

Dear Parents and Carers,

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone!

With warmer weather hopefully round the corner here's a reminder about summer uniform.

**Summer Uniform**- summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colour. Pupils may wear **black or grey** smart school shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school (except on PE days). Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals must be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours. Please remember hairstyles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. **Small bows and plain hairbands are acceptable; large, glittery ones get in the way and distract others from their learning.** Thank you.



## Walk to School week and Road Safety.

Please see our School Travel Plan at the end of this newsletter.

Holymead has recently started their journey with Modeshift

STARS. This is the centre of excellence for the delivery of effective travel plans in education settings. The scheme recognises schools that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel. We will be running our Walk to School Week from May 17th as well as lots of other road safety activities including pavement professors for Y1 to learn to cross the road safely and Bikeability on KS2. Details to follow.



It is important that parents/carers follow Covid-19 guidelines at all times. Guidelines include: DO NOT send your child to school if **anyone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms.**

DO NOT send your child to school if **anyone in the household is waiting for the results of a Covid test.**

Further advice is available online.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring the office 01179030377 or 01173772381 for advice. Or ring the NHS helpline.



## Treasure Island 11.05.21 (revised date)

Y4-Y6 (limited numbers because of spacing) had a swash-buckling time yesterday with the

fabulous performance of Treasure Island.

We are asking for £3 donation to cover the cost of this theatre visit to school. Please send £3 cash in an envelope to your class teacher by the end of the week. We are asking for cash as paying online incurs charges that are prohibitive for small donations. Your donations mean we can book another theatre treat for pupils next year. Many thanks!

## Dates for the Diary

19.4.21 YR Living Eggs arrive  
26.4.21 YR and Y1 vision checks  
28.4.21 Y6 weight & height checks  
30.4.21 Bikeability Bike Checks- Level 2  
7.5.21 Bikeability Bike Checks- Level 1  
13/14.5.21 Runathon- fundraising sponsored run for local food bank charity  
17.5.21 Walk to School Week  
21.5.21 Bad Hair Day (with non-uniform) - please bring donations for the summer raffle



With the gradual re-opening of places to visit we hope to start organising some local educational trips where we can.



**The children of Holymead Primary School** will be completing a sponsored 'run-a-thon' on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May to raise money

for S&E Bristol foodbank. This links to our work as a Rights Respecting School and our learning about Global Goals. The children will have 20 minutes to complete laps of the playground either by running or walking. Your child will need to come to school in PE kit on this day. You can donate any money fundraised via the school's go fund me page. You can scan the QR code or following this link: -

<https://qr.go.page.link/8pCpd>

Any donations, large or small are welcome!



### Parking

Please park safely round the school sites and where you can please walk or cycle. We do not have space to store scooters, which must be taken home by parents.

Please remember that anybody can report anti-social and illegal parking to the police at the link below, should you wish to do so;

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



### Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

With Covid infection possible, we politely remind parents not to bring cakes, sweets or biscuits to celebrate birthdays or special occasions in school. Also as many children have special diets for varying reasons, we would rather parents didn't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of contamination from the virus, we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at all at present. Thank you.



### Term Dates 2020- 2021

#### Term 4

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb- Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2021 (INSET 1.4.21)

#### Term 5

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> April- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

#### Term 6

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> June- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 (INSET Mon 7.6.20)

### New Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Term 1

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2021 school closed for INSET

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2021 KS1 and KS2 start (all current pupils)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 New Reception start part time.

**Term 1** ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

#### 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- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Closed for INSET Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022



**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.



We are delighted that the Scholastic Book Fayre will be able to visit school from 6<sup>th</sup> May- 14<sup>th</sup> May. In a slightly different way to normal, we will only be allowing pupils to actually visit the book fayre. Due to the close proximity of browsing we are NOT inviting parents and carers inside the buildings but rather we'll send you the order form with the books via parentmail and you'll be able to select books with your child at home. As children will have been able to look through the books they should be able to point out their favourites in the booking form. If you need help please ask your class teacher or the office staff who will be happy to assist.



