

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

Dear Parents/Carers



You can find our new website at 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. We hope you like it.

Y6 SATs Well done to our Y6s who have worked very hard and performed very well in the SATs. Many of you will have heard about how much more difficult the tests have been this year. Whatever the results we are confident that this group of children have achieved the equivalent of last years' cohort. The way the new test is measured may make it look like many pupils have not done so well. We believe these results should be treated with caution. All our pupils tackled some very difficult papers with great determination. We are very proud of ALL the children. WELL DONE!

Y6 SATs



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

Y1- Tesco workshop

13th May- Friends' ice cream sale on KS2 site

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

26th May- Girls' football match at West Town Lane

Rhyme Rocket 11th May (as seen on TV!)

KS1 enjoyed a fantastic performance yesterday. Thank you to those parents who have sent donations. Unfortunately we haven't received enough money to cover this event yet so if you haven't sent your £3 please send it in over the coming week.

We rely on donations to fund activities such as these.
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 last week was Tawny Owl class with 98.4% and for this week it was Fox class and Falcon class who both had 98.6% attendance and all three classes 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!



Holymead Summer Fayre – 2nd July, 12pm-2pm.

This will be held on the larger junior site where of course everyone is welcome. We are planning lots of fun activities and stalls so please come along.

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

Finance and Staffing Committee met and agreed the new budget for 2016-17. The way the government funds schools is changing to a national rather than local funding formula. Because Bristol had previously funded its schools very generously many Bristol schools are now losing out because of this government change. We have been luckier than many other schools and are able to set a balanced budget without losing staff.



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.



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.



Year 4 Great Wood Camp 2016 – Camp Meeting at 3.30pm on May 12th in Falcon Class. **TONIGHT.**

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!



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.



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.



Vacancy - We currently have a vacancy for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant, in order to help supervise the children during the lunchtime break. If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application form from the school office on either site.

The Year 1 Phonics Check

will be administered in the week beginning 13th June. It is therefore essential that 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.

Phonics



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.

20th May- Friends' Quiz Night



Friends' Face Painting -The infants will hold a face painting day on 1st July.



The Queen's 90th Birthday

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 child's class or year group please speak to your class teacher.

Street Party

We will send out requests for party food nearer the time.

Thank you.



Term Dates

Term Dates 2015-2016

Term 5

Mon 11th April to Friday 27th May 2016

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



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.

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.

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 .homestartbristol.org.uk



Volunteering is dependent on an enhanced DBS check



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.

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>



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.



Ladies Self Defence classes with Matt Stein (local Taekwondo instructor) are held every Wednesday evening between 7-8pm at the United Reformed Church (corner of Eagle Rd/Wick Rd). Sessions are only £5.00 and you can pay as you go. Well behaved girls year 6 onwards are also welcome. The first session is free so come along and give it a go! Please contact www.Facebook.com/levan-taekwondo-and-self-defence-9869783715859/ or telephone 07740 677581 for further information.

Swimming Gala Update - Last week was the penultimate Percy Smith Gala of the year. It was great to have new swimmers Calum, Luca and Ethan swimming for the first time. The whole gala was very close and we achieved some really good results. The cannon was extremely competitive and we narrowly missed out on first place. Well done to all the team for putting so much effort into their swimming.



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Yours sincerely
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