

Dear Parents and Carers,  
Please note the last day of term is WEDNESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH. School is closed from Thursday for an INSET training day. We'll see you again on MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL. Have a good holiday.



It is important that parents/carers follow Covid-19 guidelines at all times. Guidelines include:

DO NOT send your child to school if **anyone** in the household has Covid-19 symptoms.

DO NOT send your child to school if **anyone** in the household is waiting for the results of a Covid test.

Further advice is available online.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring the office 01179030377 or 01173772381 for advice. Or ring the NHS helpline.



### Walk to School week and Road Safety.

Please see our School Travel Plan at the end of this newsletter.

Holymead has recently started their journey with Modeshift STARS. This is the centre of excellence for the delivery of effective travel plans in education settings. The scheme recognises schools that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel. We will be running our Walk to School Week in May as well as lots of other road safety activities that were previously cancelled due to lockdown. Details to follow.

### Borrowed laptops and i-pads



Please can parents return borrowed laptops and i-pads to school temporarily so we can update the software on them and then send them back to you for pupils to do their homework on.

We still have spare laptops and i-pads for use for homework so if you want one please email the office and request one. These are being allocated on a first come first served basis as we have offered to all pupil premium and disadvantaged children now.



### Treasure Island 21.4.21

We have booked a theatre treat for Y4-Y6 (limited numbers because of spacing).

The theatre group work with one visitor performing and interacting with their cast onscreen rather than in person. We did this just before Christmas and it worked really successfully so we wanted to ensure children were having this experience whilst we can. We are asking for £3 donation to cover the cost of this theatre visit. Please send £3 cash in an envelope to your class teacher from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April after Easter. We are asking for cash as paying online incurs charges that are prohibitive for small donations. Many thanks!

### Comic Relief

Well done to everyone who participated in Comic Relief/Red Nose Day last Friday. Lots of people dressed up as super heroes, bought red noses and made donations. Take a look at all the photos in the news section of the school website (link below). We raised an amazing £ 1,337.00 Thank you!

[http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/march\\_2021/547919](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/march_2021/547919)





### Parking

As more people return to school please park safely round the school sites and where you can please walk or cycle. We do not have space to store scooters, which must be taken home by parents.

Please remember that anybody can report anti-social and illegal parking to the police at the link below, should you wish to do so;

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>



Please find attached a link to a new version of the Online Safety Magazine DITTO.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/DITTO-Ed-24-March-2021.pdf>

A digital copy has also been placed on the school website under the Parents' tab.



### Term Dates 2020- 2021

#### Term 4

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb- Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2021 (INSET 1.4.21)

#### Term 5

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

#### Term 6

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> June- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 (INSET Mon 7.6.20)

### New Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Term 1

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2021 school closed for INSET

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2021 KS1 and KS2 start (all current pupils)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 New Reception start part time.

**Term 1** ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

#### Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> November

Re-opens Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> November- 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Re-opens Wed 5<sup>th</sup> January-18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

#### Term 4

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Term 5

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Closed for INSET Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022



**Reminder.** Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones and bikes. All items brought into school are brought in at the owner's risk. Parents and carers must sign the mobile phone agreement before letting their child bring a phone to school and the cycling to school agreement if they want their child to cycle.

Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags.



**The NSPCC have issued 8 simple tips on how to keep children safe online during lockdown.** It provides advice on the best way to help keep your children safe online during lockdown, how to continue having conversations around online safety, regularly check phones and app settings together, and manage time spent online.

Please follow the link below for further information.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/8-tips-for-keeping-your-kids-safe-online-during-lockdown/>



**Please note** the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents in this newsletter. We do not necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. Parents need to satisfy themselves that they are happy to leave their children at any of the clubs and services advertised which are not based on the Holymead School sites. Holymead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements to run children's clubs with this school.



The Red Ridge camp for Y6 has now been rearranged and the new dates to travel are Monday 7<sup>th</sup> until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We are hoping that this visit will go ahead, but if the situation does change again the centre has guaranteed all money back if we have to cancel the booking. Miss O'Toole has made a power point presentation as parents are not able to come into school. Please follow the link to find out more:

[http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/year\\_6\\_7/467196](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/year_6_7/467196)

We are hopeful Y5 camp will go ahead as well. The dates for this camp at Liddington PGL is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021. There are still some outstanding payments to be made. We have extended the balance due date on ParentMail to allow for these payments to be made. Please can we ask that you revisit your child's account to see if there is a balance to be paid.

