health conditions. Do not visit or be visited by people who are pregnant. Do not visit or be visited by people who are aged 70 or over. Do not visit or be visited by people who are in care homes or hospitals. Do not visit or be visited by people who are in residential care. Do not visit or be visited by people who are in care homes or hospitals. Do not visit or be visited by people who are in residential care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at home for 14 days from the last contact with the person who has COVID-19. Do not go to school, work, or public places. Do not travel. Do not visit care homes or hospitals. Do not visit or be visited by vulnerable people. Do not visit or be visited by people with underlying health conditions. Do not visit or be visited by people who are pregnant. Do not visit or be visited by people who are aged 70 or over. Do not visit or be visited by people who are in care homes or hospitals. Do not visit or be visited by people who are in residential care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay at home for 10 days from the start of symptoms. Do not go to school, work, or public places. Do not travel. Do not visit care homes or hospitals. Do not visit or be visited by vulnerable people. Do not visit or be visited by people with underlying health conditions. Do not visit or be visited by people who are pregnant. Do not visit or be visited by people who are aged 70 or over. Do not visit or be visited by people who are in care homes or hospitals. Do not visit or be visited by people who are in residential care.

DEADLINE

Barton Camp

Year 6 Parents

If you wish your child to go to Barton Camp this year, please can you ensure you return the forms as soon as possible. For additional copies of the forms, please contact the school office.

Full payment needs to in by Friday 25th September. If this is not possible, please contact us so we can work out how we can support you.

School Photos

The school photographer will be coming on **Friday 15th October 2021** to take individual and sibling photos of all children in the school.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available for children from Reception to Year 6, and operates from 8:00am in the dining hall. Breakfast club is currently free. However, places must be booked in advance.

After School Club

We have places available for After School Club. This is offered as follows:

- Available for children in Reception to Year 6
- Run from the end of the school day to 5:00pm
- Sessions cost £7.50 per child
- Run as a "Tea Club," this means children need to come with a snack / packed tea
- Places must be booked and paid for in advance



SHINE at UPPER HORFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
YOUR ACTIVITIES FOR TERM 1

To book your clubs, please visit
www.MyShine.co.uk/school/upper-horfield-primary

MONDAY	GYMNASTICS CLUB - YEAR 1, 2 & 3	15:30 - 16:30
TUESDAY	FOOTBALL CLUB - YEAR 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30

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INFO@MYSHINE.CO.UK

Facebook: @myshineuk
Twitter: @myshine
Instagram: @myshineuk

PLEASE NOTE OUR 5 DAY CANCELLATION POLICY

DBS MyShine.co.uk CHAFCAP Member

After School Sports Clubs

We are offering after school sports clubs through Shine.

Mondays will be gymnastics club for years 1, 2 and 3 and Tuesdays will be football club for years 4, 5 and 6. The first week will start on the 13th September. To book your child onto the club please go to Upper Horfield Primary | Shine (myshine.co.uk) and book each week you would like to attend. For your convenience, you can book the term, week by week, or cancel with 6 days notice if your plans change. If you have any questions please email Shine at info@myshine.co.uk. Clubs cost £3.00 per week.



Harvest Assembly



We are holding a Harvest Assembly on Thursday 14th October at 9:15am, for Reception through to Year 6.

We are hoping to invite parents to join us. This decision will be made in the next couple of weeks and will be in line with our Covid risk assessment.

As with previous years, we are keen to support North Bristol Foodbank. We have a close relationship with them and they have supported many of our families over the years, during tough times. This year, instead of bringing donations of food to school (as we have done in the past), we are asking parents and carers to either take food donations to North Bristol Foodbank's donation points, or make a donation via their "Totally Giving" webpage at:

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/northbristolfoodbank>

Donation points can be found at:

<https://northbristol.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



If you need help from the Foodbank, you can either contact them directly or contact our school main office or the Family Support Team in the Children's Centre.



