

Dear Parents/Carers

**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

KS2 (Y3-Y6) Parents' Evenings –
Thurs 19th and Tues 24th
November

We are still planning to hold Key Stage 2 Parent's Evenings after half term but these will be socially distanced. For those parents/carers who prefer not to come into the building we are offering the option of an over the phone Parents' Evening like we did at the end of last academic year. Please only sign up for a physical in-school meeting on the booking site. If you would like a telephone meeting for your junior age child please email office@holymeadprimary.co.uk giving your child's name and class and your class teacher will make arrangements to ring you.

SENDco Meetings: Our new SENDco, Mrs Davies, will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress on Tuesday 24th November, if they have special needs. Please phone the office when you have made your online booking for Parents' Evening.



Traffic around School

The issue of traffic around school was discussed at the Full Governing Body meeting last night 21.10.20. Governors agreed

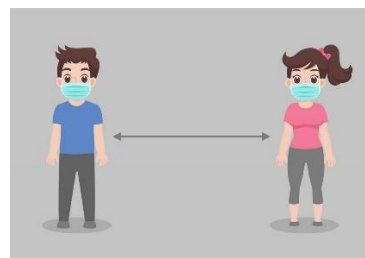
unanimously to raise our concerns about driving and parking around the school sites with the local authority to see what improvements can be made. We will keep you informed about their response and where appropriate we will be asking parents and carers to support the school in any initiatives to improve safety on the roads around school.

We encourage children to walk to school but if you choose to drive please switch off your engine while you are parked outside the school. Idling (having the engine running whilst your vehicle is stationary) pumps out toxic fumes which damages people's health. Please think of our children's health and switch off engines if you are waiting in your car to drop off or pick up your child.

We have phoned the police about parents driving and parking dangerously and we will contact them again to come out to monitor traffic.

Please do not park on the zig-zags as they are there to try and make coming in and out of school safer.

Thank you.



**Message for
Parents/Carers**

Thank you to parents and carers who have been wearing masks whenever they can

on the playground, coming to the office and between the school sites.

We still have parents who are arriving 15-20 minutes before their classroom doors open, creating crowding on the playground. With the staggered times please can you leave home to arrive no sooner than 5 minutes before your class staggered entry/exit time to try and avoid too many parents/carers on the playground or around the school gates. Thank you everyone for your support in this.



**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN
BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER
2016 AND 31st AUGUST
2017?**

Applications for

September 2021 entry to school need to be made by 15.1.21. Unfortunately, I will not be able to do prospective parent/carer tours this year so we've made a virtual tour video instead which is on the Holymead website home page. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.



The Bristol Post –We have sent off our Reception class photos to be included in their 'First Class' supplement which is being printed on Friday 6th

November. Please remember to purchase a copy if your child is in one of these classes.



Rules and Safety

As the new school year starts I would like to inform parents about some of the rules around school.

Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport may not be ridden in the school grounds. We have found it is too dangerous to allow children of any age to use wheeled transport round school. 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.

Climbing Equipment is out of bounds. It is not to be used by children before, during 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. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any items brought from home. Pupils will be provided with all the stationery they need in school. There is an agreement for mobile phone usage which must be signed if parents wish their children to have a mobile phone on the way to and from school. They are not to be used in school.



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.



Dinners

In KS1 we are moving to Chartwells' Stage 4 menu from 2nd November. Hot meals (UFSM) will be served every day next term.

For KS2 (juniors), the cost of hot dinners will rise to £2.25 from 2nd November. If you think you are eligible for free school meals (FSM) please ask the office for details.



Friends' News- The Friends' AGM was held via zoom on 13th Oct at 8pm. The following people kindly offered to take positions on the board to help the smooth running of the group: Helen Watts and Madeleine Joanes are Co-Chair, Co-Treasurer - Kay Morgan and Jess Agnew, Co-Secretary – Amy Walden and Lorna England. Many thanks to Lisa Holden (outgoing chair) for her many years of dedicated support of the school. You've done a fantastic job. Thank you!

The outdoor equipment is chained off because it is completely out of bounds at all times.



DATES TO REMEMBER

The last day of this term is Thursday 22nd October. The school is closed on Friday 23rd for an in-service training day.

Term 2 starts on MONDAY 2nd November.

NHS seasonal flu (not covid) vaccines 17th and 18th Nov.

New Secondary School



Secondary School Applications.

Please can we remind our current Year 6 parents and carers, that the

deadline for Secondary School applications for the academic year 2021-2022 is

31st October 2020.

All applications need to be submitted online using the link below and can be changed at any point up to 31st October 2020.

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Please refer to Mr Jones' ParentMail (sent on 21.10.20) for further information. Thank you.

Aspirations' Day 9th October.



The children had such a great time dressing up and telling us all about their aspirations for the future. What an enormous and interesting range of things

children want to be when they grow up.

We raised £347.30 for the charity Child of Hope in Uganda. Due to Covid 19 these children are not likely to return to school until January and are in need of support for food and health care. If you didn't send in a donation last week we are still accepting donations for this charity this week.



Music tuition

We are hopefully looking to recommence music tuition with effect from January 2020 and Mrs Holland will be in contact with parents/carers of those

children that previously received lessons, to get the administration all completed prior to them commencing. An interest letter will also be issued to our Year 4 children at the start of next term, should they wish to commence with music tuition.

Camps



The government is still advising against overnight stays for school pupils so we will be keeping in touch with different year groups as we get further information. The camp operators are doing their best to work with us on providing alternatives. We are still hoping the Y5 (delayed from Y4) camp and Y6 camp will operate. These camps were already in the pipeline before Covid struck, with money already committed.

