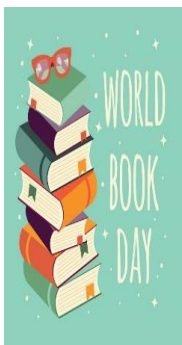


Dear Parents and Carers,



What a fun time everyone had on World Book Day! It was great to see so many children dressed as their favourite book characters and sharing books with each other including across the different year groups on both sites. Don't forget you can spend your book vouchers at the Book Fayre in school from 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### NEU Planned Strike Days



We know not everyone will support the strikes but NEU teachers would like to thank those parents who have shared their support and for everyone's patience and understanding. Teachers recognise that this action impacts on parents and children.

There are further planned NEU teacher strikes on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

I will let you know by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> what is likely to be happening, as I hope to have a clearer idea about how many teachers are striking by then. I suggest parents make contingency plans for 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March in case the school is closed or partially closed.

### SARI Workshops



Pupils in Year 4 and Year 6 were very engaged and respectful in the workshops run by SARI, the Bristol based charity that aims to build a greater understanding and respect for diversity and difference within our community. Together with our visitors the children explored issues relating to racism and inequality and how they impact on both individuals and communities. Our work with SARI forms an important part of our PSHC Curriculum and our work as a United Nations 'Rights Respecting School'.

### Supporting your child to use Timestable Rockstars

Following on from the success of inviting parents and carers in to work alongside their children on Timestable Rockstars (TTRs); we are pleased to be able to invite parents and carers in for further sessions on;

10.3.23 at 2.45pm for Tiger  
17.3.23 at 2.45pm for Toucan  
24.3.23 at 2.45pm for Tamarin



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



**Ms Slatcher's News.** I am excited to announce that I will be retiring as Head teacher of Holymead Primary School at the end of this academic year.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the community of Brislington with its wonderful children, parents and carers, and I hope the school will go from strength to strength under its new leader. I will miss the fantastic team of staff that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past 18 years. I would like to thank the Governing Body for being an extremely supportive and conscientious group of people who have helped make Holymead Primary School the happy and successful school it is. Please be reassured that the Governors have been busy behind the scenes starting the process of recruiting a new Head teacher. Holymead has been an amazing school to lead and I will miss you all. I wish everyone all the best for the future. Please feel free to share this information with your children this evening and I will be letting them know in assembly tomorrow.

Kind regards, Kate Slatcher.



### Parent's Evening

**Parents' Evenings** will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> March for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 28<sup>th</sup> March for juniors (Y3-Y6).

Booking is online. Nb Robin Class is 22<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March. These meetings are not suitable for children to attend. **Please note the school will not be supervising children and they should not be left unsupervised playing in the playground.**

Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings, as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.

### Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:



In response to requests from parents we are once again selling Y6 SATs revision workbooks for maths and English (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & spelling, Arithmetic and reasoning). These workbooks cover the Y6 curriculum and help children practise the skills that they have been taught over the year. They have proved very popular in the past and enable parents to support their children not only in preparing for the SATs tests, but securing the skills that children will need as they make the transition to secondary school. These workbooks are now available to purchase from the school office and cost £3.50 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £12.00. Thank you.

### Spelling Bee



Please note the Spelling Bee is due to take place w/b 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please check your child is learning the right spelling lists and if you're unsure please ask your class teacher. There are Spelling Bee trophies and book tokens for the winners.

We have noticed that this competition is wide open and won by the children who really practise their lists. This year KS1 will focus on their common exception words (CEWs) which help support them in their writing.

Good luck!

### Forward Planning



**The Y6 SATs tests will be administered from 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

**The Year 1 Phonics Check is w/b 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The Y4 Multiplication Time table Check is 5<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

**The Y2 SATs test** will be administered during the month of May.

**It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 2 children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised.** If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see the Head teacher or ring school immediately.

Thank you.

## What's Happening

### March

YR- Chew Valley Farm visit

7<sup>th</sup> March- EYFS parent/carer afternoon at 2pm

17<sup>th</sup> March- Red Nose Day- children can wear merchandise to support this fund-raising event. We will be collecting £1 donations for this charity on the day.

Y6 Life Skills at the Create Centre



### Equality Policy and Plan



Governors regularly review the Equality Policy and Plan as we aim to be more diverse and inclusive throughout our work. Please see the policy and plan which has been attached as a separate document.



### Friends' News

The next Friends' meeting is at drop off at the infants on 10.3.23. Everyone is welcome, including pre-schoolers. Please come and sign in at the office.

