

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 Number 1 Term 2



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

Dear Parent/Carers



### Open Day 10<sup>th</sup> November

The infant site will be open at  
9.00- 10.00am and 1.00-2.00pm.

The junior site will be open at 10.00-11.00am and  
2-3pm.

Both sites will be open 3.30-4.30pm.

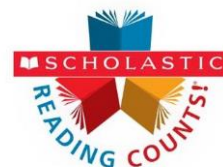
Infant children will be able to show their parents round  
on the infant site. Please wait in the playground while  
children are registered first.

Y6 ambassadors will show parents round on the junior  
site as the different nature of KS2 lessons means junior  
children need to stay in their classrooms, not go round  
with their parents.

I will be doing conducted tours for prospective parents  
on both sites as far as possible.

I will also run conducted tours on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2016  
and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 9am for prospective parents to  
look round if they are looking for school places and are  
unable to attend Open Day.

We look forward to welcoming you.



**The Scholastic Book Fayre** will be on the junior  
site from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November, for one week.  
Please come along and browse the wide  
selection of books available for you to purchase  
for your child.

### Non-uniform Day 18<sup>th</sup> November

in aid of the Christmas Fayre aka  
Shopping Evening. We are asking  
parents to send donations for the  
school Christmas Hampers.



Suggested donations are toiletries; make up,  
perfume, jewellery and Christmas food and  
drink. Any unopened nearly new gifts for  
ladies, gents or children will be welcome.



As the date coincides with  
Children in Need Day children  
may bring in donations of £1  
which we will send to Children in  
Need. For a bit of fun children  
may have a crazy Hair Day for  
Children in Need but no  
permanent hair dye please.



### WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2013?

If they were, you need to be  
putting your child's name down at  
the school you wish them to attend  
in September 2017. If you know of friends with  
nursery age children please check they have  
applied online to the local authority. Even if you  
have older children at this school you must still  
apply for a reception place using the online Bristol  
form at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions) by  
midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Offer letters will  
be sent out on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017.



### Harvest Festival

Thank you everyone for your generous donations  
for Harvest. All the food was very gratefully  
received by the East Bristol Food Bank and will go  
to help families in times of financial need.

## dates to Remember

**KS2 Parents' Evenings** 15<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-6pm and 16<sup>th</sup> November 4.30-7pm. Details to follow.

**Girls' football**-30<sup>th</sup> November at Oasis Brislington

**Y3/4 Mixed football**- 9<sup>th</sup> November

**School Open Day** 10<sup>th</sup> November- details below.

**Y1 and 2 Barnabus RE Day**- Ask you children what they learnt from the visitors yesterday in the hall.

**RAG Cake Sale- KS2** 11<sup>th</sup> November 3.20pm (Nb change of date)

**Y6** cinema visit to see ET

**21<sup>st</sup> November, 3.20pm**- Terrific Times Tables meeting for parents to help their KS2 children, Upper Hall.

**22<sup>nd</sup> November**- netball match

**25<sup>th</sup> November**- Christmas Shopping Evening/Fayre, 7-9pm at the junior site

**9<sup>th</sup> December**- Jack and the Beanstalk theatre visit- YR-Y4.

**15<sup>th</sup> December**- pantomime visit Y5 and Y6



## Term Dates 2016-2017

Changes in red.

### Term 1

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2016** to

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 inclusive

### Term 2

(Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October closed for INSET)

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

### Term 3

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 to Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017

(Friday 10<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### Term 5

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

(Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May is now an INSET day as the school will be closed for polling).

### Term 6

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017

(Note: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June the school is now open NOT an INSET day)

(Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July closed- INSET)



**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** Thank you everyone who supported the cake and uniform sale.

**11<sup>th</sup> Nov** Friends' meeting at the infants to organise forthcoming Christmas activities on both sites. Please come along and get involved. You can give as much or as little time as you are able to. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come and play.

**Friends' Events:** The school is busy trying to book authors to visit the school as part of our World Book Day events. We are very grateful to the Friends for making this possible by agreeing to pay for this through the Friends' fund raising activities.



**School dinner money records** are now up to date on ParentMail and are showing the true dinner money balances. Please remember to check your child's balance on a regular basis and ensure that their account remains in credit at all times. We are a cash less school (where possible), yet we are still receiving payments in to the school office. Please ensure you pay future payments online. Thank you.



