

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will no doubt have heard the news that schools are to re-open fully from March 8<sup>th</sup>. All children are expected to return to school unless they are shielding (CEV) or ill. A separate parentmail was sent home yesterday outlining the details for returning but here are some reminders.

**Drop off and Pick up**

**Infant site**

Reception 9.00am-3.20pm.

Y1 8.55am- 3.15pm

Y2 8.50am- 3.10pm

**Junior site**

Y3 8.40am- 3.05pm

Y4 8.40am- 3.10pm

Y5 8.45am- 3.15pm

Y6 8.45am- 3.20pm



All pupils will need to be back in full school uniform from 8<sup>th</sup> March including wearing black school shoes. 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.

Please order hot school meals or send packed lunches as you normally would. The kitchens are fully open.



**Walk to School week and Road Safety.**

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.



**Governors' Corner:**

The school and the governors recently wrote to Education Services at Bristol City Council to further

express our concerns regarding road safety around the school sites. The school will be working with the road safety team to implement schemes to encourage more active travel.

We have been informed that road safety engineers are currently completing a feasibility study into traffic concerns along the full length of Wick Road. We have been assured that the school's concerns will be included in this report and await to hear the outcomes and any recommendations. The recommendations will identify the level of funding required, however, at the present time funding has not been made available.

The West of England Combined Authority are currently working on a project to improve the A4, a major through-route close to both sites. We are expecting further information to be made publically available during the summer of 2021. As a school, we will be inputting into any consultations.

We are aware that this does not provide an immediate resolution, however, we are continuing to liaise with our local councillors with the hope of identifying a longer-term solution.



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/>



### Laptops and i-pads

We have been fortunate to benefit from the government's

laptop scheme and having loaned out many devices following our priority list, we still have a few remaining so if you are in a household that is sharing a laptop and you'd like one from school please email the office.



### Reminders!

**Reminder.** Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones. 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.

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



### 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



## WORLD BOOK DAY

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day across the school on 4<sup>th</sup> March and want everyone to join in with the fun whether they are at home or at school.

Children can dress up as their favourite book character for the day as in previous years if they want to but please don't feel pressured to do this.

We are also holding a competition with a prize winner for each class. The competition is to recreate a favourite book cover in any way you like. It could be a photomontage of you dressing up and posing like on the front cover or you could make the cover picture by drawing it/making it out of Lego or toys/painting it etc. Take a photo and send it into school via Tapestry, See-saw or Google Classrooms or email it to the [office@holymeadprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@holymeadprimary.co.uk) marking it BOOK COMPETITION. A winner will be chosen from each class and will receive a £5 book voucher.

Enjoy a story together. Lots of teachers are recording stories for children to enjoy online.



### Covid-19 Reporting

If you suspect someone in your household has Covid-19 please inform the school either by phone or email [office@holymeadprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@holymeadprimary.co.uk). Please tell us your child's name, class, date of onset of symptoms and any test results and when you expect your child to return to school.

Please do not send children to school if they or anyone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms.

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

**Comic Relief.** We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on 12<sup>th</sup> March. Children may wear red noses.

Any donations received will be sent to Comic Relief. Further information will be sent out in due course.



We are still unsure whether our camps will go ahead. We will let you know if we need to cancel them and refund you.

The Red Ridge camp for Y6 has guaranteed all money back if we have to cancel the booking so we are taking bookings in the hope we will be able to go at some point. 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 explained previously.

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



### Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

With Covid infection rates rising, 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.



### Parents' Evenings will

take place BY TELEPHONE CALLS on March 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 3.30-6pm and for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and March 24<sup>th</sup> 3.45-6.30pm

and March 30<sup>th</sup> 3.30-6pm for juniors (Y3-Y6).

We will let you know when the booking system goes live online.

**Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings, as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.**

**Special Educational Needs:** Both of the school's SENDCOs, will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. Mrs Davies (KS2) will be available on 24<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm – 6.00pm and Mrs Holbrook (KS1) will be available on 18<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening. Many thanks.



### A Message from The University of Bristol

**Research, CoMMInS project**  
ie. Y2, Y5 and now Y6 children in school.

I wanted to update you on the status of the CoMMInS study now that the vaccination programme is being rolled out in Bristol, as there may be some questions about how relevant the testing still is.

In short, it's still very much so.

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. We are still looking for more volunteers to join the study in March so if your child is in Y2, Y5 or Y6 and they are in school please ask the office for the online consent details for the CoMMInS study.

It involves spitting into a tube once a month!