When we have any further information we will let you know. Many thanks.



### The University of Bristol Research, CoMMinS project

All Y2, Y5 and Y6 children can take part in this straight forward spit test.

While vaccination protects the majority of people from serious illness, it is not known to what degree it will influence transmission of Covid-19. This is a very important question that the CoMMinS study can help to answer if we keep collecting samples from vaccinated individuals. So we are continuing to run the saliva testing programme and encouraging staff and students to participate whether they have had a vaccination or not.

The team's first visit was on 3rd February. The next visit will be **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021**. We are still looking for more volunteers to join the study so if your child is in Y2, Y5 or Y6 please refer to the email sent via ParentMail for further information and access to the online consent details for the CoMMinS study.



### Spelling Bee

Please note the Spelling Bee is back on for the end of March. Please check your child is learning the right spelling lists and if you're unsure please ask your class teacher. There are Spelling Bee trophies and book tokens for the winners.

We have noticed that this competition is wide open and won by the children who really practise their lists repetitively. Good luck!



### Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

With Covid infection possible, we politely remind parents not to bring cakes, sweets or biscuits to celebrate birthdays or special

occasions in school. As many children have special diets for varying reasons, we would rather parents didn't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of contamination from the virus, we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at all at present. Thank you.



**Reminder to Parents:** now that we are all back to school, please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and

after school club accounts (via IPAL) are either kept in credit or at zero. Dinners and services must be paid for in advance rather than in arrears. Reminders will be sent out at the end of the week, if accounts are in arrears. Many thanks.



### Social distancing

Our school community has shown great consideration of others in wearing masks around school. Thankyou. Please can we extend that same consideration to others and maintain social distancing wherever possible around the surrounding area such as by the gates and on the pavements around school. We have a lot of people trying to get to and from both school sites and if parents congregate in groups near the school it can cause difficulty for others trying to get by. Thank you for your consideration.





### Reminder -Local Crisis and Prevention Fund

The Bristol City Council Local Crisis Prevention Fund (LCPF) continues to accept claims for those returning to school who need assistance with food, school uniforms, shoes and stationery costs, in the form of supermarket vouchers. This grant will help children across Bristol adjust to going back into, or remaining a school environment, especially those from lower income families or suffering loss of business and finances as a direct result of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that the financial help available will help overcome barriers to learning and improve school attendance.

If you require any help or assistance, please speak to the school office and we can assist with making a referral on your behalf.

For further information, please visit  
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/lcpf>



### Drop off and Pick up

#### Infant site

Reception 9am-3.20pm.  
Y1 8.55am- 3.15pm  
Y2 8.50am- 3.10pm

#### Junior site

Y4 8.40am-3.10pm  
Y5 8.45am-3.15pm  
Y6 8.45am-3.20pm

### Uniform



All pupils need to be back in full school uniform including wearing black school shoes. However, we recognise that sometimes this is not possible with children having outgrown uniform and shops not being open. We will operate like we did before Christmas regarding PE, with pupils able to wear PLAIN black or grey jogging bottoms/leggings and black or white trainers/daps (no bright colours). This is on PE days only. On cold days, pupils will need school sweatshirts. There is no need for any other coloured sweatshirt to be worn in school.



## Spanish Club

Years 3-6

Thursdays 4.30 – 5.05pm  
'live' Via ZOOM

★ Have fun and learn at Spanish Club

### Spanish Club Classes with Hannah White:

Classes will run for 5 weeks on Thursdays from 22nd April to 20th May . The cost for the 5 weeks is £25.00. To book your place please email Hannah White at [spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com](mailto:spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com)



### Friends' Meeting

If you would like to attend Friends' zoom meetings, please email [holymeadfriends@gmail.com](mailto:holymeadfriends@gmail.com) to request the meeting details.



## All Age Easter Holiday Outdoor Fun For The Whole Family

Join us in our garden for exploring, creating & play  
Lunch provided.

