

Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy New Year Everyone! Welcome back after the holidays. I hope you enjoyed the festivities and had a relaxing holiday.

Please can KS1 parents note the dates under the What's Happening heading, as we are inviting you to come into class to do some Times Table Rockstars with your child.

**The last day of this term is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. We start back for Term 4 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2019?**

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2023 by **15.1.23**.

Please see the Head teacher's virtual tour and FAQs on the school website

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



#### Friends' Events:

Thank you to the Friends for their amazing hard work in the run up to Christmas.

We will let you know how much we raised when the Friends have had chance to count all the money! Thanks everyone!



**Spare Clothes-** we are very short of pants, socks and tights and larger junior size trousers for changing children. If you have spare clothing suitable for changing children when they have accidents, please send them to the office. If your child is changed in school, please wash and return any borrowed clothing. Thank you.



#### Y6 Croft Farm Camp

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp on April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023 that an instalment of £82.50 was due on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

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.



#### OFSTED Parent View.

We are keen to encourage parent/carers feedback on OFSTED Parent View so we can see what you think we do well and our areas for development. If you have done this form before, please do take another look as the results are refreshed regularly and if you made a contribution last year, it may not be on the site any longer. If you have any individual concerns you need to discuss, please contact the school directly as usual. Thank you.

Please follow the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



### 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.



### 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.

**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.



### School Prospectus

Please note the school prospectus and uniform policy, which are available on our website states: 'Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate for school e.g. not unnatural colours or shocking styles'. Jewellery should not be worn in school (except small pierced earrings). There are some exceptions-please see the website or talk to the head teacher. **The School Uniform Policy** is attached at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.

## What's Happening

### January

Y5 and Y6 panto visit to the Tobacco Factory.

9<sup>th</sup> Jan Maths focus day on problem-solving

9<sup>th</sup> Jan YR phonics for parents at Drop off

10<sup>th</sup> Jan-Visiting PE specialist, Jim, in teaching YR/Y2 and Y4/Y5.

12<sup>th</sup> January- Y6 Boys' football tournament starts after school on Thursdays

9/10/11<sup>th</sup> Jan Y2 Times Tables Rock Stars for parents at Drop off

16/17/18<sup>th</sup> Jan Y1 Times Tables Rock Stars for parents at Drop off

16<sup>th</sup> Jan- YR Space Dome in the Lower Hall

16<sup>th</sup> Jan- Y5/6 Author Visit and Book Sale (at pick up)

17<sup>th</sup> Jan- Y3/4 Poet Visit and Book Sale (at pick up)

### February

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb- Y6 Girls' football tournament starts on Thursdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Feb- Wellbeing and Mental Health Day activities



### e-Safety corner

#### Amazing Games Guide for Parents

Internet Matters have put a lovely guide together which will help parents make decisions, including age-specific games in which families can play together. You can find the guide

here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-gaming-advice/amazing-video-games-guide-for-families/>



We are pleased to welcome an additional part time Family Link Worker to Holymead Primary School. Mrs Roberts will work alongside Mrs Kelly to strengthen the support we give our families. We are sure you will give Mrs Roberts a warm Holymead welcome.



### Governors' Corner

Governors monitor the progress of the school through the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and monitor how the budget is spent including the provision we make for disadvantaged pupils and the Covid catch-up funding. The Pupil Premium report is on the school website.



**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.



### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### Term 3

**Closed for INSET Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023**

Re-opens Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan-10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Term 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (Closed for extra Bank Holiday Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May following the coronation)

#### Term 6

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June-Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Closed for INSET Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023**

### Term Dates 2023-2024

#### Term 1

**Closed for INSET 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**

Pupils start Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September (except new reception who start Wed 6<sup>th</sup> September, part time) -20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### Term 2

Closed 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 for INSET.

Pupils start Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

#### Term 3

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024

#### Term 4

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb- Wed 27<sup>th</sup> March (28.3.24 INSET)

#### Term 5

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### Term 6

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June- 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (22/23.7.24 INSET)

**Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.**

### 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. (Y6 may bring their own stationery to get ready for secondary school expectations.) 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.



Please note that due to the coronation of King Charles III there will be an extra Bank Holiday next year. Schools will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023. As this was already designated as Y6 SATs week we have been informed that the SATs will now run from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023. It is important that Y6 pupils are in school that week so please do NOT book holidays following this Bank Holiday! 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.



