



Dear Parents and Carers,  
Term 2 is traditionally full of events in the run up to Christmas and whilst we have a few more activities planned this year than last year, we will not be back to our full Christmas programme this year.

Reception to Y2 will be rehearsing Christmas Nativity plays but it is too early to judge whether these will be recorded like last year or if we will be able to do live performances in front of parents and carers. We will let you know when we've received guidance on this.

**Child Safety** - If you don't want your child in any performances we will make arrangements for them to stay with another year group during the recordings so they are safe from view. Please see your class teacher if you need your child to be kept from public view.

We have booked theatre treats this year so please look out for details on this and later newsletters.

We are also making the usual arrangements for parties and hope Father Christmas will put in an appearance at the KS1 party as he usually does!

Unfortunately, big events where people normally mingle such as the Church Carol Concert and Christmas Shopping Night will not be able to go ahead. However, the Friends' group are working hard to organise the sale of children's Christmas Cards and holding the Christmas Hamper Raffle so you are still in with a chance of winning one of those lovely hampers of Christmas goodies. Please support us by sending donations on 12.11.21 (a little earlier than usual so we can leave donations before handling them safely to make up the hampers). We also hope to be able to run the KS2 Children's Shopping Day held during the school day.

All events are subject to change so please bear with us!



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**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018?**

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2022. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.

**Starting School 2022: Additional tour date.**  
**Tours must be booked by phoning the office on 01173772381** and are limited to ONE parent only (pre-schoolers welcome) at the following times:  
**23.11.21** at 9.10am and 10.00am. Please leave your name and contact number.

If you do not wish to look round in person then please see the Head teacher's virtual tour and FAQs on the school website  
<http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web>

We look forward to hearing from you.

**Non-uniform Day Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**



We are asking parents to send donations for the school Christmas Hamper Raffle. Suggested donations are toiletries; make up, perfume, jewellery and Christmas food and drink. Any unopened nearly new gifts for ladies, gents or children will be welcome.

**As the following week is Children in Need** we will combine the 2 events and children can dress up in spotty clothing on 12<sup>th</sup> or Children in Need merchandise and bring in donations of £1 which we will send it to Children in Need.



Christmas dinner will be on the following dates:-

KS1 – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

We will soon be asking our KS2 parents/carers to book Christmas lunch in advance, if their child wishes to have one via ParentMail and further information will be sent in due course.



### **Please don't park on the zig zags.**

We have put out parking signs and we've rung the police to come and monitor dangerous driving and parking around school. If you see dangerous driving and parking, please report it to:

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

The more parents who report dangerous driving the more likely police and highways agencies are likely to listen.

Where a car is parked dangerously, if parents/carers send photos to the school office of the car's number plate (not the drivers) then we will send these on to the police. (Obviously it saves on school time if you send photos directly to the above address). Please include the date, time and place that you took the photo. The school will not get involved in disputes that arise between parents over parking, as parking is a highways and police matter and not the school's responsibility. It is a matter for the police whether they decide to take action or not over any photos forwarded to them.

The school will not tolerate any abuse or threatening behaviour from parents and carers towards staff or others and will report this to security who may take action to ban parents/carers from the school sites, or where appropriate we will report this to the police. Please park legally and safely.

**PLEASE!!  
NOTE**

**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 and carers 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.



### **Christmas Carols 27<sup>th</sup> November**

The School Choir has been invited to sing at the Switching on the Lights on Sandy Park Road between 2-5pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is welcome to support this outside community event.



Please can we ask our parents/carers to be aware of the following video that has been noted, to possibly be doing the rounds on youtube-kids.

[://www.thatsnonsense.com/video-on-youtube-kids-feature-evil-santa-asking-kids-to-stab-themselves-fact-check/](http://www.thatsnonsense.com/video-on-youtube-kids-feature-evil-santa-asking-kids-to-stab-themselves-fact-check/)



### **PANTO TIME!**

It'll soon be Panto Season (oh yes it is!) and we are looking forward to a theatre visit of Snow White for our Y1-Y4 pupils. We are booking Y5 and Y6 to go out to the Bristol Old Vic and we are looking for something more suitable for younger children in YR.

Snow White will be performed in school on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. We will be asking for a £3.00 donation in advance of the performance and this will be added to ParentMail, to allow parents to pay. This will go towards covering half of the cost of the performance.



### **Covid update**

Children will be sent home if they have symptoms of Covid-19 and you will be asked to get a PCR test for your child. Please note other family members who are fully vaccinated, are no longer required to isolate while you are waiting for test results. Currently schools are no longer expected to close classes if there are a few positive cases. However, we will keep this under review and follow PHE advice if cases keep rising. If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring the office 01179030377 or 01173772381 for advice.

### **Dinners**

Universal Free School Meals (FSM) are available on the infant site. That means everyone up to and including Y2 can have free hot dinners.



For KS2 (juniors), hot dinners have increased to £2.30 a day from 1<sup>st</sup> November. All school dinners must be paid online using the ParentMail facility. Dinner money accounts must always be in credit. If you think you are eligible for free school meals (FSM) please ask the office for details.

# What's Happening

## Dates for the Diary

**KS2 (Y3-Y6) Parents' Evenings** will be on 16<sup>th</sup> November and 25<sup>th</sup> November

9.11.21 **Y2 Parents'/Carers' Maths Meeting**, 5pm, infant hall, no crèche

12.11.21 **Non-uniform Day** to bring in donations for the hamper raffle. We will collect £1 donations for Children in Need Day on this day too.

15.11.21 Anti-bullying Week

Y2 Phonic Checks

19.11.21 Y5 Greek Day

4.11.21 Y3 Celtic Day

## Activities in November include:

YR Police dog visits in school

Y2 St Luke's Church visit

Y4 Folly Farm visit

Y6 cinema trip

YR and Y6 Weight and height checks. Parents will be informed about these by the NHS.