Spaces are limited. Speak to the school reception to book your place

St Anne's Park Lichfield Rd, Bristol BS4 4BJ

Wednesday 7th or 14th April 10am -2pm

Speedwell Children's Centre Speedwell Road BS5 7SY

Thursday 8th or 15th April 10am -2pm

Oldbury Court Children's Centre Frenchay Road BS16 2QS

Tuesday 6th or 13th April 10am -2pm

Broomhill Children's Centre Fermaine Ave BS4 4UY

Tuesday 6th or 13th April 10am -2pm

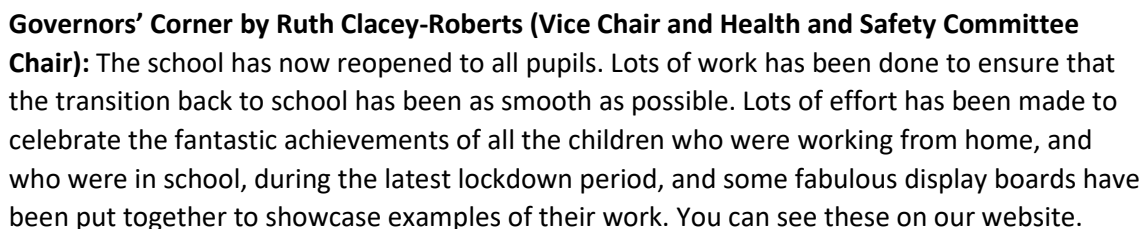
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In the most recent Health and Safety Committee meetings we have reviewed the accident reporting system, which has recently changed to an on-line system. This seems to be working well and is becoming embedded in the school's practice. We were able to look at reports which that on-line system can generate to identify whether there are any patterns in the accidents which are occurring.

The school has sourced a new outside classroom at the infant site. The groundwork has all been completed and we are just waiting for delivery of the classroom. This will be a fantastic resource for the children and we all look forward to when it is operational. The school has also been successful in obtaining National Lottery Funding for work to be done on the upstairs of the Hub, which will eventually provide even more community space.

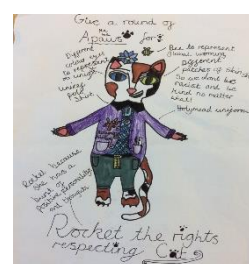
Jo Randall, who has been a governor at the school for about 10 years now, is stepping down from May and we would like to express our thanks to her for all she has contributed to the school over the years.



### Rights Respecting Schools Article 13: Children have the right to get and to share information

Holymead Primary (Junior Site)  
Wick Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4HB  
T: 0117 9030377-F: 0117 9030378  
E:office@holymeadprimary.co.uk  
[www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk)

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# HOLYMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Travelling to School Policy

### Rationale

Holymead Primary School is committed to promoting sustainable travel. walking, cycling or bus travel. We encourage staff and pupils to walk or cycle to and from school and to avoid car travel whenever possible. When car travel is necessary, we encourage families and staff to car-share and to park away from the school building so that a ten-minute walk is part of the journey to school. By encouraging families to park and stride, this makes the roads surrounding the school building safer for our parents and children as they are less congested. Pupils will also benefit as a short morning walk will help them to feel alert and ready to learn once they arrive in school.

### Purposes

- Reduce congestion and car trips to school by pupils, parents, carers and staff
- Promoting Global Goals and looking after the environment by promoting sustainable travel
- Increase physical activity and an awareness of the importance of exercise for health among pupils, parents, carers and staff
- Improve the journey to school for pedestrians and cyclists

### Guidelines

- Bike racks are provided for staff convenience.
- Pupils can have access to bike rack on the KS2 site providing parents or carers give consent for cycling to school.
- Bikeability course is run annually for Year 5/6 pupils to support them with bike and road safety when riding a bike to school.
- Road Safety Week and Walk to School Week is celebrated annually.
- All year groups take part in Road Safety Awareness programmes and activities, including assemblies, visitors and awareness days.
- Parents, carers and staff, who use similar routes to school, are encouraged to car share to reduce journeys.
- Those who cannot avoid using the car are encouraged to park away from school and walk the last ten minutes.
- Pupils learn about Global Goals, sustainability, how to care for the environment and healthy lifestyles in school.

### Conclusion

All our initiatives will support our pupils to be fitter, healthier, more alert and ready to learn, as well as reducing the amount of traffic near our school.

Written: March 2021

Review by: March 2023



*Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.*