

Thursday 20th October 2016 Number 3 Term 1



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Dear Parent/Carers



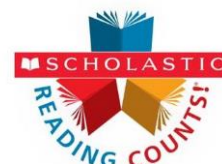
What a pleasure it was to show the mayor, Marvin Rees, around our KS2 site on 7th October. Y5 and Y6 children listened intently to the mayor's responses to their questions about why he wanted to be the mayor and what his future plans for Bristol were. His responses resonated with the children as many were close to the subjects we have been discussing as a Rights Respecting School (RRS) including how he wants to make Bristol a fairer city, looking at how we can help the less wealthy and about building homes. He said all the children could write to him about any issues they were interested in and he invited the RRS group to submit their concerns to the full council.

During his walk about round the classrooms Marvin was treated to some fabulous singing of Abba songs by Flamingo and Falcon; he saw some lovely art work in Fox sketch books; was wowed by the children programming the Romos; enjoyed Tree frog's recorder playing and was impressed by the beautiful handwriting in Turtle's PSHE lesson about 'taking responsibility.' He also enjoyed chatting to the children in Tawny Owl and throughout the visit he valued everything the children had to share. I did explain that we are a split site primary school so please could the mayor visit the infant site at a future date. We will have to wait and see!



**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN
1st SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31st
AUGUST 2013?**

If they were, you need to be putting your child's name down at the school you wish them to attend in September 2017. 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 at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions by midnight on 15th January 2017. Offer letters will be sent out on 18th April 2017.



The Scholastic Book Fayre will be on the junior site from Thursday 10th November, for one week. Please come along and browse the wide selection of books available for you to purchase for your child.



Harvest Festival 19th October

We will be collecting food for the Easton food bank for Harvest this year. If you would like to send a donation we are collecting the following items:

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| * Long life fruit juice | * Biscuits |
| * Tinned soup | * Rice |
| * Tinned fruit | * Tinned rice pudding |
| * Long life milk | * Sugar |
| * Custard | * Toiletries |

Please don't send any donations until Monday 17th October as we don't have much storage space in school. Thank you.



**The closing date for
transfers to Year 7 in
September 2017 is
31st October 2016.**

Please make an application to the Local Authority where you live. Please note that you may apply for schools inside and outside your Local Authority area. It is quick and easy to apply on-line. You can apply on-line by following the below link.

www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions

dates to Remember

KS2 Parents' Evenings 15th November 3.30-6pm and 16th November 4.30-7pm. Details to follow.

KS2 Reading Meeting at the juniors- 20th October 3.30pm and 6pm.

Boys' football-17th October at St Ursula's-cancelled.

Girls' football-30th November at Oasis Brislington

Y3/4 Mixed football- 9th November

School Open Day 10th November- details below.

Y1 and 2 Barnabus RE Day- What makes a winner?

RAG Cake Sale- KS2 4th November 3.20pm

Friends' Cake Sale- KS1 2nd November 3.10pm

Y6 cinema visit to see ET

21st November, 3.20pm- Terrific Times Tables meeting for parents to help their KS2 children, Upper Hall.

25th November- Christmas Shopping Evening/Fayre, 7-9pm at the junior site

Dates for Christmas events will feature on the first newsletter after the holidays.



**Term Dates
2016-2017**

Changes in red.

Term 1

Friday 2nd Sept 2016 to

Friday 21st October 2016 inclusive

Term 2

(Monday 31st October closed for INSET)

Tues 1st November to Friday 16th December

Term 3

Tues 3rd January 2017 to Thurs 9th February 2017

(Friday 10th school closed for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 20th February 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017

Term 5

Mon 24th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017

(Thursday 4th May is now an INSET day as the school will be closed for polling).

Term 6

Monday 5th June 2017 to Thursday 20th July 2017

(Note: Monday 5th June the school is now open NOT an INSET day)

(Friday 21st July closed- INSET)



Friends' Events: Thank you to those people who attended the Friends' AGM and volunteered to take on roles. Many thanks to all the Friends for all their hard work and amazing fundraising on behalf of the school over the last year.