Unfortunately, we will not be booking a camp for current Y4 due to too much uncertainty.



St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School Virtual Open Evening Information

This year our Open Evening will be 'virtual'. We have made three films that parents/carers of children in year 6 can watch to help them get a flavour of our school to help them make a decision. Here is a link to the films on our website.

<https://www.smrt.bristol.sch.uk/index.php/admissions>



Holidays in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. However, it is still important that applications are made so there is a record in school. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR A HOLIDAY WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS).

Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example, if you have 2 children in school and there are mum and dad sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time. Please fill in a leave of absence form in advance of taking your children out. Note, you can still be fined if you take an unauthorised holiday but don't fill out a form.

Reward Systems

Praise Book- on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker. This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour.

Children's names are read out and they receive their sticker in assembly. This record of their achievement is also put up on display in the Link the following week for everyone to see.



Star of the Week- on the junior site, as the children get older, we introduce a Star of the Week where children nominate and vote for a child they think deserves to be Star of the Week. Whilst the children have more say in who is chosen, this system is still overseen by the teacher to ensure fairness.



School Uniform.

Thank you for a great start back in full school uniform. All uniform needs to be ordered online (with logo) or bought from any shop (without logo). We stock

different sizes of sweat shirts etc so you can try on a sample to get the right size before ordering. If you don't have internet access our office staff are happy to help you with ordering uniform.

If you have any problems with uniform, eg both sweat shirts are in the wash on one day or you're waiting for new trousers to arrive, please explain your circumstances to a member of staff.

Polo Shirts: These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

Shoes: Children need to have black school shoes for school.

Please note trainers, black jeans, leggings and hooded tops must not be worn in school.

PE kit: is a purple tee-shirt and black shorts in a purple daps bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc. Currently PE kits should be worn all day on PE days. ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

Back Packs are not allowed on the infant site as space is very limited.

Pencil Cases: just a reminder that pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. This now includes Y6 during Covid restrictions.

No toys or games are allowed in school.



Term Dates 2020- 2021

Term 1

(INSET 1st Sept.)

Wed 2nd Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 3rd Sept- New in-take Reception start.

Thurs 22nd October will be the last day of Term 1.

Please note the change.

(NEW INSET Fri 23rd Oct. School CLOSED)

Term 2

Mon 2nd Nov- Thurs 17th Dec 2020 (INSET 18th Dec)

Term 3

Tues 5th Jan 2021 – Friday 12th Feb 2021 (INSET 4th Jan)

Term 4

Mon 22nd Feb- Wed 31st Mar 2021 (INSET 1.4.21)

Term 5

Mon 19th April- Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6

Tues 8th June- Wed 21st July 2021 (INSET Mon 7.6.20)



Governors' Corner.

Last week the Health and Safety governors inspected the infant site. They were pleased to see the new entrance coming along on the infant site. It will start being used soon. We'll let you know when it's ready. Governors also checked the asbestos register for the site and looked at ground works that have been prepared on the grass so we can have a new 'log cabin in the woods' for outdoor education.

We will be seeking a parent governor shortly. If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like an informal chat about what it involves please email the office to speak to me (Head teacher) or Judith Buckley, SBM.

Go Sketch Free Arts Week this Half Term

Bring a smile to your face while creating art with your family this half term and join their free live workshops. This includes a creative drawing workshop, a watercolour trees workshop and a Kawaii cartoon workshop. This time they are offering 3 different times to suit people around the world.



Sign up below to secure a place:

<https://www.gosketchclub.com/f/go-sketch-club-art-week>

Free 'Draw your own Christmas cards' course and a free '3D paper city advent calendar

Find out more and join them at [gosketchclub.com](https://www.gosketchclub.com)



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



Is your daughter starting Secondary School in September 2021?

All of our Open School events are now available for you to attend 'virtually' from the comfort of your own sofa! Please grab a cup of tea and join us online. Visit our website www.hayesfield.com and click on the tile marked 'Prospective Parents', which can be found on the right hand side of our homepage.

There, you will be able to find our Headteacher's presentation, take a virtual tour of our school and hear from our students all about their experiences at Hayesfield.

Ready to make an application?

Please visit the 'Admissions to Hayesfield' section of our website, click on the information tab at the top of the homepage. You will find the link to apply for a Year 7 place via the BANES website. We reserve 10 spaces for students with an aptitude for music or sport, you can find more details and an application form on this page, too.

www.hayesfield.com

Hayesfield
GIRLS' SCHOOL



2020 Events

Bristol

Wednesday 7th October:

Daytime SEND Surgery..
bookable 1:1 appointments

Wednesday 14th October:

Virtual Coffee Morning..
'Moving on to School'

Wednesday 4th November:

Virtual Coffee Morning: The
Local Offer with Marilyn Crofts

Tuesday 10th November:

Evening SEND Surgery..
bookable 1:1 appointments

Wednesday 18th November:

SEND Support in schools

Wednesday 2nd December:

Daytime SEND Surgery..
bookable 1:1 appointments

Wednesday 9th December:

Bristol's new Approach to EHC
Needs Assessment: Engaging
with Families

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for Bristol, North Somerset and
South Gloucestershire



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/2019/09/18/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 for making us aware of these links.



Design a Rights Respecting School Mascot competition

We recently ran a competition to design a mascot that represented Holymead Primary as a Rights Respecting School. We received hundreds of fantastic designs. We can confirm that the winners are;

Valerie S (Otter class)

Tiggy L (Flamingo)

Alice W (Salamander)

They will all win a £5.00 book token. Well done.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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