Homework



For Years 1 to 6, Homework will be set every Monday, to be completed by Friday. We want all children to upload their completed work onto Class Dojo for the teachers to monitor and provide feedback. If your child does not have access to Class Dojo due to lack of ICT technology, please let the teacher know, so that arrangements can be made for their work to be brought in at the end of the week.

Class Dojo has been a vital part in our remote learning strategy during the pandemic and we are keen for children and parents to maintain their ability to use this online resource, in case children need to self-isolate/ work from home. It has also proved to be a valuable tool for communication between school and home.

Please click the link below to access our quick guides for parents on how to sign up and use Class Dojo.

<https://www.upperhorfield.bristol.sch.uk/information/remote-learning>

If you need help with Class Dojo, please don't hesitate to contact us via the main office.

Time Off School

Dear Parent/Carer

At Upper Horfield, we are passionate about ensuring all our children make as much progress as possible. To be able to do this, it is important that their attendance is high. There is a lot of truth in the phrase "Every Day Counts" when it comes to our children benefitting the most from school. All children should attend school every day unless there is an unavoidable cause like illness.

The local authority Education Welfare Officer, as well as the school, monitors your child's attendance. Parents/carers commit an offence if a child doesn't attend school regularly and the absence is not agreed by the school. Continued unauthorised absence from school will lead to family involvement with the Education Welfare Department. To avoid this and any possible associated penalty notices, support the school and your child by making sure they are in school.

Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 provides that a parent commits an offence if his or her child, being of compulsory school age, fails to attend regularly the school at which he or she is a registered pupil.

Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 allows for a Penalty Notice to be issued to parents who commit such an offence. The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid within 28 days. Failure to pay will result in prosecution where on conviction you would be liable to a fine of up to £1000.

If you feel you need to take your child out of school for an extended period of time, you must request this in advance (request forms are available at the office). Leave of absence will only be authorised if there are extraordinary circumstances. If you take your child out of school, e.g. for a family holiday where there are no extraordinary circumstances, their absence will be unauthorised and a Penalty Notice will be issued. Fines are issued per parent, per child.

This means that for a child with two parents the combined fines would be £120 which would increase to £240 if not paid within 28 days.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance and would like a chat, please arrange a meeting with their class teacher or myself.

Top Tips for Attendance

Tim Seddon

Headteacher

- 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 schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day
- 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.

Starting Primary School 2022

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, an application for a primary school place must be completed by **15 January 2021**.

Apply online, by visiting www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions If you would like to have a look around the school, you can come in on any of the following dates for a tour, please book at Main Reception.

Thursday 30th September (9:30am)

Friday 22nd October (2:00pm)

Thursday 11th November (9:30am)

Friday 3rd December (2:00pm)

Year 7 Secondary School Place

Parents/carers of year 6 children will need to apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2021**. Apply online at www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-admissions



Tapestry

A reminder to all Early Years parents/carers to activate your Tapestry account if you haven't already. Tapestry is a great way be updated on your child's learning. For any help, please ask for Mrs Becky Newman.



Term & Closure Dates

School Term Dates

Term 1 Thursday 2nd September 2021 to Friday 22nd October 2021

Term 2 Monday 1st November 2021 to Friday 17th December 2021

Term 3 Tuesday 4th January 2022 to Friday 18th February 2022

Term 4 Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 8th April 2022

Term 5 Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6 Monday 6th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022

Closure Days (Staff Training)

Thursday 2nd September, Friday 3rd September,
Monday 6th September, Monday 1st November,
Tuesday 4th January, Monday 25th April,
Friday 22nd July

Early Years

Term time only children follow the same term dates and closure days as school (please see above)

All year round children attend throughout the whole year except on the following dates we are CLOSED:

Wednesday 29th December 2021, Thursday 30th December 2021,
Friday 31st December 2021,
Tuesday 30th August 2022, Wednesday 31st August 2022