

Dear Parents and Carers,



**Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas plays and concerts. We hope you enjoyed the

performances as much as we enjoyed doing them for you! Thank you also for all the donations given during all the performances. We have raised £283.77 for the Child of Hope School in Uganda and I know they will appreciate your generosity.

After a great deal of Christmas excitement, the term finally draws to a close. I hope you have a lovely Christmas and enjoy the holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year! Please note the last day of term is tomorrow, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Term 3 starts for children on  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**



Christmas dinner for the infant site was today and we hope that the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch.

Children on the junior site will be having their Christmas dinner tomorrow. Please note that Christmas lunch will only be available to those that have ordered one in advance. This is because it is the last day of term and the food would have been ordered in advance by our cook, in order to avoid as much waste as possible.

Children having a packed lunch can decorate their lunch boxes and bring Christmas treats.

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to the Christmas Dinner.



**Nurture, Inspire, Achieve**



**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018?**

Starting School 2022: FINAL tour date.

Tours must be booked by phoning the office on **01173772381** and are limited to ONE parent only (pre-schoolers welcome) at the following times: **06.01.22** at 9.10am and 4pm. 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.



**Friends' Events:**

We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to the Friends' group for their fantastic efforts in organising the Hamper Raffle, the Christmas Card sale, the Children's KS2 Shopping Day and the infant party entertainer and Father Christmas visit.

### Police Scheme

We have signed up to the new police scheme to try and stop dangerous driving and parking, please see the separate letter attached below. Please continue to report dangerous parking to:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

Where a car is parked dangerously, if parents/carers send photos to the school office of the car's number plate (not the drivers) then we will send these on to the police. (Obviously it saves on school time if you send photos directly to the above address). Please include the date, time and place that you took the photo. The school will not get involved in disputes that arise between parents over parking, as parking is a highways and police matter and not the school's responsibility. It is a matter for the police whether they decide to take action or not over any photos forwarded to them.

The school will not tolerate any abuse or threatening behaviour from parents and carers towards staff or others and will report this to security who may take action to ban parents/carers from the school sites, or where appropriate we will report this to the police. Please park legally and safely.



The children have enjoyed some lovely Christmas entertainment this year.

I'm delighted to be able to report that staff enjoyed both the shows because the behaviour of the children was impeccable. Well done everyone.



### Covid update

Children will be sent home if they have symptoms of Covid-19 and you will be asked to get a PCR test for your child. Please note other family members who are fully vaccinated, are no longer required to isolate while you are waiting for test results. Currently schools are no longer expected to close classes if there are a few positive cases. However, we will keep this under review and follow PHE advice if cases keep rising. If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring the office 01179030377 or 01173772381 for advice.



**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.



### Christmas Concert 15<sup>th</sup> Dec at St Cuthbert's Church, 6.30pm

It was wonderful to be able to welcome everyone back to the Christmas Concert at St Cuthbert's Church. This year the concert was led by Miss Pick and we thank her and all the staff and children for their amazing contribution to the concert.

**Choir:** Please note that there will be no KS2 Choir practise after school on a Wednesday during term 3. Choir practise will recommence in term 4.



### Y6 Croft Farm Camp

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp on April 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 that the next instalment of £87.00 was due to be paid on 13<sup>th</sup> December.

**I have extended this deadline until 31<sup>st</sup> December.**

Please can we ask that all first instalments are paid by this date. We are due to pay our next interim payment to the Centre and can only do this once all these payments have been received.

Many Thanks.

# What's Happening

## Dates for the Diary

15.11.21 Anti-bullying Week

Y2 Phonic Checks

19.11.21 Y5 Greek Day

## Activities in November include:

YR Police dog visits in school

Y2 St Luke's Church visit

Y4 Synagogue visit

Y6 cinema trip

YR and Y6 Weight and height checks. Parents will be informed about these by the NHS.

Girls' football vs Headley Park

## December

15.12.21 Choir, recorder group and musicians'

Christmas Concert - St Cuthbert's Church



## NB. CHANGES IN RED

### Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> November

Re-opens Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> November- 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Re-opens Wed 5<sup>th</sup> January-18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

#### Term 4

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Term 5

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April- 27<sup>th</sup> May 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 2021.**

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



## Outdoor Equipment!

Please note the outdoor equipment on both sites is for use during school time only and children should not be playing on it before or after school. The equipment is designed for children specific to the site (either infant or junior) and is not suitable to be used by children older or younger than that specific site.

We therefore ask that parents keep their children off the equipment completely as it is very difficult to explain to a child, you can go on that one because you are that age and you can't go on that one because that's not for your age group.

We also don't have staff to supervise this equipment before or after school, to be able to keep children safe, so we ask that parents and carers keep their children off the equipment.

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.

<http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web>



## Holymead Primary School has a vacancy

for a part time 3 days a week, Health and Safety Administrator. We are looking for someone with Health and Safety experience who can manage contracts and liaise

with external agencies and manage the school premises.

