

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers



We will be launching our new website shortly which you can find at the following address www.eschools.co.uk or search for Holymead Primary school in your usual way. Staff have been busy setting this up and I have no doubt there will be errors and issues as we get started so please bear with us as we get started. This site has a new style format for the front page.

Next term we are interested in hearing from family members who have experiences relating to the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations. For example were you around to enjoy a Silver Jubilee Street Party or did you camp out to see a royal wedding etc.? If you have an interesting story relating to this event or work in an area of government that you would like to share with your class or year group please see your class teacher. Thank you.



The last day of Term 5 is Friday 27th May. Term 6 starts on MONDAY 6th June.

Nb. School closed for 5th May for INSET/polling and Bank Holiday 2nd May.



Class Assemblies:

Infant site

Thursday 28th April 9.10am Owl- Infant Hall

Thursday 19th May 9.10am Otter- Infant Hall

Thursday 16th June 9.10am Rabbit- Infant Hall

Junior Site

Tuesday 17th May 2.45pm Flamingo - Middle Hall

Tuesday 17th May 2.45pm Finch - Upper Hall

Please note any assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. We do run a crèche with school staff and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. Thanks.



Events this term

YR- farm visit

Y4- Caerleon visit and Roman Day.

Y6- Red Cross workshops

Y2- SS Great Britain

Swimming Club- 4th May- Percy Smith gala.

29th April and 13th May- Y5/6 schools' cricket competition.



Rhyme Rocket 11th May (as seen on TV!) We are very pleased to have been

able to secure a visit from Rhyme Rocket for Reception, Y1 and Y2 children. Please send your donation of £3 to cover this show from Monday. We rely on your donations to be able to arrange productions such as this for your children to enjoy. Thank you.

Are you a top banana or a mouldy melon? Our school target for attendance is 95%.

The best class attendance on the KS2 site for this week was Turtle class with 100% attendance and they won themselves a large bowl of fruit for this achievement! Please remember to arrive on time for school every day. The playground gates are open at 8:40am.

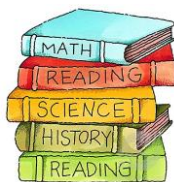


Miss School, Miss Out!

The Y6 SAT's tests will be administered during the week beginning 9th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check will be administered in the week beginning 13th June.

It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2 re-take children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised. If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see me or ring school immediately. Thank you.



The photographer is in school this term to take class photos so please make sure children are looking smart in full school uniform on 25th May. Details of summer uniform are outlined below.



26th May meeting for **New Reception** parents at 7pm in the Infant Hall.



Governors' Corner

Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion (CSI) Governors met to hear about RE teaching in school and to review the Equality Policy which is on our new website. There are more details about CSI in this term's Governors' Newsletter to parents which will be out soon.

Health, Safety and Premises Governors carried out a check on the junior site and were very pleased with the lovely finish on the hall floors in the Middle and Annex Hall, which have now been sanded down and treated so they look as good as the Upper Hall; one hundred years old and looking as good as new! Work has also been carried out on the Infant Hall floor to repair the trip hazards that were appearing through wear and tear.



Caterlink- following a tendering process our new providers for school dinners are Caterlink. Please note we are moving to a new cashless system for school dinners which will mean in future all payments must be made online and paid IN ADVANCE. No child will be able to have a dinner unless it is already paid for so please **MAKE SURE YOUR ACCOUNT REMAINS IN CREDIT**. We are expecting the new system to come into use from September.

Year 6 MEETING

Miss O'Toole will be leading meetings for parents on how we teach sex and relationship education in school on the following evenings.



- 19th May at 3.30pm for parents of pupils in Y5/6.
- 23rd May at 3.30pm for parents of pupils in Y3/4.

A crèche will be available in the IT suite.



Year 4 Great Wood Camp 2016 –the first £100 towards the total cost of the camp, must have been paid by Thursday 24th March 2016. If you are yet to pay £100 please ensure you do so as soon as possible.

Camp Meeting at 3.30pm on May 12th in Falcon Class.



Friends' Meeting May 13th 9am in the infant staff room. Everyone who wants to get involved in helping with fundraising events is welcome-bring pre-schoolers. We need volunteers for the Summer Fayre. This includes preparation beforehand and /or help on the day. The event can only run if lots of people get involved even if you can only spare an hour. Thanks.

IMPORTANT CLOSURE CHANGES.

You have no doubt heard the government is calling a referendum on the EU on 23rd June. We have once again been commandeered to be a polling station. Unfortunately I am unable to prevent this from happening as we are a local authority building. Rather than close the school for an additional day I have decided to move our final INSET date (22nd July) and take it on 23rd June instead. **Therefore the WHOLE school will be CLOSED on 23rd June (for INSET and polling) but OPEN on Friday 22nd July to all pupils as the last day of term.**

Any parents who have already booked holidays (before the end of this week) to start on Friday 22nd July please show me your booking forms and I will authorise the absence for Friday 22nd July as it is not your fault.

I am very sorry for any inconvenience but having looked at several options I feel this one has the least impact.

School still closed for 5th May for INSET/polling as well.



Parent/Carer Questionnaire. You should have received your questionnaire by now; if you haven't please ask at either office for a copy. We look forward to receiving your completed questionnaires by Friday 27th May. We want to see how well we are doing and where we can improve.

Friends' Activities

Coin Line



This year we are asking parents to help raise money for school funds by organising a Coin line. This is in response to suggestions following our previous copper and silver lines. We are, therefore, requesting that children collect silver and/or copper coins. The children will then lay out the coins and measure their lines. The class with the longest line wins the trophy. We will carry out the activity in June so recommend children start saving their coins now! All legal tender coins welcome! Thanks.