Wed 2nd Nov Cake and uniform sale on the infant site on a Bonfire Night theme. Please send cakes to sell on Tuesday 1st November.

11th Nov Friends' meeting at the infants to organise forthcoming Christmas activities on both sites. Please come along and get involved. You can give as much or as little time as you are able to. Pre-schoolers are welcome to come and play.

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 for everyone to see.



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.

The first swimming gala of the year took place on 12th October at Horfield Leisure Centre. It was a very exciting gala with some great swims. The older boys relay teams did particularly well coming first in both the freestyle and the medley relays. Also our back stroke swimmers Josh and Louis took first position. The standard of swimming from all the schools taking part has improved incredibly and we need to keep training hard to improve or maintain our position. We came 4th overall in this first gala. Well done to all the swimmers and many thanks to parents and carers for supporting us.

Sweets and birthdays

We are a healthy eating school and we do NOT allow sweets in school. This includes for birthday treats as well. We prefer it if parents do not send birthday cakes or sweets at all on children's birthdays but keep these to have at home. If you really feel you must bring something then please send BISCUITS only. Don't be surprised if sweets are handed back to you.



Open Day 10th November

The infant site will be open at 9.00- 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 22nd November 2016 and 4th January 2017 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.



Non-uniform Day 18th November

in aid of the Christmas Fayre aka Shopping Evening. We are asking parents to send donations for the school

Christmas Hampers. Suggested donations are toiletries; make up, perfume, jewellery and Christmas food and drink. Any unopened nearly new gifts for ladies, gents or children will be welcome.

In addition, as the date also coincides with Children in Need Day children may bring in donations of £1 which we will send to Children in Need.



The boys' football team played a game against St Patrick's Primary School last week. We won the game 9-3! Goals came from John (scoring two), Gabriel (scoring two), Daniel, a hat trick for Shaquille and an own goal!

The boys had a fantastic attitude and we would like to say how proud we are of Finnley R. who went and cheered up the opposition player when he scored an own goal!

Well done. Congratulations to Jacob who won man of the match!



KS2 Parents' Evenings 15th November 3.30-6pm and 16th November 4.30-7pm. Details to follow.

These are short 5-10 minute appointments so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues please arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school. These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities. Thank you.

Senco Meetings: Mrs Cole will be available To talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. She will be on the KS2 site on 16th November from 3.30 – 5.30. To pick a 10 minute slot please call the office when you have your appointment time for parents' evening.



Class Assemblies:

Junior Site

Tuesday 29th November 2.45pm Turtle class in the Middle Hall.

Tuesday 29th November 2.45pm Shark class in the 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.



Are you a tangy tangerine or a sour lemon? Our school target for attendance is 95%. The best class attendance on the KS2 site for the week beginning 3rd October was Firecrest class with 92.5% and for the week beginning 10th October it was Tree Frog Class with 92.3%, both of whom won themselves a large bowl of fruit for this achievement! Please remember to arrive on time for school every day. The playground gates are open at 8:40am.

Miss School, Miss Out!



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.



Please remember that we are now a cashless school and most payments from parents/carers will be requested to be paid online via the ParentMail payment option.

This facility is still in the process of being embedded and dinner records in particular are still being updated. The administration is nearly completed and you will be advised when all balances are showing correctly.

If you are still having issues in accessing the online payment facility, please to speak to Mrs Holland, our school Bursar. Thank you.



Knowle Cricket Club are hosting their annual Firework display on Friday 4th November at Knowle Cricket Club, Broadwalk, Knowle.

Gates open at 16.30 and the fireworks commence at 18.30. Food and drink will be available.

Tickets cost £5.00 for adults, £3.00 for children and for a family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) it's £12.00.



School News:

We are very pleased to tell you that Mrs Buckley has been successful in her bid from Sport England for funding for outdoor table tennis tables. They will be sited in the junior playground and will add to the fun activities that the children to be able to participate in. We look forward to their arrival in the near future.

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Yours sincerely
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