If you are interested in the vacancy please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office. Thank you



## Cenotaph Fund.

Thank you for your donations to the Cenotaph fund sent in on Friday 3rd December.

We raised £33.86 for the Cenotaph fund which aims to honour NHS and emergency workers.



## Reminder

**Toys, games, cards, pencil cases, mobile phones** etc are banned in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems. Pupils will be provided with all the stationery they need in school. Where parents and carers agree to their child bringing in a mobile phone, they must sign the mobile phone agreement before letting their child bring it in.

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



**Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport** may not be ridden in the school grounds. All bikes and scooters, including electric scooters, must be dismounted on entering the school grounds. Scooters must be taken home, not left in school, as we do not have the capacity to store them. Children in Upper KS2 (Y5 and 6) may park bikes in the bike sheds if parents fill in the cycling to school agreement. Bikes are left at their owner's risk and the school accepts no liability for bikes brought onto the school premises.



## Governors' Corner

We are pleased to be able to inform you that we have a new governor, Mrs Cheryl Douglass, as a co-opted governor. Mrs Douglas visited the junior site early this term with our Bristol Education Partner (BEP) who supports the school in making improvements. We were particularly focussing on the teaching of maths, which was found to be very positive across KS2.



## Consultation on improvements to the number 2 bus route (A37/A4018)

Bristol City Council is asking residents, commuters and business owners for their views on the proposed improvements to the number 2 bus route (A37/A4018).

In 2020 BCC asked for people's suggested improvements to this route. They have considered these and now want feedback on our proposed designs. Citizens will be able to find out more about the proposed designs and have their say on the Travel West website: [www.travelwest.info/A37A4018](http://www.travelwest.info/A37A4018)



**Our chosen charity this Christmas is 'Child of Hope'.** They have produced a video with some of the children they support in it. The link is:

[https://youtu.be/PQ\\_CHmgZPp4](https://youtu.be/PQ_CHmgZPp4) and we hope our children will enjoy watching this. They are also doing a Christmas appeal along with the video and are looking to raise enough money to give all their children and families special food at Christmas. They normally have the same food every day- posho (a thick porridge) and beans, so getting meat and rice is a real treat for them. If you would like to donate, the link for the appeal is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/slum-christmas-meals> Thank you.

Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



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

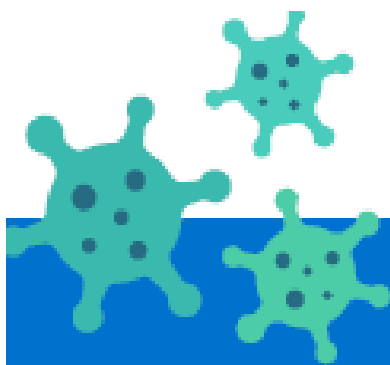
Holymead Primary (Infant Site)  
Hollywood Road, Brislington, Bristol BS4 4LE.  
T: 0117 3772381-F: 0117 3772382  
E: [office@holymeadprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@holymeadprimary.co.uk)  
[www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk)

Holymead Primary (Junior Site)  
Wick Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4HB  
T: 0117 9030377-F: 0117 9030378  
E: [office@holymeadprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@holymeadprimary.co.uk)  
[www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk)

RRS winning

Logos





# **COVID-19**

## **Parent information leaflet**

Covid-19 is an illness caused by a virus called Coronavirus. The symptoms of Covid-19 can be a fever, cough, shortness of breath and tiredness.

These symptoms can also be due to other viral illnesses like common cold, flu or bronchiolitis in young children.

Some children can present with diarrhoea and vomiting. Rarely, Covid-19 infection can cause pneumonia and severe breathing problems.

Most children will have a mild illness and can be cared for at home.

**If you are concerned that your child has Covid-19 and is becoming more unwell or showing any of the below, phone your GP, or if they are closed, ring 111:**

- is drinking less than half the usual amount
- is having fewer than four wet nappies in 24 hours
- is severely irritable and is not wanting to be held
- has trouble breathing or is breathing very fast
- looks unwell and you are concerned
- has tummy pain, vomiting or diarrhoea and seems more ill than expected
- doesn't seem to be improving



**Please get a PCR test for your child if they have any of the main symptoms:**

**extreme fatigue      a fever      muscle ache**  
**shortness of breath      diarrhoea      a new continuous cough**  
**loss of or change in smell and taste      sore throat**  
**severe persistent headache lasting over 24hrs**

If your child is diagnosed with or suspected of having Covid-19, health professionals will provide advice, including helping their symptoms with:



- paracetamol
- lots of fluids and rest
- a small number of children need hospital admission



There is currently no specific treatment for Covid-19 to shorten the duration of the illness, which usually lasts five to seven days.



Health professionals will also tell you how to protect others from infection. This will include time isolating in your home until your child's symptoms go away.



The virus is spread to other people from coughing and sneezing by an infected person, and also by touching surfaces contaminated with the virus and then touching the face (e.g. eyes, nose, mouth). So remind children to cover their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and to wash their hands often with soap and water.

