

Dear Parents and Carers,



Reception to Y2 are 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!

The choir, recorder group and instrumentalists are practising for a Christmas Concert that we hope to hold in St Cuthbert's' Church on 15th December, depending on Covid.

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. 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!

Non-uniform Day Friday 12th November



What a lot of lovely donations you have sent in. Thank you! The Friends' group will be making these up into hampers and selling raffle tickets to raise money for the school. The raffle draw will be on 6.12.21.

Children in Need

Thank you for your donations. We raised a total of £380.00.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31st AUGUST 2018?

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.



Christmas dinner dates:-

KS1 – Thursday 16th December

KS2 – Friday 17th December

Our KS2 parents/carers are now able to book a Christmas lunch in advance, if their child wishes to have one via ParentMail. Please see the email sent today, for further information.

Children having a packed lunch can decorate their lunch boxes and bring Christmas treats. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to the Christmas Dinner.



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.

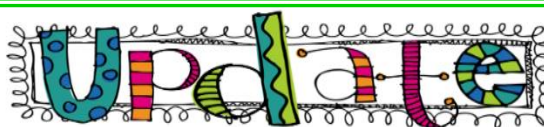
Where a car is parked dangerously, if parents/carers send photos to the school office of the car's number plate (not the drivers) then we will send these on to the police. (Obviously it saves on school time if you send photos directly to the above address). Please include the date, time and place that 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.



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 have booked for 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 2nd December. We will be asking for a £3.00 donation in advance of the performance and this can be currently purchased on ParentMail. 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.



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.



Parents' Evenings

KS2 Parents' Evening final date will be:

25th 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.

Sendco 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.



Christmas Carols 27th November

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

What's Happening

Dates for the Diary

KS2 (Y3-Y6) Parents' Evenings will be on 16th November and 25th November

15.11.21 Anti-bullying Week

Y2 Phonic Checks

19.11.21 Y5 Greek Day

Activities in November include:

YR Police dog visits in school

Y2 St Luke's Church visit

Y4 Synagogue visit

Y6 cinema trip

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

Girls' football vs Headley Park

December

15.12.21 Choir, recorder group and musicians'

Christmas Concert - St Cuthbert's Church



Christmas Cards: As an ecologically aware school we are keen to do our bit to reduce the amount of waste produced at Christmas. Don't forget to send your one card for the class Christmas Card Tree. We are not stopping individuals from sending cards if they really want to but this is an alternative to the mass writing of cards. Thank you



NB. CHANGES IN RED

Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1st November

Re-opens Tues 2nd November- 17th December.

Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4th January 2022

Re-opens Wed 5th January-18th Feb 2022

Term 4

Mon 28th Feb- 8th April 2022

Term 5

Mon 25th April- 27th May 2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7th June- **Wed 20th July 2022.**

Closed for INSET Thursday 21st July 2021.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22nd 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.

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy

for a part time evening assistant caretaker who will mainly be responsible for locking up, but will be asked to carry out further handy person duties. Hours will be 16 hours per week, for a suitably experienced candidate.

If you are interested in the vacancy please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office.

Thank you



Adverse Weather and

possible School Closure. In exceptional circumstances e.g. heavy snow or failure of heating systems we may need to close the school. **However, this is always the last resort**

so parent/ carers should always assume we will be OPEN unless we tell you otherwise.

Ways we may be able to inform you of closure are through Parentmail, local radio, Bristol City Council website listing school closures, the school's own website (see address below). Any systems can be clogged up by a large amount of usage so please bear with us and remember we are trying to do our best. You can also try phoning the school if you are uncertain or coming from a long way away. In the event of partial closure, we allow 30 children to attend for every teacher present. 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.



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/>



Y5 and Y6 visit to Bristol Old Vic.

We have arranged for our year 5 and year 6 children to visit Bristol Old Vic on Tuesday 14th December, to see their Christmas production of Robin Hood. Tickets are £20.10 and this includes the cost of the ticket, transport costs and an ice-cream during the interval. This is available to purchase on ParentMail and the deadline to purchase is **25th November**. Please note that after this date, all surplus tickets will be returned to the theatre.

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 for making us aware of these links.



St Peter's Methodist Church
Allison Road



Christmas Fayre



Saturday 20th November
11.00 -2.00pm

Stalls include

Father Christmas



Raffle



Cakes

Gifts



Children in Need



Presents



Crafts

Cards



Knowle Park Primary School currently has a vacancy for a Finance Assistant. The vacancy is 35 hours per week, on a permanent basis and term time only. For further information please contact Carol Wilshire the School Business Manager at carol.wilshire@bristol-schools.uk or telephone the school office on 0117 3772678.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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

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