

Dear Upper Horfield,

December has arrived and we're sure you'll agree that you don't have to celebrate Christmas, to feel there's something special about this time of year, Winter, and there's definitely a really magical feeling buzzing through the school. We're all looking forward to the long list of events coming up in the last two weeks of term. We're all looking forward to seeing what our children are choosing to wear for the disco tonight, as well as checking out their taste in Winter/ Christmas jumpers on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Please see below for dates for the diary for a reminder of what's on at Upper Horfield.

On another note, we'd like to congratulate all our year 6 children who have passed the Water Safety training programme as part of their weekly swimming lessons at Horfield Leisure Centre. They are now experts in keeping safe around water and what to do (as well as what not to do) if they see somebody in trouble, in water. I'm sure you will agree this is an important life skill.

On checking the diary, it was interesting to see it has been a year since the introduction of our new handwriting scheme through the school, we have a regular slot in our Friday assemblies to celebrate children who are doing really well with their handwriting and who have achieved their pen licence. We've also noticed an improvement in handwriting through the school and we hope you also noticed this during our recent parents' evenings. It was great to see so many parents and carers attending the parents' evenings last week. If you were unable to meet with your child's teacher last week, and you would like to find out more about how your child is doing, please call the main office on 01179031281 or catch up with your child's teacher at the end of the day to arrange another time to meet. It would be wonderful to say we have met all our parents this term or at the start of next term.

Please remember, if you would like a quick catch up with your child's teacher, they are usually available at the end of the day at pick up, or call the office to arrange a more convenient time.

We always look forward to catching up with our parents!

### 2.3 Free NHS app helps parents care for their poorly child.

As winter sets in and common childhood illnesses become more frequent, parents are being encouraged to use a free NHS app to help them decide how best to care for their child. The HANDi app, which has been developed by a team of specialist children's doctors, is quick and easy to use and gives parents and carers expert advice on a range of childhood illnesses. These include diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, tummy pain, chestiness, head injuries and common problems experienced by newborn babies. The app takes parents through a series of questions about their child's symptoms and then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, call NHS 111 or call 999. The HANDi App is available to download for Apple phones from the app store or [iTunes](#) and for Android phones at [Google Play](#). Alternatively, please use the following QR code:



SCAN ME

## Year 1 Science Topic Weather change

During term 2, Year 1 focused on the seasons of Autumn and Winter for their Science topic. The children learnt all about the two seasons focusing on the changes in our environment, the type of clothes we need and how the weather changes. We talked about how we have less daylight and sometimes not only is it colder but windy and rainy. We made weathervanes to check direction of the wind.









## We have spaces in our Nursery in January!

<https://www.upperhorfield.bristol.sch.uk/>



Exciting and stimulating  
environments inside and  
outside

### Completely free places for:

- 3 year olds (15 and 30\* hours)
- 2 year olds (15 hours currently\* and for working parents from April 2024\*.)  
\* dependent on eligibility
- Any hours outside of free entitlement charged at £8 an hour (all age groups)

**2 – 4 year old  
spaces**


Open 8am – 5pm

Highly experienced  
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Strong partnership  
with the school

Flexible  
spaces



A welcoming and  
supportive setting where  
your child can grow and  
flourish



Phone us to book a tour!

0117 9031281

Places filled on a first come first served basis.  
Join the waiting list now for April and  
September 2024!

## Donations For Reception Class

Parents/Carers, we are in urgent need of spare clothes, pants, socks, welly boots - approximately sizes aged 4-5, 5-6 please if anybody has anything they are able to donate. Thank you.

## Year 6 Class Assembly

Parents/Carers are welcome to join us on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am for year 6 class assembly.

## Dates to Remember

### Friday 1st December

4:00-4:45pm: Reception/ KS1 Winter Disco

4:45-5:30pm: KS2 Winter Disco

### Monday 4th December

School Christmas card postal service starts (children can start bringing seasonal greetings cards for their friends and post them in the school's letter box)

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Year 6 Class Assembly

### Friday 8th December

Winter/ Christmas Jumper Day

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Christmas Panto at SGS

### Monday 11th December

AM: Reception/ Key Stage 1 performance for KS2 to watch

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

2:00pm: Reception/ Key Stage 1 performance for parents to watch

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

9:30am Reception/ Key Stage 1 performance for parents to watch

### Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Dinner

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

Last day of

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

INSET day (School and Children centre/Nursery will be closed)