**Holidays in term time.** It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. However, it is still important that applications are made so there is a record in school. **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).**

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 children out. Note, you can still be fined if you take an unauthorised holiday but don't fill out a form.

**We are Recruiting...**



**SMSA vacancy (dinner staff)**

please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Holland, via the school office.

**LSA vacancy (support staff)**

Please see E-teach online for details and an application form.

We welcome applications from all sectors of the community for all our vacancies.



**Christmas Concerts and Plays**  
We raised £100.52 for Child of Hope and £136.55 for the Mayor's Christmas Appeal for Bristol children, following the children's Christmas

performances. Thank you very much for your generous donations.



**In Term 4**, pupils in Year 4 and Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in workshops run by SARI, the Bristol based charity that looks to build a greater understanding and respect for diversity and difference within our community. These workshops will explore issues relating to racism and inequality and how they impact on both individuals and communities. In the past pupils have benefited greatly from these workshops and have welcomed the opportunity to ask questions and discuss these issues in depth. Our work with SARI forms an important part of our PSHC Curriculum and our work as a United Nations Rights Respecting School.



# BRISTOL SOUTH GANG SHOW 2023



## THE GREATEST SHOW!

### 15TH FEB-18TH FEB 2023

**Show Time: Wed-Fri 19:15, Sat-Matinee 14:00/Night 18:00**  
**Bedminster Down Secondary School BS13 7DQ**

**TICKETS: ADULTS - £10 CHILD/OAP - £5**  
**Tickets Available Through...**  
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If you wish to pay via cheque or cash please contact the box office directly  
*For Scout and Guide Group discount please contact the box office*



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10:30-12:30

29th Sep, 20th Oct,  
17th Nov, 1st Dec,  
12th Jan, 23rd Feb,  
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11th May, 22nd Jun,  
6th July



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Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



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### **Rationale**

The school policy is that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised activity such as school trips. The Governing Body, following guidance from the Department of Education, have set the School Uniform Policy to help promote good behaviour and discipline as well as contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate standard.

The Policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical, comfortable and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Prevents children from coming to school in clothes that may be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal with their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

### **General Uniform**

The school uniform at Holymead Primary School is:

Black or dark grey trousers, skirt, pinafore. No jeans or denim.

White or dark purple polo-shirt; with or without school logo

Dark purple sweatshirt or cardigan; with or without school logo.

Ideally, black, grey or white socks

Black school shoes

In summer, pupils are permitted to wear checked summer dresses in purple or blue or smart black or dark grey school shorts; not casual shorts unless they are for PE.

In summer, sandals that hold feet firmly may be worn. They can be black, white or purple.

### **PE Kit:**

Dark purple T-Shirt with or without the school logo, or plain white T-shirt.

Black Shorts

Black daps or black trainers

Black leggings or jogging bottoms for outdoor PE, in cold weather.

Swimming kit for KS2 – close fitting swim shorts that come above the knee / one piece swimming costume.

### **BAALPE Guidance from 2016 Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and**

#### **Physical Activity- Clothing for PE:**

1. Children should wear clothing that is fit for purpose according to the activity, environment and weather conditions
2. Loose clothing in gymnastics may catch on equipment and cause injury. Any item, including any of cultural significance, need to be relatively close fitting or removed for reasons of safety to the individual. The fabric of clothing

for gymnastics needs to be such that it will not cause slipping from equipment, particularly when individuals are working at height or in an inverted position.

3. Students should wear sufficient and appropriate clothing according to the weather conditions in order to minimise the likelihood of injury in cold conditions or illness in very hot conditions.

4. Loose clothing for swimming is not advised, other than during skills tests in controlled conditions, due to the drag created, which may adversely affect the confidence of weaker swimmers.

5. Teachers must ensure that children are wearing the correct clothing or apply strategies to make their inclusion safe, or limit the extent of their participation.

(see Appendix 1 for further guidance)

### **Jewellery in School**

Pupils may not wear jewellery to school, with the exception of a watch or jewellery which is of a religious significance. If ears are pierced children may wear studs or very small hoops, maximum 8mm. These should not be worn to school on PE or swimming days. If they are worn the child must remove them for PE, swimming and certain technologies. Staff will not do this for them. Earrings can be taped.

The school will not take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost at school, nor for any accidents that occur due to jewellery being worn.

### **BAALPE Guidance for safe practice in PE - Jewellery**

1. Personal effects such as jewellery, religious artefacts, watches, hair slides, sensory aids and so forth, should ideally, always be removed to establish a safe working environment.

