



Dear Parents/Carers

It is always lovely to get good feedback. Last week, as a leading maths practitioner for the south west, Mr McSmythurs had a group of teachers and head teachers from schools from all over Bristol observing how we teach maths at Holymead. I'm very pleased to say we had lots of super comments on the exemplary behaviour of the children in Tamarin Class and how positively they approached their maths learning. Well done, children; we are very proud of you!

We also had a visit from Katy Staples to present Holymead with the WIRE award (Widening Inclusivity in Religious Education). Y2 joined KS2 for a celebratory assembly led by our RE lead teacher, Mrs Wiltshire.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

## What's Happening

**Reception Parent/Carer Reading Meeting 6.11.19**

at 3.20pm in the infant hall, crèche in Robin.

**Y4 Camp Meeting 18.10.19 3.20pm Fox Class**

**Y5/6 Reading Meeting 17.10.19 Salamander 3.20**

**Y6 Showcase cinema visit**

**YR Victory Park autumn walk**

**Y1 Art on the Downs**

**Y5 We the Curious**

**Y3 Poetry trail, joint event at West Town Lane**

**Percy Smith Swimming galas 9.10.19, 13.11.19**

**Y6 Boys' football tournament at Abbot's Leigh**

**Y5/6 Girls' football match at Broomhill Juniors**

**21/22<sup>nd</sup> October –NHS flu jabs**

## School Dinners

### School dinner increase

Please note from 4<sup>th</sup> November school dinners on the KS2 junior site will increase to £2.15.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please ask for information at either office. Having free school meals can also open the door to **pupil premium funding** which means we can give your child extra support but you must apply for it on both sites. If you are on a low income please ask for details.

### Attendance Matters

We are keen that children are in school as regularly as possible.

Many children achieve 100% attendance and we usually celebrate this by giving the children a 100% Attendance Certificate at the end of the year. This year we are planning to recognise 100% attendance with a certificate and also a book token. We know that sometimes children are ill and of course they must stay at home until such time as they are well enough to return. Valid reasons are authorised and understandable. There are no concerns over a child having a few days off ill. However, they are still absences and so a child cannot achieve 100% attendance unless they are in school every day that the school is open.



### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest w/b 14<sup>th</sup> October and will be collecting food for the East food bank as we did last year. If you would like to send a donation we are collecting the following items:

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| * Long life fruit juice | * Biscuits            |
| * Tinned soup           | * Rice                |
| * Tinned fruit          | * Tinned rice pudding |
| * Long life milk        | * Sugar               |
| * Custard               | * Toiletries          |

Please don't send any donations until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October as we don't have much storage space in school. They did say they have lots of baked beans and pasta so please don't send those items. Thanks



**The Bristol Post** usually come early to take a photo of new reception children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give permission or not for your child to appear in the paper. Pupils are not named on this occasion.



### Rules and Safety

As the new school year starts I would like to inform parents about some of the rules around school.

**Bikes and scooters and any other wheeled transport** may not be ridden in the school grounds. We have found it is too dangerous to allow children of any age to use wheeled transport round school. 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.

**Climbing Equipment** is not for use by children before or after school hours on either site.

**Dogs** are not allowed on the school premises at all (except guide/working dogs). Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.

**The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe.** Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers as playing in these areas can be dangerous.

**Drains and drain covers** - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.

**Toys, games, pencil cases, mobile phones** etc are not allowed in school as they can cause arguments and lead to problems. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to any items brought from home. There is a mobile phone agreement for example if your child walks to school/home on their own and you want them to have a phone.



### Holidays in term time.

It is unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. 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 or 8 half days).

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 child out. You can still be fined if you don't fill out a form.

**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. Thank you.



**The Friends' Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September was a great success with lots of parents/carers enjoying coffee and a chat.**

We always need new members to keep joining the Friends' Group and get involved in organising social and fund raising events. We will be looking for new people to help by taking up positions in the group to ensure it runs smoothly. Support is always on hand. Meetings are held during and after school on the infant and junior sites and pre-schoolers are welcome. Watch this space for further information/dates.

### Curriculum Overview



Lots of parent/carers like to know what their children will be learning about in the coming year so we have published our Curriculum Overview on the school website. You can see at a glance what the children in each year group will be studying in each subject each term. There are lots of lovely pictures to give an idea of some of the exciting things the children do in school. Please take a look on the Holymead Primary home page.