**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/>



The government requires schools to outline their remote learning offer to parents. Staff have been working very hard to provide remote learning to enable your child to continue to learn when they are out of school. Mr Jones and Mrs Head are in charge of Remote Learning and they have put together a Remote Learning offer which is on the school website under Key Information/policies. Please follow the link below to read it.  
<http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/policies/187999>

We realise that learning at home is different from learning in school and we have tried to provide materials and resources that enable parents to be able to juggle their work, home life and caring commitments. It is impossible to come up with a one size fits all solution. We understand that different families will need to approach learning in different ways and at different times. The times on our timetables are there as a guide and to help you see when teachers will be around to mark and give feedback or further instructions to aid understanding. This is part of their live interaction with pupils.

A few parents have asked why we are not streaming live lessons like some secondary schools. There are several reasons for this. One is that not all children and parents can be sat down at the same time due to work commitments and therefore having work which can be done at a time to suit them is better. Also, according to research by OFSTED, live streaming of lessons has not been found to be the most effective way to teach young children as children are not actively engaged for more than a few minutes at a time. They need a variety of activities and children actually need to DO things rather than just sit and listen to their teachers. Even in school we do not have teachers standing at the board for an hour during a lesson. Instead staff are making short video clips followed by time to do a task. This is working for most of our children and means you can access it when it suits you eg around working, going out to the supermarket, or for a daily walk.

If you need support with remote learning, please ask during phone calls and Zoom meetings or email the office and ask for it to be forwarded to the class teacher.

Please don't worry if your child doesn't have time to complete everything, prioritise the English and Maths and do some fun activities for balance.



**Virtual School Library** Please find attached a link to the Virtual School Library, brought you by Oak National Academy in partnership with the

National Literacy Trust. This link will provide you with free reading and writing activities from your favourite children's authors. Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads. Enjoy.

<https://library.thenational.academy/>



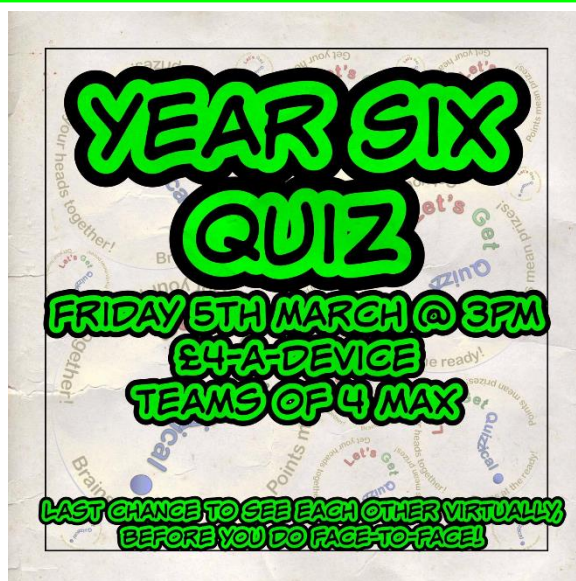
**Reminder to Parents:** please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and afterschool club accounts are either kept in credit or at zero. Dinners and services must be paid for in advance rather than in arrears.



### 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.



If you are interested, send your £4 via PayPal  
<https://www.paypal.me/letsgetquizzical>



### Friends Meeting - Thursday 4th March 2021 @ 8pm.

The next Friends meeting will be held virtually on Thursday 4th March at 8pm via Zoom.

If you would like to attend, please email [holyeadfriends@gmail.com](mailto:holyeadfriends@gmail.com) to request the meeting details.



**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.

## ¡Hola! Spanish Club

Years 3-6

Thursdays 4.30 – 5.05pm  
'live' Via ZOOM



★ Have fun and learn at Spanish Club

Classes will run for 5 weeks on Thursdays

25<sup>th</sup> February – 25<sup>th</sup> March

The cost for the 5 weeks is £25

Practise speaking Spanish in a fun environment!

Run by an experienced language teacher and local mum, the sessions will be full of activities, songs and games that will build your child's vocabulary, boost their confidence and promote their enjoyment of speaking and understanding a foreign language.

Places will be confirmed via email and allocated on a first come first served basis.

To book your place click [HERE](#)  
or email Hannah at [spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com](mailto:spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com)

You can pay by bank transfer:

HSBC Account: 21203215 Sort Code: 40-14-28.  
Please add Ref: child's name/Spanish.

Thank you ☺

Any questions? Email Hannah at [spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com](mailto:spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com)

**Bristol City Council** is asking children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) and their parents and carers to share your views about the services in Bristol. Your feedback will help us to improve SEND services. All those taking part will have the opportunity to be entered into a draw to win one of two £10 'Love to Shop' vouchers that can be spent online or in store at more than 20,000 shops, restaurants and attractions. The surveys have been co-designed with Bristol's Parent Carer Forum and the Supportive Parents service. Each survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. The survey is live until the 5 March. The results will be published on Bristol's SEND Local Offer website in the summer term. Visit the website for more information: [www.bristol.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/localoffer)

Yours sincerely  
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