

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Number 1, Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers



I am delighted to announce that following an external assessment last year regarding our status as a Rights Respecting School we have now be awarded the highest level in the Unicef schools' programme which is Level 2.

After spending the day talking to pupils, staff, parents and governors the assessors were in no doubt that we have embedded the ethos of Unicef's Convention on the Rights of the Child in our school.

Thanks go to Miss O'Toole and Mrs Sheehan for leading us through this work which has been a huge undertaking as it permeates so much of what we do in school. Congratulations to our pupils, including the Rights Action Group (RAG), who do so much to raise awareness of the rights of ALL children eg to education, food, health care, freedom of speech, clean water etc. As I have mentioned previously your children are very knowledgeable and caring global citizens and it is wonderful to have this recognised by an international body such as Unicef.

**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2014?**

If they were, you need to be putting your child's name down at the school you wish them to attend in September 2018. 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.



**Class Assemblies- Junior Site**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2.50pm

Tree frog – Middle Hall

Tuesday 10<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 and are always on the lookout for volunteers to help in crèche. Thanks.



  
**Holymead**  
Primary

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**What's Happening**

**New Reception Parent/Carer Curriculum Meeting 26th September.**

We will be holding a curriculum meeting at 6.30pm in YR classrooms for parents/carers to come and find out more about what your children will be learning this year in school. **This meeting is not suitable for children so please do not bring them to school during the evening as there is no crèche.**

Thank you.



**Times of the School Day** – the school buildings open at 8.50am for the children to be registered at **9am**. Infant children should be handed over at the OUTSIDE classroom door from parents to teachers. Junior children may be left in the junior playground when a member of staff is on duty i.e. at 8.40am. Home time is **3.10pm for infants and 3.20pm for juniors**. The school office is open from 8.40am if you need to call in. **Please do not wait inside the buildings before or after school unless you are queuing for the office.**



**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 normally named on this occasion.



## Term Dates 2017-2018

### Term 1

(Sept 4<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

Tues Sept 5<sup>th</sup> school starts for KS1 and KS2

Wed Sept 6<sup>th</sup> school starts for new reception.

Term 1 ends Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>

(Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

### Term 2

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Term 3

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018 to Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb (school closed on

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan and on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb for INSET)

### Term 4

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March

### Term 5

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May

### Term 6

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jun to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 (school closed Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July for INSET)

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



**Friends' News-** Our Holymead Friends' Group have raised a staggering £3,526.15 from the Summer Fayre, coin line, raffle and face painting day. Thank you to everyone that helped. It couldn't have been done without you!

### Friends' Meeting Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 9am.

**Coffee morning** 21st September- for all parent/carers to particularly welcome new parent/carers to school. After drop off in the infant hall. YR to Y6 parents are welcome to come and have coffee and chat. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come and play. (All donations to MacMillan Cancer Support).

**Friends' AGM 28<sup>th</sup> September 9am infant site-calling all parents in both KS1 and KS2 (infant and junior sites).** 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.



**Governors' Corner:** We welcomed the following new co-opted governors last term:

Jon Chamberlain (Co-opted Governor)

Lucy Wyatt (Associate Governor)



## 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.**



## Spellings

There are spelling lists on the school website. Please make sure your child practises their year group spellings. If they struggle then limit your child to one or two sections to go over and over. If they know them all then your child can learn the next year's list.



**Times tables** are also on the website for children to practise and learn off by heart. Keep returning to the lists regularly and testing your child. I can't emphasise enough the difference knowing your times tables makes. It is those children who have learnt them that speed through their maths work in class.

There was a direct correlation between children who knew their times tables and those who did well in the KS1 and KS2 Maths tests.

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Holidays in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS). 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. Fines are not only issued for children being taken on holiday but can be given out when children are kept off school for 4 days or more without the head teacher's authorisation. PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT.

PLEASE!  
NOTE

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.