13th May- Friends' Ice Cream Sale
on the junior site after school



20th May- Friends' Quiz Night



Summer Uniform- summer dresses for girls are **purple or blue** check.

NO pink, yellow or any other colour.

Boys may wear **black or grey** school



shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school. Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals should be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours. **Leggings, jeans, baseball caps, hooded tops and bright, colourful trainers are NOT part of school uniform and should not be worn.** Pupils should wear black or grey school trousers, skirts or pinafores. We need parents' support in making sure pupils are dressed suitably for school. We are happy to support parents and back you up, for instance if your child is refusing to wear the uniform you have bought for them, please come and see Mr Jones, Mr Hough or myself.

Want a calmer family life? Children not listening? Too many temper tantrums?

Mrs Kelly is running a **free 10 week parenting programme** on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.00 – 3.00 pm on the junior site. Tea and cake is provided. For further information please contact Mrs Kelly on 0117 9030377.

Swimming Reports

Bristol Swimming Finals

Well done to Rosein, Keira, Tilly, Nia, Jasmine, Toby, Adam, Sonny and



Joshua who swam at the finals on Saturday. All the children swam really well. They all train really hard to get to the high standard needed to get to this gala. They also got inspiration from former pupils of Holymead, who swam in the secondary school finals.

South West Regional Relay Gala at Millfield.

Our busy swimming programme continued on Monday evening with the south west regional finals at Millfield school. The top 3 schools are invited to attend the national finals in Sheffield. The boys' team of Charlie, Carwyn, Toby, Sonny and Adam came 6th in the mixed stroke relay and 8th in the freestyle. The girls' team of Rosein, Keira Tilly, Nia and Olivia came 6th in the mixed stroke relay and 4th in the freestyle, narrowly missing out on a trip to Sheffield. They should all be extremely proud of their achievements. It is the best they have ever swam.

Term Dates

Term Dates 2015-2016

Term 5

Mon 11th April to Friday 27th May 2016 (NOTE: The school will be closed for polling on 5th May 2016 so we will have an INSET day then).

Term 6

Mon 6th June to Fri 22nd July 2016- NEW DATE (23rd June now an INSET day due to changes with EU election in June)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Term 1

(Thurs 1st Sept closed for INSET).

Friday 2nd Sept 2016 KS1 and KS2 start

Monday 5th Sept 2016 new Reception start to Friday 21st October 2016 inclusive

Term 2

(Monday 31st October closed for INSET)

Tues 1st November to Friday 16th December

Term 3

Tues 3rd January 2017 to Thurs 9th February 2017

(Friday 10th school closed for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 20th February 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017

Term 5

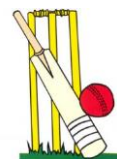
Mon 24th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017



Knowle Cricket Club



Youth Cricket Coaching Summer 2016



Receive coaching from

UKCC Level 1 and Level 2 qualified coaches,

All age groups welcomed from U/9's to U/17's

Summer Coaching – every Friday

15th April – 15th July 2016

6.15 – 8.00pm at Knowle CC, Broad Walk, Knowle.

Knowle CC is affiliated to:

Gloucestershire Cricket County Board

Somerset Cricket County Board

For further information please contact:

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FREE

Cooking on a budget

Come and learn how to create some healthy and delicious new recipes

6 Week Course - every Monday

Time: 9.15 – 11.15 am

Starts: 18th April

Ends: 23rd May

At Holymead school

To book contact Wendy Kelly on school reception or ring Hannah on 0117 9039750

Free to 19+ with few or no qualifications



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 with this school.



Sports' Days. We will be holding separate infant and junior sports' days as organising over 600 primary pupils on one day would be difficult and you may miss watching an infant child if a junior event was taking place at the same time and vice versa.

KS1 Sports' Day (YR-Y2) 24th June 2016

KS2 Sports' Day (Y3-Y6) 17th June 2016

We will send out details so you can come and join us.

SCHOOL Attendance

The law has changed on holidays taken in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OF 4 OR MORE DAYS (8 SESSIONS). Any suspicious absence will be investigated.

Some parents have asked what happens to the money they pay in fines. All I know is that, unfortunately, despite having to submit a lot of paper work which takes up valuable school time, none of the money comes back into the school budget to cover this time. Fines are issued by Bristol local authority.



Non-uniform day on 27th May (last day of term). Please do not send money on this occasion but rather bring in donations for the summer fayre. Thank you!



KS1 SATs - Y2 are undertaking statutory assessments in May. We don't make a big deal of SATs at this age as we don't want to pressure the children. Generally pupils have a reading booklet, a maths' booklet and some writing to do. The work done in a test format is used to support what teachers already know about your child by working with them all year. Levels have now changed but we will report outcomes to parents at the end of the school year.

Home Start
Support and friendship
for families



Home-Start Bristol needs volunteers

Are you a parent or grandparent? Can you offer 2-3 hours a week to visit a family?

We support families with young children who are struggling to cope. Our volunteers visit a family every week, working alongside them to find solutions to their problems so that they can start to enjoy family life again.

One family said: 'It's just wonderful! Having a set time each week and a reliable volunteer worked for me.'

We offer our volunteers accredited training, ongoing support and opportunities to meet with other volunteers.

Call us on 0117 9501170 or visit our website www.homestartbristol.org.uk



Volunteering is dependent on an enhanced DBS check

The Windmill Hill Junior Parkrun takes place every Sunday at 9am in Victoria Park and the inter-school challenge run takes place once a month. The weekly Parkrun itself is a really great event and promotes healthy activity in a really fun and non-competitive way. For further information please speak to Melanie Rogers or visit <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/windmillhill-juniors/news>

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

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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