2. Staff have a duty of care to ensure that children are able to actively participate without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. Systems and procedures need to be in place within the changing area to check children fulfil this obligation prior to participation.

3. Recent developments in the manufacture of medical-aid wristbands have resulted in products with an acceptably low risk factor (soft materials, Velcro fastenings). Such items should be acceptable for physical participation in most activities, largely avoiding the need for removal, providing there are no hard or sharp edges that may cause injury.

4. Religious bracelets can be covered with a sweat band.

5. Ideally children should not wear jewellery to school on PE days but all must be removed for PE, swimming and some technologies. If removal of earrings is not possible due to recent piercing, the child must come to school with earrings pre-taped. Tape can be given in school but the teacher is not required to apply or remove the tape. The tape must be sufficiently padded so the post of the earring cannot penetrate.

### **Make-Up**

No make-up should be worn in school. False nail extensions are not permitted.

### **Hair**

Hair should be neat and tidy and conducive to learning. Pupils should not have unnatural, dyed hair colours or shocking styles, including no offensive words shaved into hair. Long hair should be tied back especially during PE activities for safety.

Accessories should be unobtrusive and functional rather than decorative and distracting. No large bows or glittery accessories. They need to be in the school colours of purple, black or white.

### **Equalities**

Recognising that the school is a diverse community and some religions and beliefs require pupils to follow a particular dress code, the school will make any necessary amendments to this policy to allow this to happen. Reasonable requests to vary the School Uniform Policy to meet the needs of individual pupils to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations should be discussed with the Headteacher.

## **Purchasing School Uniform**

Logoed sweatshirts, cardigans, polo-shirts and T-Shirts can be ordered from the school website from Price and Buckland along with school-logo book bags. Parents can choose logoed or non-logoed items. Items of the school uniform are readily available at supermarkets and other high street stores. The uniform is simple to avoid unnecessary expense for parents.

The school keeps a stock of second hand uniform which parents and carers can enquire about at the office. The Friends' Group also holds second hand uniform sales throughout the year where uniform can be purchased for a nominal amount.

All items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

## **The Role of Parents/Carers**

Parents and carers are expected to be fully supportive of this policy. We request that parents and carers inform the school if their child is unable to wear any of the uniform at any time. If children come to school in inappropriate clothing they will be spoken to by staff and provided with uniform where possible. Parents and carers will be involved at the earliest opportunity if pupils are not following the uniform policy.

## **Appendix 1**

Procedure to be applied at the beginning of every PE and swimming lesson:-

1. All personal effects worn by children and staff should be removed. Staff should always give a verbal reminder to children and, where necessary, visually monitor the group and/or individuals.
2. Long hair worn by both staff and children should always be tied back with a suitably soft item to prevent entanglement in apparatus and to prevent it obscuring vision. Nails need to be sufficiently short to prevent injury to self and others.
3. Failure to bring kit (BAALPE guidance). Staff must assess if footwear is appropriate for the activities planned. Children with incorrect kit may be given spare kit from school supply. Where this is not possible the teacher must allow the children to join in with appropriate sections of the lesson e.g. the instructions, designing, planning, activities involving only small amounts of movement and evaluating. Outdoor games can be completed in school clothes if they are not excessively loose. This would not be a solution in gym work involving equipment as slipping is a risk. Staff take the final decision based on safe participation in their planned activity.
4. In seeking to maximise safe and meaningful participation, staff should ensure the following in relation to clothing and religious artefacts:
  - Any clothing worn to comply with a faith commitment is appropriate to the activity being taught. It should be comfortable and allow for freedom of movement. Loose or free-flowing clothing is generally not suitable for most physical activities and may compromise both the safety of the wearer (e.g. in gymnastics) and others in close proximity (e.g. in invasion games). It should be remembered that a tracksuit is considered perfectly acceptable clothing for students relating to modesty and decency.
  - Headscarves, where worn, are tight, secured in a safe manner, particularly at the side of the face, and unlikely to obscure vision or catch on anything that may put the wearer at risk.
  - Any religious artefacts are removed or made safe. Wherever removal is expressly forbidden, and the activity cannot be made acceptable safe by taping, padding or covering, the activity and the involvement of the wearer must be suitable modified to mitigate undue risk.

Reviewed: 3.11.22

Next review: November 2024