

Thursday 7th February 2019 Number 3, Term 3



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to have been able to book The Hobbit for Y1 to Y6. (It is not suitable for YR). These theatre visits, whilst part funded by the Friends' Group, do rely on parental contributions to make them possible. Please send your £2 donation to your class teacher by Wed 13th March. Thank you.

Salamander Class Parent/Carers pleased note that your class assembly has been changed to 12th February as Miss O'Toole has been away ill.



Class Assemblies-

Tawny Owl- Tuesday 5th Feb- middle hall 2.50pm

CHANGE: Salamander- Tues 12th Feb- upper hall 2.50pm

Toucan- Thursday 14th March- infant hall 9.10am

Tiger- Tuesday 19th March- infant hall 9.10am

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 and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. Thanks.

Governors' Corner.

We have only received 1 candidate for the position of parent governor. Mr Rob Ryan has been elected unopposed and was duly appointed on 25th January. We look forward to welcoming him to the Governing Body.



Weather



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.

What's Happening

February

Y6 WW2 Day 8.2.19

Y3 Times Table Parents' Meeting 7.2.19 at 3.30pm

The last day of Term 3 is Thursday 14th February. (Friday 15th is INSET)

Term 4 starts on MONDAY 25th February.

March

8th March World Book Day (dressing up Friday)

Y4 Carleon visit

Y5 1st aid training

Y2 SS Great Britain visit

Y1 Court Farm visit

Y6 Camp

Y4 BSO Concert

YR Chew Valley Farm visit



Times Tables Rockstars. This is a times tables app for tablets or website access to support children in recalling their times tables fluently. Pupils from Y2 to Y6 should be accessing this regularly. As you are aware, learning times tables is a very important skill for children to be able to succeed in maths. Children in Year 2 to Year 6 can log in using their password, and access a range of games to upgrade their "Rock Star" status and earn points to upgrade their online avatar. You can download (FREE) Times Tables Rock Stars in the App Store for your device (iOS/Android) or visit the website trockstars.com

Y3 will be explaining more about Times Tables in their parents' meeting on 7.2.19 at 3.30pm in the hall.



Book Fair on the junior site.

The Scholastic book fair will be on the junior site from Thursday 7th March until Wednesday 13th March 2019. Please feel free to come along and have a browse. The more books you buy the more free books we get for the library and classrooms which always need re-stocking. Thank you.



Please don't park on the yellow lines or zig-zags. It is endangering people's lives. Thank you.



Friends' Events:

The Friends' Group are organising a cake sale on the junior site on 13th Feb at 3.20pm on the theme of Valentine's Day. We are always grateful for donations of cakes to be sold. Please bring any fresh cakes after Monday 11th. Thank you.

29.3.19 Friends' Spring Sale on the junior site after school. Spot a possible Mother's Day gift!

Next Friends' Meeting is 1.3.19 after drop off on the infant site.



Parent's Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on 28th March and 3rd April for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 27th March and 4th April for juniors (Y3-Y6).

Details to follow. These meetings are not suitable for children to attend.

Please do not bring children to school for Parents' Evenings as there is no crèche and the school will not be supervising children.

Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.



Term Dates 2018- 2019

Term 1

(Mon 3rd September 2018 CLOSED -INSET)

Open Tues 4th Sept for KS1 and KS2

Wed 5th Sept 2018 for new Reception to Fri 26th October

Term 2

Mon 5th Nov to Fri 21st Dec

Term 3

Mon 7th Jan 2019 to Thurs 14th Feb 2019 (Fri 15th closed for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 25th Feb to Fri 5th April 2019

Term 5

Wed 24th April to Fri 24th May 2019 (Tues 23rd INSET)

Term 6

Mon 3rd June to Fri 19th July 2019 (22nd, 23rd INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



E-Safety: Keeping up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge, especially if you feel that your children may have

better technical skills than you do. However, children still need support and guidance when it comes to managing their lives online and using the internet positively and safely. A simple and effective way to get involved with your children and their lives online is through discussion.