### Infant Bedtime Story

**13<sup>th</sup> November 4.30-5.30pm**

All infant children are invited to return to school in their pyjamas to listen to bedtime stories and have a hot

chocolate and biscuit in the infant hall. There will be a small charge with any profit donated to charity. Details to follow.



**Next Gen Photographers** will be in school on the following dates:

14<sup>th</sup> October- KS2 individuals and siblings on the junior site. (Not family groups.)

15<sup>th</sup> October- family, siblings and KS1 individuals on the infant site.

If you want a FAMILY group photo with ANY age children including across either sites or pre-schoolers bring them on 15<sup>th</sup> October to the infant site at 8.30am. Siblings who are currently on the **same site** as each other will automatically be photographed together so do not need to come to the family session.

Please let teachers know the day before that you may be late for registration if you're having family photos done.



### Aspirations' Day

**11<sup>th</sup> October.**

We will be holding an Aspirations' Day again this year to get the children thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up. Children are invited to come into school dressed to show their aspirations. This activity can give rise to lots of interesting discussions about children's hopes and dreams for the future.

### Reward Systems

**Praise Book-** on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker. This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour.

Children's names are read out and they receive their sticker in assembly. This record of their achievement is also put up on display in the Link the following week for everyone to see.



**Star of the Week-** on the junior site, as the children get older, we introduce a Star of the Week where children nominate and vote for a child they think deserves to be Star of the Week. Whilst the children have more say in who is chosen, this system is still overseen by the teacher to ensure fairness.



**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2016?**

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

September 2020. We will be holding an Open Day on 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. Details to follow.



**Reminder to Parents:** please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and afterschool club accounts (Liburcure) are either kept in credit or at zero. Dinners and services **MUST** be paid for in **ADVANCE** rather than in arrears.



**Tickets are now available to purchase for our Year 5 and Year 6 children to visit the Tobacco Factory on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to watch their Christmas Performance of 'Snow White'. Please note that tickets MUST BE PURCHASED BY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, as all unsold tickets will then be sent back to the Tobacco Factory. Thank you.**



### Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2.50pm

Tree frog – Middle Hall

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2.50pm

Springbok – 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



**EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings** are on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-6.30pm and 15<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-5.30pm. These are short 5-10 minute appointments

so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues, you are welcome to arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school.

PLEASE NOTE RABBIT CLASS PARENTS' EVENINGS ARE ON 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER (3.30-6.30pm) & 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER (3.30-5.30pm).

**KS2 Parents' Evenings** will be on 21<sup>st</sup> November Between 4.30pm and 7.00pm and on 26<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

**Parents' Evening bookings will need to be made using our online booking system via our ParentMail App. KS1 parents/carers are now able to book their appointments online.**

KS2 appointments will be available to book online, approximately 3 weeks in advance. Further information will follow in due course.

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 Phillips and Mrs Cole 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.**

Health and Safety governors met last week and discussed Health and Safety policies and the asbestos survey. They looked round the junior site and noted health and safety issues which require remedial action. They looked at building work and decoration completed over the summer in several classrooms and the new carpet in the main corridor which have all improved the learning environment. Governors play an important role in keeping the school safe and looking attractive. Next time they will look at the infant site.



#### **Term Dates 2019- 2020**

##### **Term 1**

(INSET 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.)

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Sept- New intake Reception start.

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October- last day of Term 1.

##### **Term 2**

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov- Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 (INSET 20<sup>th</sup> Dec)

##### **Term 3**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020 (INSET 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)

##### **Term 4**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

##### **Term 5**

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

##### **Term 6**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)



**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 Holmead School sites. Holmead School carries out DBS checks on clubs who have hire agreements with this school.



#### **Year 4 and Year 6 Residential.**

Both our Year 4 camp to Tregoyd PGL in June 2020 and our Year 6 camp to The Red Ridge Centre in March 2020

are in the process of being arranged.

