

Dear Parents and Carers,



#### Camps-

Due to the on-going risks of cancellations by venues, residential sites closing down, and on-going staffing issues relating to Covid, it has become too great a risk to book a camp for both Year 4 and Year 6. Therefore, for the foreseeable future the school will only be arranging a residential camp for Y6.

Y4 and Y5 have been enjoying a day trip to the Mendip Centre to do outdoor activities as these day excursions are more manageable if staff fall ill or other issues arise.



Staff are starting to prepare new class lists for next year. ALL the classes will be mixed up. We try to put children with a friend and split up those who don't work well together. This is a complex task as classes also need to remain balanced with even numbers of girls and boys of different abilities. Staff ask the children to name a couple of friends that they try to put them with **BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GUARANTEE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE WITH ALL THEIR FRIENDS.**

We realise this can be an anxious time, usually more so for parents than children! We find the children are actually very adaptable and make new friends quickly in September so please don't worry.

**By the time children get to Y4 or above, it may not be possible to meet everyone's historic requests for children to be apart or together. If a request was made to separate children eg in Y1, it may no longer be relevant to still keep those children apart in Y5, as relationships change. If you feel a historic request is still relevant more than a year on, please see your class teacher NOW to raise this.**

## What's Happening

### Dates for the Diary

#### June

Next Gen photographer- June 16<sup>th</sup> (infants) and 29<sup>th</sup> (juniors).

New YR transition visits to the hall and classrooms  
Y2-Y3 Buddy up transition visits

Y1 Noah's Ark Farm visit

24.6.22 Global Day

#### July

Sports Day 1<sup>st</sup> July (juniors), 8<sup>th</sup> July (infants)

Y3 St Fagan's visit

7<sup>th</sup> Shuffle Up - new classes announced

12<sup>th</sup> Open Day- current parents

13<sup>th</sup> Head teacher Tours for prospective parents on the infant site at 9.10am and 1.15pm.

13<sup>th</sup> Infant Disco YR 3.30, Y1 4.30, Y2 5.30

15<sup>th</sup> Infant Face painting

18<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' Disco 5.30pm

20<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

Y6 Breaan trip



### School Spaces in Reception

Due to the falling birth rate and other external factors, we find ourselves with spaces in our new Reception Classes. We are looking to our parents to spread the word as ambassadors for Holymead! If you know of parents who didn't get their preferred school and are looking for a Reception place for September 2022, please ask them to contact the school.

There have also been a lot of house moves post Covid and we have a few spaces in other year groups if you know of new families who have moved into the area.

We look forward to welcoming new families.

Infant office: 0117 3772381

Junior office: 0117 9030377



### School Uniform

**Summer Uniform-** summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colours.

Pupils may wear **black or grey** school shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school wear, except on PE days.

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.

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Small bows and headbands are acceptable, large or sparkly ones get in the way and are distracting to others.



### Summer Concert

After the restrictions of Covid-19, we are delighted to announce that our Summer Concert is back on this year! Our musicians and choir invite you to their Summer Concert in the Upper Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6.00pm-7.00pm. Please make sure your child is regularly practising their part at home. We look forward to hearing them perform in the concert.



**Open Day 12<sup>th</sup> July-** the school invites current parents to look round both sites. This will be an opportunity to meet the teachers and look at the classrooms your child will be

moving to in September. The infant site will be open at 9.10- 10.00am and 1.15-2.00pm. Parents who have children currently in Key Stage 1 will be shown around by their children (please make sure they are registered first).

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am and 2.00-2.45pm. Y6 ambassadors will be showing current parents round. Pupils in Key Stage 2 will need to stay in class (as Key Stage 2 learning is more structured and less fluid than learning in Key Stage 1).

The school will be open for 10-15 minutes after school to see your child's classroom for September.

**I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents on 13<sup>th</sup> July at 9.10am and 1.15pm on the infant site.**



**School Reports** will be sent out next week. Parents need to collect their reports in person or send a signed note naming a trusted adult to collect it on their behalf. Please can parents let the office know if a second copy needs to be sent elsewhere.

**Reception Reports (Foundation Stage)** - parents will receive their children's diaries, which contain comprehensive details of your child's achievements over the year. A short summary report is sent home to highlight your child's strengths and areas for development, which you can help with at home.

**Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2** - parents will receive a report detailing their child's progress and achievements. There are targets which parents may be able to support their child with.

There will be a **feedback sheet** enclosed with the reports, which needs to be signed and sent back to class teachers so we know you have received them.

**Attendance-** please note that attendance is calculated in half days. So if the report shows 6 absences then your child has been off school for the equivalent of 3 days. This is because the register is called twice a day (once in the morning and once in the afternoon) so pupils get 2 possible attendance marks each day.



Congratulations to our Y1, Y2 and Y4 pupils who have worked really hard during the year to be able to complete the **Y1 Phonic Check, the Y2 Phonic re-check and Y4 Multiplication Time table Check (MTC)**.