Come and get involved in fund-raising and organising fun activities for the children. We are hoping for a return of the Summer Fayre this year after a long break due to Covid but this will only be possible if lots of Friends volunteer to organise it. Thank you.



**DISASTERS  
EMERGENCY  
COMMITTEE**

Many children have spoken to us about their concern for the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. We asked children to bring a £1 donation on World Book Day. We have raised £380.20 and will be donating this to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to help provide clean water, food, warm clothes and shelter.



### **Term Dates 2022-2023**

#### **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.**



**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.

### **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.



### **Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats**

As many children have special diets for varying reasons, we ask that parents don't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of allergies, we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at all. We will be returning any cakes, sweets and biscuits to parents. Thank you.



### **Class Assemblies-**

Flamingo- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- middle hall

Salamander- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March- 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. 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.



#### Governors' Corner

The Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion governors' committee met last week to analyse data for monitoring overall progress of pupils (no individuals are discussed in governor meetings). We are pleased to see how hard children are working across both key stages. Mrs Wiltshire explained how she has been monitoring the children's progress in learning phonics through the new Unlocking Letters and Sounds (ULS) phonic programme. This has been introduced into KS2 since September to ensure continuity as children learn to read and write.

Miss Nelmes shared the exciting learning that takes place in our ICT curriculum such as learning to code and programme devices as well as developing various other computing skills such as using Google Docs. We feel we are making good progress in developing a broad ICT curriculum and preparing children well for the future.



#### Book Fair on both sites.

The Travelling Book Fair will be on both sites from 17th March until 23rd March 2023. Please feel free to come along and spend your World Book Day tokens on a book. 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.



**Year 6 Camp.** Please can we remind parents/carers of those children who are attending the year 6 camp to Croft Farm that the second instalment should have been paid by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023. The final instalment is due 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. Please ensure you keep to the agreed payment plan, in order to secure your child's place to attend. Thank you.



#### We have received the following information from the new Temple Quarter Academy Principal:

If you are interested in applying for a place in Y7 at Oasis Academy Temple Quarter for September 2023 please do so here: <https://www.oasiscommunitylearning.org/our-academies-main/oasis-academy-temple-quarter/apply-for-your-place>

We will be opening temporarily on the Oasis Academy Brislington site until January 2024, before moving to Spring Street, Bedminster, until our permanent site is ready. The permanent site will be on Silverthorne Lane. Please find the images attached in the information pack and if you have any questions please contact: [info@oasistemplequarter.org](mailto:info@oasistemplequarter.org).

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## EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES!

Your child has been selected by their school to take part in a FREE Unique Voice Holiday Programme. Sessions will be running from Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th and Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th April, 10:00 - 2:00pm daily.

Once we have received your contact information from the school, a Unique Voice team member will be in touch to organise programme registration.

Your child will be taking part in performing arts activities, games, creative activities and art. All activities designed to increase confidence, social skills and play!

Children are provided with lunch and snacks every day.

Indoor and outdoor play in all sessions.

Run by highly skilled, DBS checked and first aid trained Unique Voice facilitators.

**Available to children selected by your school or agency aged 5 - 11 years old.**

Unfortunately at this time, we are unable to support children who require 1:1 support at our programmes.

This provision has been supported by funding from Bristol City and South Gloucestershire Councils through the DfE.

**Where & When?**

Filton Avenue Primary School	Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th
Fair Furlong Primary School	Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th
May Park Primary School	Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th
Minerva Primary Academy	Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th Tuesday 11th - Friday 14th
Coniston Primary School	Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th
Little Stoke Primary School	Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th

Contact Becky at [becky@uniquevoice.org](mailto:becky@uniquevoice.org) or call 01174286240 for registration support.

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# EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

**Dates: Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April 2023**  
**Times: 8.30am - 5.30pm**  
**Where: St Anne's Infants School, Bloomfield Road, BS4 3QJ**  
**Who: Open to all primary school aged children from any school**  
**Cost: £33 per child, per day**  
**Limited spaces available!**



**Loads of fun including:-**

- daily cooking/baking activities,
- daily themed arts and crafts,
- party games,
- Lego competitions,
- outdoor play,
- parachute games,
- junk shop modelling,
- hula hooping,
- circus skills,
- pool table,
- hama beads, etc

**To book visit:-**  
[www.munchkinschildcare.co.uk](http://www.munchkinschildcare.co.uk)

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Yours sincerely  
**Ms Kate Slatcher**



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

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