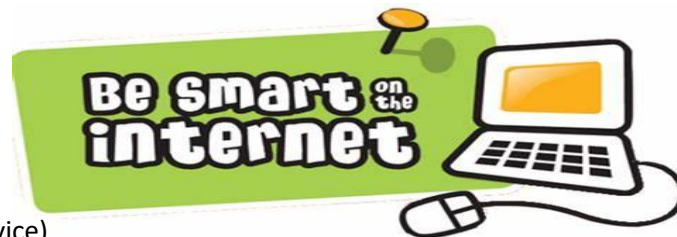
Parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp now have the opportunity to make further instalments of their choice, towards paying off the balance of the total cost of camp.

With regards to the Year 4 camp, we are looking at collecting deposits from children who are interested in attending. Once these have been received, the camp will then be costed accordingly. Thank you.



## E-Safety.

Please find attached two links for information on e-safety that are useful for supporting our parents with children's general use of electronics at home.



In order to limit screen time per app (instead of the whole device)

as well as track activity, set daily limits, view device location and more, please follow


<https://techcrunch.com/2019/09/18/googles-parental-control-software-family-link-gains-much-needed-features/>

Swiggle - child friendly search engine for younger children.

For use at home and in school, Swiggle is a child-friendly search engine developed by South West Grid for Learning and built on the Google Safe Search technology. It is free, ad free, has a reporting page for children and adults, active blocking of inappropriate search strings and even a Swigglebot to give advice.

For more information go to the link below and look at the menu (top right of page) <https://swiggle.org.uk/>

Thank you to those at [www.esafety-adviser.com](http://www.esafety-adviser.com) for making us aware of these links.




Holymead Primary  
Junior Site

Tues 3:20-4:30  
Starts: 12th Nov  
(2nd week back)

# DEEP SPACE

5 week art course



Blast off into deep space to create your own art filled with planets, astronauts and cosmic chaos!

£38 for 5 weeks (£7.50 a session) including all resources and refreshments  
Sibling discount available

Click 'Book Now' at [gосketch.co.uk](http://gосketch.co.uk) or contact Emma: [emma@gосketch.co.uk](mailto:emma@gосketch.co.uk) 07717313651

# QUIZ!

URC Church

7.00pm-10.00pm

£5 per ticket

Teams of 6 max

FRIDAY 15TH NOV

THE FRIENDS OF HOLYMEAD!

Yours sincerely  
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**KS1 After school clubs  
available this year.**

**Monday**

Woodwork after school club with Miss Carreras and Miss Payne, during term 4 only

**Tuesday**

Year 2 Mindfulness and Wellbeing club with Miss Kirby and Miss Williams during term 4 only

Year 2 Reading café with Mrs Anness until 4.15pm, during term 4 only

**Wednesday**

Cookery after school club with Mrs Sheehan and Mrs Lawrence from 3.10-4.15pm, during terms 2 & 3 only

Gardening after school club with Mrs Chandler

Year 2 Construction after school club with Mrs Perry and Mrs Taylor in Owl class (3.15-4.15pm)

**Thursday**

Art club after school with Miss Harris and Mrs Head during term 3 only

Fun and Fitness after school club with Mrs Thomas during term 3 only

Tennis after school club with Miss Phillips and Mrs Murphy during term 5 only

Year 2 Reading café in Tamarin class with Mrs Wiltshire until 4.15pm, during term 3 only

**Friday -**

Zumba with Kate, after school club, 3.10-4.10pm

**And we have our own After School Club which is ran from the Hub every evening from 3.20 until 6.00pm. Please see the school website for further information.**

**KS2 After school clubs  
available this year.**

**Monday**

Girls' football after school with Mr Jones (terms 1 and 2 only).

**Tuesday**

Cricket with World Sport Ministries

Year 6 netball training with Mrs Kelly

Go Sketch art club (from term 2 onwards)

Drama club with Mrs Semerciyan

Y4 Recorder club with Mrs Wyatt (during lunch time)

**Wednesday**

Football after school club with Mr Nock and Mr Stinchcombe

Choir practice after school with Mrs May and Mrs Thomas (to run every term except term 3)

Reading Club with Mrs Knowles (from 01.10.19 until the end of term 2)

**Thursday**

Multi-sports after school club with Mr Nock and Mr Stinchcombe

Spanish after school club with Mrs White

Y5/6 Recorder club with Mrs Thomas, (12.15-12.40pm)

**Friday**

Year 6 Boys' football training with Mr Hough during terms 1 and 2 only.

Mad Science will also be running workshops during terms 3 and 5. Further information will be available in due course.