

Dear Parents and Carers,



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations will take place in school w/b 23.5.22. The Friends' hamper draw will be online on the Monday. Children will be learning about how life

has changed in the 70 years that Queen Elizabeth has been on the throne. KS1 children will be making crowns and having a parade.

The week will culminate in a Royal Tea for all age children on the Friday.

All children will be given a small gift to commemorate the event at the end of the week. We'd like to keep this a surprise for the children.

If you would like further details about this event or would like to help out during the week, please speak to your class teacher directly.



Parking Around School

Please park considerably around school and think of our neighbours and keeping our children safe. Please don't block

neighbours' driveways, even for a short time and do not block the roads so other road users can't get through. Children should never be expected to get in and out of cars that are dangerously parked. Thoughtless parking can lead to accidents.

Please remember that anybody can report anti-social and illegal parking to the police at the link below;

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following Spelling Bee Winners:

Y3 –Arlo in Turtle class

Y4 – Wiktorina in Flamingo class

Y5 – Eliza in Firecrest class

Y6 will hold their Spelling Bee after SATs.



What's Happening

Dates for the Diary

April

Tomorrow 29.4.22 Non-uniform day for the Queen's Jubilee Hamper Raffle. Children are invited to wear red, white or blue and bring in hamper donations of food and gifts (sweets, cakes, bottles and foodie treats) please.

May

5.5.22 The school and Hamiltons pre-school will all be OPEN as normal during polling day as only the Hub is being used for polling. Breakfast and After School Club will be held in the lower hall.

YR Chew Valley Farm visit and Living Eggs project

YR Grandparents' visit 19.5.22 at 2pm

Y5 Mendip Activity Centre visit

Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations w/b 23.5.22

New Reception (YR) starters' meeting 25th May at 6.30pm. This informative meeting about starting school is for parents and carers only in the infant hall. There is no crèche.



Holymead Primary School participated in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel this year. Well done to everyone who joined in the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge.

School Uniform

As we have been enjoying some lovely warm weather here is a reminder of the summer uniform.



Summer Uniform- summer dresses are purple or blue check. NO pink, yellow or any other colours. Pupils may wear **black or grey** school shorts.

Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school wear, except on PE days.

Sensible sandals that hold a child's feet securely may be worn in fine weather. Sandals should be black, navy, dark purple or white- again **no** pink or other colours.

Please remember hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. Small bows and headbands are acceptable, large or sparkly ones get in the way and are distracting to others.

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 £3.00 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £10.00.



e-safety corner:

OpenView Education have put together a really useful TikTok guide for parents. This link provides a short TikTok guide for parents and carers. It outlines the steps that parents can take to help keep their children safe while using TikTok

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/tiktok-parent-guide/>

YouTube Parent Allow Listing - YouTube have introduced a new service called Parent Allow Listing which can be used on mobile devices so a parent/carer can approve a video/channel from the main YouTube app into their child's YouTube Kids account. Here is a link to a video explainer on YouTube which you can find at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eVYsgC7-6ZM&list=WL&index=17>

Cyber Sprinters - Cyber Sprinters is a set of activities and puzzles from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) for KS2 (aged 7-11) children. All the activities are produced to be used with a parent/carer. There are lots of really useful activities such as learning about passwords, keeping personal information safe, suspicious messages and much more.

<https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cybersprinters/home-activities>



The Rights Action Group

have told us they want to raise funds to help people in Ukraine so we're currently setting up a fund-raising Run-a thon. Sponsor forms will be sent home and we anticipate holding the event w/b 16th May. Any funds will be sent through the Disasters Emergency Committee. Details to follow.



The Y6 SATs tests will be administered during the week beginning 9th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check and the Y4 Multiplication Time table Check will be administered in the week beginning 6th June and will run until 17th June 2022.

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.



SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper

The Council for Disabled Children have produced a guide to the Green Paper for parent carers which can be accessed at the following link.

[SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper \(councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk\)](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk)

Please can we encourage parents to respond to the consultation if at all possible. Thank you.



Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

As a healthy school we do not encourage the bringing of sweets, cakes, biscuits and treats to share for special occasions such as birthdays or children returning from holiday.

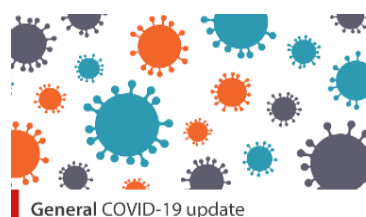
Many children have special diets for varying reasons, so we ask that parents/carers do not send any treats for consumption in school because of the issues that can arise. Thank you.



