

Dear Parents/Carers



The children had such a great time dressing up and telling us all about their aspirations for the future. What an enormous and interesting range of things children want to be when they grow up.

School Dinners

School dinner increase

Please note from 4th 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.



Open Day

13th November

The infant site will be open at 9.10- 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 26th November 2019 and 7th January 2020 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.

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

What's Happening

OCTOBER

Y4 Camp Meeting 18.10.19 3.20pm Fox Class

KS2 Reading Meeting TONIGHT 17.10.19

Salamander 3.20

Y6 Showcase cinema visit

YR Victory Park autumn walk

Y1 Art on the Downs

Y5 We the Curious

Y6 Boys' football tournament at Abbot's Leigh

Y5/6 Girls' football matches at Broomhill Juniors and Wicklea

21/22nd October –NHS flu jabs

NOVEMBER

Reception Parent/Carer Reading Meeting 6.11.19
at 3.20pm in the infant hall, crèche in Robin.

12.11.19 Y3/4 Fun with Fractions- come and see how we teach fractions to KS2 children- upper hall
Percy Smith Swimming gala 13.11.19

19.11.19 Y5/6 How we assess writing- Salamander 3.30

Y3 visit to St Fagans

Y4 visit to Folly Farm

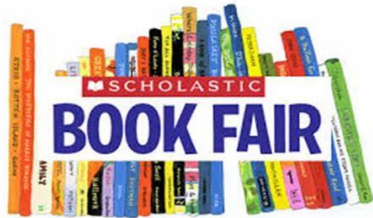


Harvest Festival

Thank you for your generous donations of food for Harvest. All items will be sent to the Easton Food Bank, Bristol. Thank you for supporting this local cause.



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.



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the infant site from Monday 4th November and the junior site from 21st November.

Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child.



Parking Reminder!

Please don't park on the zig-zags outside either site. They are there to try and keep children safe. Some parents are endangering lives by parking on the zig-zags. Please find a safe place to park away from the busy entrances. Thank you.



Year 6 Maths Challenge

Redmaids' High School, Tuesday 1st October 2019

We took four of our able mathematicians to a Maths competition at Redmaids' School on Tuesday 1st October where they competed with pupils from around 30 other schools from Bristol and the surrounding area. We are still waiting for the final results but we know that all four of our pupils did themselves proud and represented our school with distinction. Thanks to Mr Gould for preparing the pupils, Mr McSmythurs for organising and Mr Jones for accompanying the pupils. Well done to Grace, Rachele, Alex and Oscar D



At the Friends' Meeting last week the following people were elected: Chair - Lisa Holden, Vice chair - Helen Watts, Treasurer - Kay Morgan, Secretaries - Amy Walden and Lorna England.

Thank you very much to everyone who gets involved in the valuable work the Friends do for the school. The Friends' group is already busy organising the Christmas fundraiser which will be making Christmas cards. We will be sending out your child's Christmas card design next term for you to order in time for Christmas.

The Friends will be purchasing swimming kits for the school team with the money they have raised. Thank you!

Friends' Cake Sale 7th November. Please bring donations of cakes to the infant site from Monday 4th November. Thank you.



Year 6 Boys' Football ESFA Tournament Clifton College.

Thursday 3rd October 2019.

Our Boys' Football Team took played their first matches of the season on Thursday 3rd October as they took part in the ESFA Tournament at Clifton College. Not surprisingly, it took us a while to get going as we had not played together before but the team did us proud in wet and windy conditions. After losing our first three games the boys kept on battling and were rewarded with a 1-0 victory in their final match. Special mention to Ethan who scored an absolute cracker of a goal.

Thank you to Mr Hough and Mr Jones for accompanying the boys.

Well done to Alfie, Ethan, Reuben B, Toby W, Takoda, James, Kaylan, Archie G and Finlay



Percy Smith Gala.

Wednesday 9th October.

October saw the first Percy Smith Gala of the school year. Holymead fielded a talented team and competed bravely against four other strong teams, gaining some first and second placements.

Well done to those children competing in their first gala, and despite some nerves, they represented the school with pride.

A special mention goes out to the girls' medley team. On the whole, a solid start to our swimming gala programme.



Infant Bedtime Story

13th 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.



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.



Class Assemblies- Junior Site

Tuesday 3rd December 2.50pm

Turtle – Middle Hall

Tuesday 3rd December 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. Thanks



Year 4 Residential.

Please remember that the deadline date for paying your deposit payment, in order to secure your child a place on our Year 4 residential to Tregoyd PGL in June 2020, is **Friday 25th October**. The camp will be then be costed accordingly and parents will have the opportunity to make further instalments. of their choice.



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.



Please remember that TODAY is the last day that parents can purchase tickets for our Year 5 and Year 6 children to visit the Tobacco Factory on Friday 6th December to watch their Christmas Performance of 'Snow White'. All unsold tickets are being sent back to the Tobacco Factory tomorrow morning.

After today, there will be no further chance to purchase a ticket. Thank you.



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.



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2015 AND 31st 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 13th Nov. Details to follow.



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.



EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings have now finished. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attending. However, if you were unable to

meet your teacher we are keen that you get in touch to arrange a meeting after school.

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

Parents' Evening bookings will need to be made using our online booking system via our ParentMail App. 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.



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2019- 2020

Term 1

(INSET 2nd, 3rd Sept.)

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

Thurs 5th Sept- New intake Reception start.

Fri 25th October- last day of Term 1.

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov- Thurs 19th Dec 2019 (INSET 20th Dec)

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan 2020 – Thursday 13th Feb 2020 (INSET 14th Feb)

Term 4

Mon 24th Feb- Fri 3rd April 2020

Term 5

Mon 20th April- Fri 22nd May 2020

Term 6

Mon 1st June- Friday 17th July 2020 (INSET Mon 20.7.20)

Looking for Adventure



Is your child looking for adventure.

Here at 127th we believe that young people develop most when they are 'learning by doing', when they are given responsibility, work in teams, take acceptable risks and think for themselves. Why do we believe that? Well, because they told us. Scouting is a youth movement, meaning its the young people that drive it forward.

Drop in to find out more
Monday Night (beavers 6yrs-8yrs) 6pm-7:30pm
Tuesday Night (cubs 8yrs-10yrs) 6pm-7:30pm
Thursday Night (scouts 10yrs-14yrs) 7pm-9pm

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#SkillsForLife



QUIZ!

URC Church

7.00pm-10.00pm

£5 per ticket

Teams of 6 max

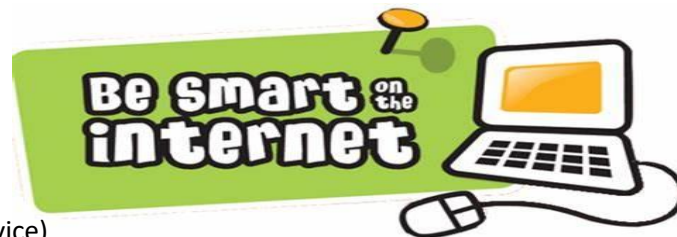


FRIDAY 15TH NOV

THE FRIENDS OF HOLYMEAD!

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 for making us aware of these links.

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

**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.

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.