**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.



The Red Ridge camp for Y6 has now been rearranged and the new dates to travel are Monday 7<sup>th</sup> until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021. We are hoping that this visit will go ahead, but if the situation does change again the centre has guaranteed all money back if we have to cancel the booking. Miss O'Toole has made a power point presentation as parents are not able to come into school. Please follow the link to find out more:

[http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/year\\_6\\_7/467196](http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/year_6_7/467196)

We are hopeful Y5 camp will go ahead as well. The dates for this camp at Liddington PGL is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021. There are still some outstanding payments to be made. We have extended the balance due date on ParentMail to allow for these payments to be made. Please can we ask that you revisit your child's account to see if there is a balance to be paid.

When we have any further information we will let you know. Many thanks.

### The University of Bristol Research, CoMMInS project



While vaccination protects the majority of people from serious illness, it is not known to what degree it will influence

transmission of Covid-19. This is a very important question that the CoMMInS study can help to answer if we keep collecting samples from vaccinated individuals. So we are continuing to run the saliva testing programme and encouraging staff and students to participate whether they have had a vaccination or not.

**We are still looking for more volunteers to join the study and have opened it to include Y4** now so if your child is in Y2, Y4, Y5 or Y6 please refer to the email sent via ParentMail for further information and access to the online consent details for the CoMMInS study.

### Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following winners of the Spelling Bee trophies and vouchers:

Year 1 – Max S

Year 2 – Arlo M

Year 3 – Paulina D, Elsie B & Aurelia C

Year 4 – Verity C

Year 5 – Albert F, Isla C R & Tabitha H H

Year 6 - Devon S, Mabel C & Aurelia L

Nb It was necessary to hold separate Spelling Bees in some year groups due to a potential Covid case at that time, which thankfully turned out to be negative.



### Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies.



The 2021 Leavers' hoodies for our year 6 children, are available to purchase online (via our ParentMail payment System).

The deadline for all orders/payments to be received will be **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. Please note that we will NOT be able to accept any further orders after this date. These will be received and distributed to the children towards the end of the summer term. Thank you.

### SATs –



No doubt parents and carers will have heard in the news that SATs and other primary testing is not going ahead this year.

This was the case last year too and as a school we undertook in-school assessments last year to be able to see where children were at in their learning. These were very informative and we intend to run similar assessments this year. We will share any outcomes with parents as part of the reporting process at the end of the year, so you know how your children are progressing.



**Don't Forget!**

**Reminder: As Mr Nock is away at camp from 7<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> June**, please can we remind parents/carers that After school multi-sports club (for children in Year 3 and Year 4) will not be running the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Many thanks.



Anyone in England who does not have symptoms of Covid-19 can now get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for the virus. We encourage parents to do

these lateral flow tests for adults. For further information please refer to the link below.

[Regular rapid coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests if you do not have symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)





### Reminder -Local Crisis and Prevention Fund

The Bristol City Council Local Crisis Prevention Fund (LCPF) continues to accept claims for those returning to school who

need assistance with food, school uniforms, shoes and stationery costs, in the form of supermarket vouchers. This grant will help children across Bristol adjust to going back into, or remaining a school environment, especially those from lower income families or suffering loss of business and finances as a direct result of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that the financial help available will help overcome barriers to learning and improve school attendance.

If you require any help or assistance, please speak to the school office and we can assist with making a referral on your behalf.

For further information, please visit

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/lcpf>



### Open during Polling Day.

Please note the whole school (both the infant and junior sites) will be OPEN on 6<sup>th</sup> May when it is polling day.

There will be a polling station inside the Hub but, as there is a separate entrance, we are able to keep the school open.

Unfortunately, due to the proximity to Hamiltons, the pre-school will need to close on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

We expect to see ALL school age children in school as normal on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**Please remember Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday and schools always close on Bank Holidays.**

It will be an 'in/out, in/out, shake it all about' sort of week!

Thank you!



