

Half Term Already!



It's the end of term and our children (and term time staff), are looking forward to well-earned break next week. They have all worked incredibly hard and need time to recharge. Next term will be a particularly busy time for all of us, with lots going on, such as parents' evenings, performances and the build up to Christmas. Please keep an eye on your email, text, Class Dojo and Tapestry for any updates. We have created another parent/ carer questionnaire for you to complete, this time about ICT and lines of communication. Please spend 5 minutes of your time to do this, so we can develop the way we communicate with families so that it reflects your preferences.

Although very welcome, one regret about autumn half term is that it never seems to land at a time where we have an opportunity to dress up in our Halloween costumes in school. We always come back just after Halloween. So, to remedy this, we would love you to post pictures of your costumes on Class Dojo and/ or Tapestry. It would be fun to share these with the rest of the class on our return. This doesn't just have to be your child. If the whole family likes to dress up and get involved too, we would love to see a picture!



Term 1 Attendance

As part of our strategy to improve attendance, and provide the best opportunities for all our children through the school, we will be sending attendance certificates home at the start of next term, for all our children from Reception to Year 6.

Your child's attendance will be rated as follows:

98-100% attendance– Excellent- BLUE

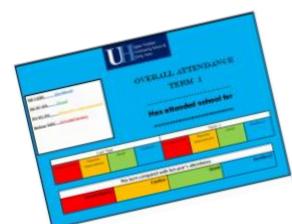
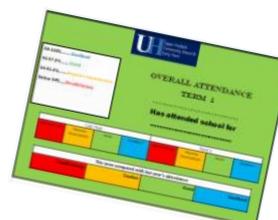
96-97.9% attendance– Good- GREEN

94-95.9% attendance– Requires Improvement– ORANGE

Below 94%- Unsatisfactory– RED

Please note that your child's attendance will include all authorised and unauthorised absences and is therefore intended to help you understand where their overall attendance lies and celebrate Good and Excellent attendance.

If your child's attendance is in the red or orange for term 1, it is not too late to make an improvement. However, we will be reviewing attendance figures at the end of November and the parents and carers of children with low attendance will be called for an attendance meeting.





Spaces Available at After School Club

We still 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

ICT Questionnaire

Let Us Know What You Think

We would like to thank all our parents and carers who completed our last questionnaire about your views of the school.

We have another questionnaire, this time it is to find out about your preferences and use of ICT and social media. This is intended to help us improve communication between school and home.

Please spend 5 minutes completing our questionnaire at:

<https://forms.gle/zoLqXJSVAS8Qgwvx7>

Thanks!

This is the second in a series of questionnaires this year, as we survey parents and carers on their views on different aspects of the school. This is part of our process of seeing what we can do to get the best outcomes for our children.

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Parents' Evening

Parents of children in Reception to Year 6 are invited to meet with their child's teacher on Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th November. To book your slot, please phone the school office on 01179031281 or email

upper.horfield.p@bristol-schools.uk with your two preferred times. Please note that our school office is open during the half term break. We will endeavour to give you your first choice.

Time slots are as follows for both days:

3:30pm, 3:40pm, 3:50pm, 4:00pm, 4:10pm, 4:20pm, 4:30pm, 4:40pm, 4:50pm, 5:00pm, 5:10pm, 5:20pm, 5:30pm, 5:40pm, 5:50pm, 6:00pm

Parents of children in our nursery will be contacted during the first week back after half term, by their child's key worker to arrange a convenient time during the week beginning Monday 15th November, to discuss their child's progress.

School Dinners Update

The price of school dinners will increase to £2.30 from the start of next term.

Children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are still entitled to

Universal **Free** School Meals

Our menu can be found at our website at

<https://www.upperhorfield.bristol.sch.uk/information/school-dinners>

Remember... the Salad Bar will be returning next term!



Bon Appetit!

Remember, Remember...

The First of November

INSET DAY!

Children return to school next term on

Tuesday 2nd November

Starting Primary School in 2022

If your child is due to start school in September 2022, give us a call to arrange a time to be shown around our wonderful school, to see what we have to offer.

We are also giving tours of the school on the

following days:

Thursday 11th November (9:30am)

Friday 3rd December (2:00pm)

Applications for school places to start next September must be completed by **15 January 2021**. This can be done online at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions



School Photo Reminder

The school photographer came in last week on Friday 15th October 2021, if you want your child's photo please make your order online using the Q code form provided.



School Absence



For information on what to do if your child is poorly with Covid symptoms, click the link below:

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

Parents and Carers must inform the school of all absences.

Where the school has not been informed, the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