Reminder- 'Holidays in term time are not normally authorised.' 'Penalty Notices (fines) may be used where absence is unauthorised,' Education Welfare Service.

**Holidays should not be taken in term time so do not be surprised if your request is not authorised and you are fined. Holidays need to be taken in school holidays not during term time.**

If you have an exceptional reason for needing to take your child out of school during term time you will need to fill in a leave of absence form from the office stating the exceptional reason eg to see a terminally ill grandparent or attend a close relative's wedding. These will be kept as evidence should a penalty notice or court case ensue.

**Please note requests for taking children out of school for exceptional reasons must be made in advance of taking children out. Leave of absence cannot be authorised after you return and therefore will be marked as unauthorised. 4 days (8 half days) of unauthorised absences can mean a penalty notice (fine) is issued.**



**KS2 Parents' Evenings 15<sup>th</sup>**  
November 3.30-6pm and 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 4.30-7pm. Details  
to follow.

These are short 5-10 minute appointments so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues please arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school. These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities. Thank you.

**Senco Meetings:** Mrs Cole will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. She will be on the KS2 site on 16<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30 – 5.30. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening.

Please note there will be no staff run clubs on evenings when there are Parents' Evenings because staff are obviously meeting parents!



**Christmas Carol Service-** as you know we are a very large primary school and being split over two sites means we don't have a large enough hall to ever get together in one place. Our Carol Concert at St Cuthbert's has become a bit of a Christmas tradition where we all get together and this year we are fortunate enough to have been welcomed back on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Unfortunately (if that's the right word!) we are such a large community that the church was absolutely packed last year just with children and a few adult helpers so we are unable to invite parents to come and join the service. However, if you are really keen to get involved then we do need a couple of parents from each class to help us walk down and supervise children whilst in the church and walk back. Please see your class teacher to volunteer to help out. I'm afraid it's standing room only for helpers.

**Permission** is covered in the general local visits sheet but if you haven't returned that yet please do so this week. If you wish to withdraw your child on religious grounds please see the Head Teacher so alternative arrangements can be made to stay in school. Children should not be kept at home as alternative education is provided.



### **Are you a tangy tangerine or a sour satsuma?**

Our school target for attendance is 95%. The best class attendance on the KS2 site for the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> October was Tree Frog class with 99.3% and for the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> October it was Tree Frog Class again with 99.3%, so they won themselves a large bowl of fruit for this achievement, for two weeks running!

Please remember to arrive on time for school every day. The playground gates are open at 8:40am.

**Miss School, Miss Out!**



### **Class Assemblies:**

#### **Junior Site**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2.50pm, Turtle-Middle Hall

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2.50pm, Shark-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 and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. Thanks.



The scholastic book fair will be on the Infant site from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November until Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November. It will be open before and after school each day for you to browse and support the school by buying a book or two, especially with Christmas on the way!



## Christmas Concerts

Parents/carers are invited to attend one of the following Christmas performances. Arrangements for tickets will be sent out later.



6<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)  
6<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm and 6pm Year 4 performance (Flamingo, Fox, Falcon). The 6pm performance only is open to all ages.  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)  
7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30pm Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)  
8<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am Key Stage 1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter, Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)  
**Christmas Concert-** Y4-Y6 musicians at St Cuthbert's Church- 13<sup>th</sup> December, at 7pm - all ages welcome.

**Please note the performances DURING SCHOOL HOURS are NOT suitable for pre-school children as the children have worked hard to learn their parts and we want them to be heard.**

**We will run a crèche but need some parent volunteers to work with staff.** If you can volunteer to help in one of the crèche sessions please come in and sign up at the office.

We do not charge entry to the school concerts but there will be a collection bucket on the way out if you wish to make a donation to charity (money will not go to the school). Thank you.

**Child Safety** - As in previous years anyone performing in plays/concerts may be photographed by parents during the performance and whilst we hope parents will be mindful of where they put photos of children, the school has no say in where photos end up. If you don't want your child in any photos then they cannot perform in the play and we will make arrangements for them to stay with another year group during the performances so they are safe. Please see your class teacher if you need your child to be kept from public view.



**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!** The Friends group are holding a Lego workshop after school on Thursday 17th November for children in Year 3 and Year 4. The event is being run by Gincandescence (professional Lego party/workshop organisers). The workshop will start straight after school and finish at 4.30pm. Tickets are £5 per child and can be bought online at <https://gincandescence.co.uk/event/holymeadjuniors/>



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Yours sincerely  
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