

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely time we all had at the **KS1 Bedtime Story and KS2 Film Night**. We raised £1,084.55 for Water-aid, the charity nominated by the children's Rights' Action Group. Thank you to everyone for your donations.



Friends' Events:

Christmas Shopping Night TOMORROW. We look forward to seeing you 6.30-8.30 Friday 18th on the junior site. Everyone welcome!

KS2 Children's Shopping Day- 9th December.

The Friends have organised an event for junior children to buy small gifts e.g. for parents, siblings and grandparents. We suggest children bring no more than £5 in pound coins or small change. **Please DO NOT send a £5 note.** Staff will be on hand to help with buying presents and giving change.



On the infant site, the Friends organise a visit and a present for children from Father Christmas and fund the entertainer. We feel these are age appropriate activities.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2018 AND 31st AUGUST 2019?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2023.

There will be tours of the infant site for prospective parents looking for a Reception place for **September 2023 on 22.11.22 at 9.10am and 10.00am.**

Tours must be booked by phoning the office on 01173772381.

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.



Class Assemblies for parents- Junior Site

Tuesday 29th November 2.45pm

Fox – Middle Hall

Tuesday 29th November 2.45pm

Firecrest – Upper Hall

Please note class assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. We do run a crèche with school staff. Thanks



Non-uniform Day- TOMORROW

We will have the Christmas Hamper Raffle once again and will be asking for donations on 18th November when we'll hold a non-uniform day.

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. Thank you!

This will coincide with Children in Need Day where £1 donations may also be brought in and children can wear Children in Need merchandise.



Dinners



Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) are available on the infant site. That means everyone up to and including Y2 can have free hot dinners. At the same time, you can also apply for free school meals (even if your child is currently in receipt of UFSM) if you think they are entitled, as this will also make them eligible for pupil premium funding. For KS2 (juniors), hot dinners will be increased to **£2.45** a day from 22nd October 2022. All school dinners must be paid online using the ParentMail facility. Dinner money accounts must always be held in credit. If you think you are eligible for free school meals (FSM) please ask the office for further details.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to those who bought poppies.

The money raised will be sent to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

What's Happening

November

14.11.22 Y6 Height and weight measures; online consent forms have been sent out.

18.11.22 Non-uniform day to bring in donations for the Hamper Raffle/ Children in Need

December

1.12.22 Beauty and Beast- Theatre in school
NHS seasonal flu (not covid) nasal vaccines 8th Dec. Consent forms will be sent to parents nearer the time

6th and 7th Dec-Christmas Plays (see letter)

KS2 Children's Shopping Day 9th Dec

12th Dec Christmas hamper raffle draw

13th Dec Christmas parties

15th Dec Y4-Y6 musicians and choir Christmas

Concert at St Cuthbert's Church, 6.30pm

Last day of term Friday 16th December

January

Y5 and Y6 panto visit to the Tobacco Factory.



Parents' Evenings

KS2 Parents' Evenings will be on 24th November between 4.00pm and 6.30pm.

Parents' Evening bookings will need to be made using our online booking system via our ParentMail App. These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities.

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, if they have special needs. Please phone the office when you have made your online booking for Parents' Evening.



Governors' Corner

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for a co-opted governor. This position is open to parents or carers and wider members of the community. If you are interested in being a governor and have the following skills: Health and Safety, Finance, Safeguarding. Please see the advert on parentmail and email Jessica Coggins, chair of governors, via office@holymeadprimary.co.uk



Thank you to everyone who supported the **Scholastic Book Fayre** on the infant site. We raised £217.57 in rewards, which we can use to restock our library. We have been purchasing lots of books that show a diversity of characters and events as part of making the school welcoming to people of all characteristics.



Term Dates

2022-2023

Re-opens Tues 1st November- 16th December 2022

Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3rd Jan 2023

Re-opens Wed 4th Jan-10th Feb 2023

Term 4

Mon 20th Feb- 31st March 2023

Term 5

Mon 17th April-26th May 2023

Term 6

Mon 5th June-Thurs 20th July 2023

Closed for INSET Fri 21st July 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st September 2023

Pupils start Monday 4th September (except new reception who start Wed 6th September, part time) -20th October 2023

Term 2

Closed 30th October 2023 for INSET.

Pupils start Tuesday 31st October- 15th Dec 2023

Term 3

Tues 2nd Jan- 9th Feb 2024

Term 4

Mon 19th Feb- Wed 27th March (28.3.24 INSET)

Term 5

Mon 15th April- 24th May 2024

Term 6

Mon 3rd June- 19th July 2024 (22/23.7.24 INSET)

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



Cyber Security

As well as schools having a good understanding of cyber security, it is really important for parents and children too. Internet Matters have put together a really good, simple article so that parents can learn more about cyber security which you can access at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-cybersecurity/>.

We are 
Recruiting...



SMSA vacancy

Holymead Primary School is actively looking to recruit an SMSA to supervise the children at lunch times.

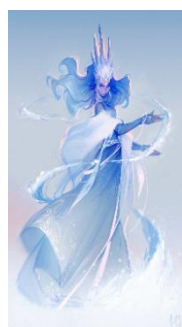
Our SMSAs are integral members of staff and are

highly valued. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested but is not necessarily connected to the school, please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Holland, via the school office. Thank you.



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.



The Snow Queen. Our Year 5 and Year 6 children have been given the opportunity to watch The Snow Queen at the Tobacco Factory on Wednesday 11th January 2023. If you would like your child to attend, please pay via ParentMail before **2nd December**. 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.



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.