## Spanish Club

Years 3-6

Thursdays 4.30 – 5.05pm  
'live' Via ZOOM

★ Have fun and learn at Spanish Club



### Spanish Club Classes with Hannah White:

Classes will run for 5 weeks on Thursdays from 22nd April to 20th May. The cost for the 5 weeks is £25.00. To book your place please email Hannah White at [spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com](mailto:spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com)

**Jubilee Pool is now open!** Pop along to the website <https://www.leisurecentre.com/jubilee-swimming-pool> or call 0117 3048180 to book a session. Family swims are also back on at the weekend, but remember you'll need to book.

Happy swimming!



### Friends' Meeting

The next Friends meeting will be held virtually on Thursday 29th April from 8-8:45pm via Zoom. It would be great if you can make it. If you can, please email [holymeadfriends@gmail.com](mailto:holymeadfriends@gmail.com) to request the meeting details. Thank you.



Governors' Corner by Ruth Clacey-Roberts (Vice Chair and Health and Safety Committee Chair): The school has now reopened to all pupils. Lots of work has been done to ensure that the transition back to school has been as smooth as possible. Lots of effort has been made to celebrate the fantastic achievements of all the children who were working from home, and who were in school, during the latest lockdown period, and some fabulous display boards have been put together to showcase examples of their work. You can see these on our website.

In the most recent Health and Safety Committee meetings we have reviewed the accident reporting system, which has recently changed to an on-line system. This seems to be working well and is becoming embedded in the school's practice. We were able to look at reports which that on-line system can generate to identify whether there are any patterns in the accidents which are occurring.

The school has sourced a new outside classroom at the infant site. The groundwork has all been completed and we are just waiting for delivery of the classroom. This will be a fantastic resource for the children and we all look forward to when it is operational. The school has also been successful in obtaining National Lottery Funding for work to be done on the upstairs of the Hub, which will eventually provide even more community space.

Jo Randall, who has been a governor at the school for about 10 years now, is stepping down from May and we would like to express our thanks to her for all she has contributed to the school over the years.

Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



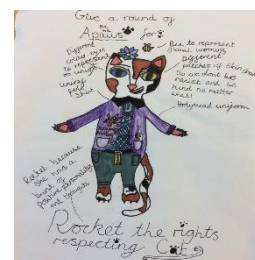
Rights Respecting Schools Article 13: Children have the right to get and to share information

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# HOLYMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Travelling to School Policy

### Rationale

Holymead Primary School is committed to promoting sustainable travel. walking, cycling or bus travel. We encourage staff and pupils to walk or cycle to and from school and to avoid car travel whenever possible. When car travel is necessary, we encourage families and staff to car-share and to park away from the school building so that a ten-minute walk is part of the journey to school. By encouraging families to park and stride, this makes the roads surrounding the school building safer for our parents and children as they are less congested. Pupils will also benefit as a short morning walk will help them to feel alert and ready to learn once they arrive in school.

### Purposes

- Reduce congestion and car trips to school by pupils, parents, carers and staff
- Promoting Global Goals and looking after the environment by promoting sustainable travel
- Increase physical activity and an awareness of the importance of exercise for health among pupils, parents, carers and staff
- Improve the journey to school for pedestrians and cyclists

### Guidelines

- Bike racks are provided for staff convenience.
- Pupils can have access to bike rack on the KS2 site providing parents or carers give consent for cycling to school.
- Bikeability course is run annually for Year 5/6 pupils to support them with bike and road safety when riding a bike to school.
- Road Safety Week and Walk to School Week is celebrated annually.
- All year groups take part in Road Safety Awareness programmes and activities, including assemblies, visitors and awareness days.
- Parents, carers and staff, who use similar routes to school, are encouraged to car share to reduce journeys.
- Those who cannot avoid using the car are encouraged to park away from school and walk the last ten minutes.
- Pupils learn about Global Goals, sustainability, how to care for the environment and healthy lifestyles in school.

### Conclusion

All our initiatives will support our pupils to be fitter, healthier, more alert and ready to learn, as well as reducing the amount of traffic near our school.

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Review by: March 2023



*Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.*