Holymead Primary  
Mon 3:20-4:30  
Starts: 11th Sept

## COSMIC CHAOS

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



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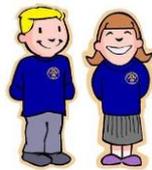
Book here: [www.bookwhen.com/gosketch](http://www.bookwhen.com/gosketch)



### Volunteer Request!

We need some volunteers to help bring the weeds on the infant site under control! We will be

offering tea and biscuits to anyone kind enough to volunteer to get their gardening gloves on. Please meet at the link in the infants after drop off on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September (or after the Friends' meeting if you are going there first!). Many thanks.



**School Uniform.** We have moved to all uniform being ordered online. We stock different sizes of sweat shirts etc so you can try on a sample to get the right size before ordering. If you don't have internet access our office staff are happy to help you with ordering uniform.

**Polo Shirts:** These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

**Shoes:** Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS! Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE JEANS AND HOODED PURPLE TOPS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND MUST NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL.

**PE kit:** is a purple tee-shirt and black shorts in a purple dap bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc. ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

**Back Packs** are not allowed on the infant site as space is very limited.

**Pencil Cases:** just a reminder that pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. The only exception to this is in Y6 where pupils are getting ready for using their own pencil cases and equipment in secondary school.

### Year 4 and Year 6 camps for 2018!

The deposits have mostly been received and we will be looking at costing both camps over the next few weeks. A separate letter will be issued advising parents of the total costs and how to pay the outstanding balances. Places are still available. Please contact Mrs Holland (school Bursar) to discuss further. Thank you.





### 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. 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.



Year 4 swimming commences next Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> September). **Flamingo Class will be swimming first and we ask that they come into school for registration at 8.35am, in order to leave school at 8.45am prompt.** Falcon and Fox Class will follow in turn, during the normal school day. All children will need a towel and swimming costume or trunks - **no long Bermuda shorts or bikinis please.** All long hair will need to be tied up and earrings removed or covered. The children are allowed goggles if they wish. We strongly advise that parents provide swimming hats as this keeps their hair drier.

Each class will need parent helpers to assist with travelling on the coach and changing. This takes about 1 hour including the lesson. Please would you see your child's class teacher as soon as possible if you can help. **All helpers will need to have a DBS check in place.**

**Please can we remind parents to make their swimming transport payments online, via Parentmail.** Thank you.

### Breakfast club



**School News!** Our breakfast club has now moved from the infant site and is running from 'The Holymead Hub'. Doors open at 8.00am and entry can be gained from the entrance off Rossall Road. All booking must be made online and the link can be found on the school website.

Those that book online in advance will be able to quickly sign their children in and leave. Parents who choose to pay on the day, will be required to wait and sign in their child with a member of staff, before leaving. Any queries, please speak to Mrs Buckley.

Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



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**Holymead Primary School**  
**KS2 SATs Results 2016-17**

**All Pupils - 84**

Subject	%AT & Above		Av Scaled Score	
	School	National	School	National
Reading	83%	71%	107.0	104
Writing	83%	76%	NA	NA
SPAG	85%	77%	108.1	106
Maths	85%	75%	104.8	104
RWM	69%	61%	NA	NA

**Yearly Comparison - All Pupils**

**EXPECTED STANDARD and ABOVE**

Subject	%AT & Above	
	2016	2017
Reading	65%	83%
Writing	78%	83%
SPAG	90%	85%
Maths	69%	85%
RWM	57%	69%

**KS1 SATs Results 2016-17**

**All Pupils - 88**

**KS1 Teacher Assessment (Tests not reported) 2016 and 2017**

Reading			Writing			Maths		
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017
GD	14%	12.5%	GD	8%	8%	GD	16%	9.1%
EX	56%	58%	EX	52%	51.1%	EX	52%	59.1%
EX+	70%	70.5%	EX+	60%	59.1%	EX+	67%	68.2%
GD	Working at greater depth				L3 was the equivalent			
EX	Working at the expected standard				L2B+ was the expected standard			
EX+	At expected and above							