Year 6 Boys' EFL Tournament SBSC Monday 14th November 2023

Our Year 6 Boys' Football Team put in a series of amazing performances in this week's English Football League Cup. We topped our group winning 4, drawing 1 and losing 1 progressing to the semi-finals. In the semi-final we took the lead before conceding an equaliser with the last kick of the game. Our opponents, and eventual tournament winners, Headley Park then scored a golden goal winner in extra time. The boys' performance was remarkable given that this was our first chance to play as a team this year. A special mention to Muaad who scored 7 goals and laid on 2 for Archie, and Daromil to score (what a volley!), and James who also scored. A huge well done to Jack and Elliot who defended superbly throughout, and to Riley and Jesse who worked tirelessly in midfield. A truly brilliant effort and a great start to our football season.



Biathlon Competition: Congratulations Lincoln in Y3. We are delighted to share with you the exciting news that Lincoln in Year 3 won the Schools' Regional Biathlon Competition for his age group recently. This involved a 25 metre swim followed by a 400m run. He will now go on to compete in the National Biathlon Finals in March. I am sure you will all join us in celebrating Lincoln's amazing achievement and wishing him the very best of luck for the finals. Well done Lincoln - we can't wait to hear about your performance in the finals!



In-house Christmas

Production: Please note Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be watching the Christmas Production of Beauty and the Beast on Thursday 1st December. Please can parents pay their £3.00 contribution online via ParentMail. We will try to arrange a suitable theatre event for YR later in the year.



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



Christmas Carol Service 2nd December-

As you know we are a very large primary school and being split over two sites means we don't have a large enough hall to ever get together in one place.

Our Carol Concert at St Cuthbert's has become a bit of a Christmas tradition where we all get together and this year we are fortunate enough to have been welcomed back on 2nd December. Unfortunately, (if that's the right word!) we are such a large community that the church was absolutely packed last year just with children and a few adult helpers so we are unable to invite parents to come and join the service.

However, if you are really keen to get involved then we do need a couple of parents from each class to help us walk down and supervise children whilst in the church and walk back. Please see your class teacher to volunteer to help out. I'm afraid it's standing room only for helpers inside the church.

Permission is covered in the general local visits sheet but if you haven't returned that yet please do so this week. If you wish to withdraw your child on religious grounds please see the Head Teacher so alternative arrangements can be made to stay in school.

Children should not be kept at home as alternative education is provided in school.

SPLAT Christmas Light Switch On
Saturday 26th November 2022

Well, it's nearly here Sandy Park! Its all VERY exciting.

As you know we have a full road closure on Sandy Park Road from 12pm – 7pm. The closure is from the junction with Repton Rd and Sandhurst Rd up to the junction with St. Cuthbert's Church. Sandringham Road will be open for access. There is no access to Sandy Park Road from Harrow Road or Winchester Road for vehicles.

There will be a stage across the road by the Sandringham pub and the program is as follows. We will have a surprise compere on the day!

2pm – Event opened by ZumZumba Crew and ZumbaGold
2:30 pm – BDP Choir
3:00pm – Holymead School Choir
3:30pm – Wicklea Academy Choir
4:00pm – Broomhill Primary School Choir
4:30pm – Light Switch On
ZumZumba Crew will close the event with Zumba Gold

The Sandringham Pub car park will allow access to any emergency vehicle that needs to get into Sandy Park so is not available for anyone to park there.

SPIROLUX continue to support SPLAT and this year will be our third year of lighting up Sandy Park with their support!

We still need Marshalls to help us support the event so please contact gilltip@gmail.com.

We really need your support to make this event super. You can still donate in any Pink Pot in the shops on Sandy Park to support the event or find our GoFundMe page on SPLAT Facebook page, <https://gofund.me/7333242d> or QR code here.

SPLAT Team
Jax, Gill, Sher, Carly

Christmas Concerts

Parents/carers are invited to attend one of the following Christmas performances. Arrangements for tickets will be sent out later.



6th Dec 9.20am Y2 performance (Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin),

6th Dec 10.45am YR (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda) and

6th Dec 2.15pm Y1 (Octopus, Owl, Otter)

7th Dec 9.20am YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

7th Dec 10.45am Y1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter)

7th Dec 2.15pm Y2 (Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

Please note the Reception, Y1 and Y2 performances are NOT suitable for pre-school children as the children have worked hard to learn their parts and their voices are very quiet. We will run a crèche.

6th Dec 2pm and 6pm Year 4 performance (Flamingo, Fox, Falcon). The 6pm performance only is open to all ages. The 2pm is open for pre-schoolers but not younger siblings of school age as they need to stay in class.

Christmas Concert- Y4-Y6 musicians and choir at St Cuthbert's Church- **15th December, at 6.30pm** - all ages welcome.

We do not charge entry to the school concerts but there will be a collection bucket on the way out if you wish to make a donation to charity (money will not go to the school). Thank you.

Child Safety - As in previous years anyone performing in plays/concerts may be photographed by parents during the performance and whilst we hope parents will be mindful of where they put photos of children, the school has no say in where photos end up. If you don't want your child in any photos, then they cannot perform in the play and we will make arrangements for them to stay with another year group during the performances so they are safe.

Please see your class teacher if you need your child to be kept from public view.



KS1 – Thursday 15th December

KS2 – Friday 16th December

Please can junior parents make sure they read the separate Parentmail coming soon and book and pay ONLINE for Christmas lunch by Friday 9th December. Thank you.

It is anticipated that the majority of children in KS1 will be served a Christmas dinner. It will be helpful if **infant** parents let us know if their children are definitely NOT having a hot Christmas Dinner.

If children really don't want a Christmas dinner they can bring a packed lunch and decorate their lunch boxes on both sites.



All children can wear a Christmas Jumper/accessories for Christmas Dinner with their usual school uniform.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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

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