Conversation starter ideas: Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

Ask them about how they stay safe online. What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

- Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice, privacy settings and [how to report](#) or block on the services they use.
 - Encourage them to help. Perhaps they can show you how to do something better online or they might have a friend who would benefit from their help and support.
 - Think about how you use the internet as a family. What could you do to get more out of the internet together and further enjoy your lives online?
- Further information about these issues is available from ChildNet or Thinkuknow.co.uk and on the school website.

What's the Buzz? The Bee is back!

Now in its sixth year The Spelling Bee will be held after the holiday. (Y6's will be later in the year). You can help your child by checking they are learning their year group spellings. See your teacher or check the website for the year group spelling lists.



There are year group prizes of a trophy and book vouchers to be won. It is a competition that is wide open so long as you practise the spellings.

We have noticed a huge improvement in spelling in general throughout the school but it is most noticeable in those children who take their spellings home and practise them regularly. Parents who support their children really are making a difference.

Spare Clothes- we are very short of girls' socks and tights and larger size trousers for changing children. If you have spare clothing suitable for changing children when they have accidents please send them to the office. If your child is changed in school please wash and return any borrowed clothing. Thank you.



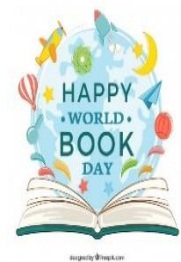
Dinner money accounts:



All dinner money accounts must be kept in credit at all times. Automatic reminders will be sent to those accounts that are

in arrears. Any accounts that are more than £10.00 in arrears, school policy procedures will be adhered to and an email will be sent asking that a packed lunch be provided until such time as the arrears are cleared in FULL.

Please note that we will not accept payment for one meal (and provide a meal that day) where there are existing arrears on the account. All arrears must be cleared in full, before a school dinner will be provided.



World Book Day will be happening here on Friday 8th March.

To celebrate World Book Day we would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday.

Year groups will buddy up to share books across the school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 13th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check and Y2 Phonic re-checks will be administered in the week beginning 10th June.

The Y2 SATs test will be administered during the month of May.

It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2 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.



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.



Reminder. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones.

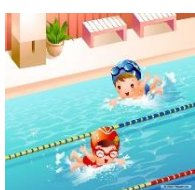
Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags. The only exception is for Y6 who are allowed to bring pencil cases. Thank you.



Diversity Group meeting.

The Diversity Group wish to invite parents into school to share stories and books from a range of cultures and languages during World Book week w/b 4th March. If you are able to offer to read or tell a story please contact your teacher directly on the door or ring the office to suggest when you are available.

Bristol Schools Swimming Association Schools' competition.



On Tuesday 29th January, our school swimming team participated in the first heat of the BSSA school's swimming competition. Holymead competed well and won many of their races, further highlighting the high standard of the Percy Smith Gala that the team also participate in. There are a further three heats of the competition, of which the fastest eight schools from each of the heats will qualify to reach the final. Fingers crossed for our children who participated in the event.



Junior Choir: Please note that KS2 Choir practise will recommence after school each Wednesday, at the start of term 4. The first session will be on 27th February. Children who have previously attended choir will not need to reapply. Children who wish to join the school choir can obtain a letter of consent, from Mrs May. Thank you.



School Prospectus

Please note the school prospectus, which is available on our website states: 'Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate for school e.g. not unnatural colours or shocking styles'. Jewellery should not be worn in school (except small pierced earrings). There are some exceptions-please see the prospectus or talk to the head teacher. Thank you.



Situations vacant:

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for a SMSA to supervise children at dinnertime. If you are interested, please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office. Thank you.



FEB HALF TERM

MANGA ART STUDIO

10:30am-3:30pm Age 7-14



LISA MARIE MELIN



SHEENA AW



MANGA PORTRAITS

Let's explore the world of Japanese cartoons including Pokemon, Kawaii & Manga Portraits!

£35

Includes all resources and refreshments

Simply bring a packed lunch and a coat

BOOK NOW

Emersons Green Village Hall

Tues 19th Feb

Long Ashton Community Centre: Village Hall

Weds 20th Feb

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

click BOOK NOW at gосketch.co.uk
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QUIZ!

URC Church

7.30pm-10.30pm

£5 per ticket

Teams of 6 max



FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

THE FRIENDS OF HOLYMEAD!

Yours sincerely
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