We are very proud of the 'can-do' attitude that our pupils have had towards these checks. These are good preparations for future exams as pupils become more resilient and confident in their own ability. Well done Y1, Y2 and Y4!



**Shuffle up Day-** on the afternoon of 7<sup>th</sup> July all children will shuffle up to their new classes to meet their new teachers. This includes Y2 going up to the juniors and new Reception children coming into school this year. 7<sup>th</sup> July is the day parent/carers are informed which class their children will be in. No changes to classes can be made once the class lists are put up on the doors so please talk to teachers NOW.

**Y2 transition to Y3.** As part of our transition programme to get children ready for Y3 we will be taking them to visit the junior site where they have a buddy to tell them what it is like in Key Stage 2.

**We are also holding a short meeting with Y2 parents to welcome you to Y3 on the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> July at 3.45pm on the junior site. Children can attend and visit their new classrooms in Y3.**



**Sports Day** - We have been looking into alternative dates and venues for KS2 Sports' Day. However, if we have to

hold our Sports' Day on our junior site, then we will have to limit how many parents can watch in the playground (1.7.22). Details to follow.

We are inviting KS1 parents to watch KS1 on the playground (8.7.22). Each year group will have an hour outside as follows:

9.15am – 10.15am Year 2 children

10.30am - 11.30am Year 1 children

1.45pm – 2.45pm Reception children

**The Rights Action Group** The children took part enthusiastically in the Run-a-thon over the past few weeks. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, families and friends that supported the event. The school raised the exceptional amount of £5,677.00 which is just amazing. Thank you.

All funds will be sent through the Disasters Emergency Committee.



**Babbasa**

As part of celebrating our rich cultural heritage in school, we have invited Babbasa in to work with us on broadening our understanding of

different backgrounds and ethnicities.

On 21<sup>st</sup> June, Babbasa's Trailblazer young role models provided workshops for our children. Following their ideas all our pupils have been exploring each other's cultures as part of our work as a Rights Respecting School.

To find out more about Babbasa please follow this link: <https://babbasa.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 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.

Grassroots Sports Bristol



Summer Holiday Club

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We at Grassroots Sports Bristol in partnership with Young Bristol are delighted to inform you that we are going to be running a **Multi-Sports Holiday Club** at **St Silas Youth Club/BS14 Youth Club, Stockwood BS14 8SJ** from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

SPORT CLUB	CLUB OPEN TO	TIME	DATES	COST PER CHILD
<b>MULTI-SPORTS</b> This includes Football, Athletics, Cricket, Hockey, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Games, Arts & Crafts & Much More!	All children aged 5-12	Normal hrs: 9:30 - 1:00. Extended hrs: 08:30 - 4:30.	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Weekly:</b> Normal Hours - £70 Extended Hours - £95 Daily: Normal Hours - £21 Extended Hours - £26

For More Info or to book a place, please contact Jeff Dickens via: Phone – 07877287072 or Email – [jeffreydickens@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffreydickens@hotmail.com). Limited Spaces Available!

To Secure your place a **50% Deposit** is required by the **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. You can do this by either contacting Jeff Dickens Direct or By Bank Transfer: ACC No -5229982 Sort Code 09-01-29



**Booking Form**

– Please hand form in on first day of club!

Name: ..... DOB: .....  
 School: .....  
 Home Address: .....  
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 Postcode: .....  
 Home Telephone: .....  
 Mobile: .....  
 Emergency no: .....  
 Medical requirements: .....  
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 \*Payment enclosed: .....  
 Parent/Guardian name: .....  
 Signature: ..... Date: .....





Holymead parent, Becky Glover, has kindly painted this fantastic mural on the infant site to brighten up a previously dull space. The mural was voted for by the children in KS1 following the submission of several wonderful designs by our artistic parents. Thank you to everyone who took part and a special thank you to Becky for her hard work over half term.



**Reminder.** Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones and bikes. All items brought into school are brought in at the owner's risk. Parents and carers

must sign the mobile phone agreement before letting their child bring a phone to school and the cycling to school agreement if they want their child to cycle. Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags.



### The Friends of Holymead Primary

The next Friends' meeting is 1.7.22 on the infant site after drop off. New friends and pre-schoolers always welcome. The Friends plan to sell ice-creams on the KS2 site after school on 12<sup>th</sup> July. If you are able to help with the sale, please let the Friends know. We always need volunteers to help with the various activities we do.



### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June- Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Closed for INSET Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### Term 1

Closed for INSET 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Pupils start Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September- 21<sup>st</sup> October

#### Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Re-opens Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023

Re-opens Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan-10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Term 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

#### Term 6

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June-Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Closed for INSET Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

**Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.**

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**The photographer** is in school to take class photos on the KS2 site on 29<sup>th</sup> June, so please make sure children are looking smart in full school uniform.  
Thank you.



The Friends kindly pay for the cost of the transport there and back and the only other charge for this trip will be for the charge of the unlimited wristband, which is £12.50 per child for educational bookings. Payments can be made using the online payment system in ParentMail.



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