## Parents' Evenings

**KS2 Parents' Evening dates are as follows:**

16<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and

25<sup>th</sup> November between 4.00pm and 6.30pm.

**Unfortunately, due to the rising cases of Covid both in school and nationally, we have decided to hold KS2 Parents' Evenings over the phone this month and not have face to face meetings. We had hoped to be able to meet you in person, but this is not a good idea given the current situation. Thank you for bearing with us.**

Staff look forward to talking with you over the phone. Please book your appointment online as normal and your teacher will ring you at the time you have booked.

**Please note that teacher run clubs cannot operate on parents' evenings as teachers are meeting parents.**

Senco Meetings: Mrs Davies will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress over the phone, if they have special needs. Please call the office in order to make an appointment.



## **NB. CHANGES IN RED**

### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### 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- **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

**Closed for INSET Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021.**

**Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**



## Outdoor Equipment!

Please note the outdoor equipment on both sites is for use during school time only and children should not be playing on it before or after school. The equipment is designed for children specific to the site (either infant or junior) and is not suitable to be used by children older or younger than that specific site.

We therefore ask that parents keep their children off the equipment completely as it is very difficult to explain to a child, you can go on that one because you are that age and you can't go on that one because that's not for your age group. We also don't have staff to supervise this equipment before or after school, to be able to keep children safe, so we ask that parents and carers keep their children off the equipment. Thank you.



## Rules and Safety



**Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport** may not be ridden in the school grounds. All bikes and scooters, including electric scooters, must be dismounted on entering the school grounds. Scooters must be taken home, not left in school, as we do not have the capacity to store them. Children in Upper KS2 (Y5 and 6) may park bikes in the bike sheds if parents fill in the cycling to school agreement. Bikes are left at their owner's risk and the school accepts no liability for bikes brought onto the school premises.

**Climbing Equipment** is out of bounds before and after school. It is not to be used by children before or after school hours on either site.

**Dogs** are not allowed on the school premises at all (except guide/working dogs). Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.



**The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe.** Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers, as playing in these areas can be dangerous.

**Drains and drain covers** - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.



**Toys, games, pencil cases, mobile phones** etc are banned in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems. Pupils will be provided with all the stationery they need in school. 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.



### Governors' Corner

Are you interested in being a school governor? Governor vacancies come up from time to time and we are keen to recruit new governors with the following skills:

Health and Safety  
Finance  
Safeguarding

Being a governor is an important role in the school that requires commitment. If you are interested in finding out more, please come and talk to either me (Kate Slatcher) or the Chair of Governors (Jessica Coggins). You can contact us through the office by email or phone. This will be an informal chat and will give you a taste of what to expect. We look forward to hearing from you.



### Bonfire & Fireworks Display.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Bristol scout group has its annual fireworks night again this year on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Gates open at 6pm and the fireworks display commences at 7.30pm.

The address for the display is The Wigwam Scout Hut, Brookside Road, Brislington, BS4 4JS. Tickets cost £3.00 for adults and £2.00 for children under the age of 16 (under 3s are free).



### E-Safety.

Please find attached two links for information on e-safety that are useful for supporting our parents with children's use of electronics at home.

In order to limit screen time per app (instead of the whole device) as well as track activity, set daily limits, view device location and more, please follow <https://techcrunch.com/2019/9/18/googles-parental-control-software-family-link-gains-much-needed-features/>

**Swiggle** - child friendly search engine for younger children. For use at home and in school, Swiggle is a child-friendly search engine developed by South West Grid for Learning and built on the Google Safe Search technology. It is free, ad free, has a reporting page for children and adults, active blocking of inappropriate search strings and even a Swigglebot to give advice. For more information go to the link below and look at the menu (top right of page) <https://swiggle.org.uk/>

Thank you to those at [www.esafety-adviser.com](http://www.esafety-adviser.com) for making us aware of these links.



## University of Bristol Research.

Researchers at the University of Bristol have developed a website called Germ Defence that is designed to help keep school students, staff, and their families safe from viruses like COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines and testing are really important for helping to control the virus, but there are still lots of other things we can all do to help keep everyone as safe as possible at home and at school – Germ Defence can help with this. [You can access Germ Defence here](#) and can use it as much and as often as you like.

After you've used Germ Defence, you can sign-up to take part in an optional survey and/or to talk to the researchers about your thoughts about Germ Defence. An interview would take up to 60 mins via phone/online and you would receive a £20 voucher for your time. Alternatively, you can [complete this survey](#) to tell the team you're interested in an interview.

You can find out more about the study [here](#).

Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



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

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1 November 2021

Dear Anna and Holymead Primary school

Thank you for your very generous Harvest donation to South and East Bristol Foodbank, your donations were so generous that our van was full up. Demand for food parcels has increased by 103% since the pandemic started and has continued to rise. Your donation will enable us to meet this increasing need, and ensure that we can keep helping those who need us in the up-coming months.

You have helped clients like this one:

**"The meals and essential items which Food Bank have provided for me when I had no one else to turn to, is only part of how Food Bank helped me. They took the time to compassionately and sincerely take a genuine concern in my personal problems."**

If you are local to South & East Bristol, food items can still be donated in supermarkets. A list of collecting supermarkets can be found here: <https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>.

It is very important to us to connect with our supporters regularly; to keep you informed about how we are helping homeless and marginalised people, to share client stories, to advertise events and job vacancies, and to ensure you know how you can make a difference to clients' lives through volunteering, donating, and praying. You can sign up to one, two, or all three of our various charity communications via our website.

Many thanks once again for your support at this time.

Andy Irwin

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