

## It's Term 2!

I hope you are enjoying the change in season as much as we are! Our youngest children are particularly fascinated with the variety of leaves in the playground and how they have suddenly changed colour. We have a busy term ahead, especially once the build up to Christmas begins. In this newsletter, we have details of the Christmas dinner, and a change of date for the Reception, Year 1 and 2 performance. We also have some advice around requests for absence during term time. We really need all our children in every day if they are going to make up for the lost learning due to Covid

## Kindness Week

### "One Kind Word"

Next week is whole school 'Kindness Week'. We will be launching the week with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 15th November.



Children need to come to school wearing odd socks! The theme for the whole week is 'One Kind Word'.

Look out for photos of all the lovely things the children will be doing during the week.



## Parents' Evening Reminder

**If you haven't done so already, please remember...**

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](mailto:upper.horfield.p@bristol-schools.uk) with your two preferred times.

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

We are really keen to meet with all our parents and carers to discuss progress so far and the year ahead!

**Please note, if you want to discuss your child's progress during the year, please don't hesitate to call the office to arrange a time to meet with their teacher.**

**Parents' meetings will be held in the Year 1 to 6 classrooms and we are asking our parents, carers and children to come in via the door at the front of the building next to the bike shed (not the main office).**



## 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



## Children in Need

Next Friday (19th December) will be raising money for Children in Need.

We are inviting all our children to wear Non-Uniform and donate £1 to this great cause.



## Time Off School

### Requests for term-Time Absence

As we approach the Christmas break, some parents may be thinking about taking their children out of school during term time. We are urging all our parents to keep their children in school for the full term. This is particularly important at this point in time, to support the work of the school, to help children catch up with lost learning due to Covid lockdowns.

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.

Tim Seddon

Headteacher

# Christmas Dinner

We will be having our traditional Christmas dinner at school on

Wednesday 15th December

Please go to our website for details of the menu. This includes the Vegetarian, Halal and Allergy Aware menus.

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

We are inviting our children to wear festive/ Christmas jumpers!

We will also be visited by one of Chartwell's very own Food Superheroes on Friday 10th December. They will be giving out a free festive biscuit to all children having a school dinner!



## 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:

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](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



## Diary Update

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will now perform

“Show Me The Way To Santa’s Grotto”

to parents and carers on:

Wednesday 15th December at 9:15am

And Thursday 16th December at 9:15am

Save the Date!

## 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.