SMSA vacancy

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for an SMSA to supervise the children at lunch times. Our SMSAs are integral members of staff and are highly valued. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested but is not

necessarily connected to the school, please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Holland, via the school office. Thank you.



General COVID-19 update

Following the government's announcement about Covid, please see the following information

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Covid cases in school as 28th April 2022.

YEAR GROUP	COVID CASES
YR	0
Y1	0
Y2	0
Y3	1
Y4	0
Y5	0
Y6	0
TOTAL PUPILS	1



Covid isolation.

We are still asking parents to keep children off if they have Covid symptoms. If you can't test and your child appears well after a few days of being ill, then keep them home for 3 days and they can return on Day 4 (after symptoms started). If you are not sure, please ring the school office for further assistance.



The Friends of Holymead Primary

New friends and pre-schoolers always welcome. The Friends will be holding a Hamper Raffle for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which the school will be celebrating w/b 23.5.22.

We will hold a non-uniform day on 29th April. As it's for the Queen's Jubilee we are inviting children to wear red, white or blue and bring in hamper donations of food and gifts. Please check all items are in date and in good order. Thank you.



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.



Governors' Corner by Cheryl Douglass

School governance is very new to me. I have a day job running my own business and I've always volunteered, but never in education. I've sat on a Service User Panel for a local healthcare provider, been a community champion for the NHS, and I'm currently mentoring five young marketers.

When I was looking for a new volunteering challenge the opening at the school came up. I live locally, so I decided it was the perfect opportunity to be able to offer my skills, to continue to be part of the community, and to also be part of our young people's development. I'm delighted to have been co-opted in November 2021 on to the CS&I committee. I'm also a link governor for Maths and Early Years.

I think people choose to become a governor for all sorts of reasons, but they all have the same role - to help with the school's strategic direction; to hold the senior team accountable; and to monitor finances. I'm really looking forward to getting to know the school, the pupils and the parents to help them achieve their goals.



Governors' Corner

We are delighted to have received 7 nominations for the position of parent governor! I am informed that this is a fabulous response so thank you to everyone who

has put themselves forward. We will be recruiting 2 parent governors as Rob Ryan has now decided to step down due to other commitments. Thank you, Rob for your support during your time as a school governor, especially during the difficult times with Covid.

Parents and carers may be approached by potential governors on the playground, wanting to discuss why they are standing. This is normal election procedure. Please make sure you read all the nominees' addresses in the voting papers and remember to cast your 2 votes by 6th May 2022. Please vote for up to 2 governors with a cross in the box of your 2 chosen candidates. Do not use numbers. Thank you.



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.



Governors welcome all pupils and staff back to school after the Easter break. The Full Governing Body met on Wednesday 6th April 2022 and reviewed the school's self-evaluation form and the finance outturn. The safeguarding link governor, Deb Miles, provided an update on safeguarding monitoring visits. Jessica Coggins, link governor for phonics, and Phil Wright, link governor for Pupil Premium, provided reports on their recent monitoring visits to the school. Dean Smart has been named as the new link governor for Health and Safety and Wellbeing. The Pupil Premium strategy, RSE Policy, Behaviour Policy and Equality Policy were reviewed approved by Governors.

The Governing Body is looking forward to welcoming new parent governors over the next few weeks. We also have co-opted governor vacancies, more information about these [can be found here.](#)



Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 5

Mon 25th April- 27th May 2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7th June- Wed 20th July 2022.

Closed for INSET Thursday 21st July 2021.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22nd July 2022

Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st and 2nd September 2022

Pupils start Monday 5th September- 21st October

Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31st October 2022

Re-opens Tues 1st November- 16th December 2022

Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3rd Jan 2023

Re-opens Wed 4th Jan-10th Feb 2023

Term 4

Mon 20th Feb- 31st March 2023

Term 5

Mon 17th April-26th May 2023

Term 6

Mon 5th June-Thurs 20th July 2023

Closed for INSET Fri 21st July 2023

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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RRS winning

Logos



Friends Of Holymead invite you to participate in... ... 'A Very Royal Raffle'



In honour of the Queens Platinum Jubilee

Spread the word to
friends and family

All proceeds go towards resources and
activities for the wonderful children of
Holymead.



Fantastic prizes from local businesses
plus hampers of sweet treats *fit for a queen!*



TO ENTER - IMPORTANT

Follow the link and enter online.
You will be asked a couple of
simple questions. The answers in
case you are unsure are 4 fruits
in the wordsearch and Australia
for a Kangaroo's home!



If you have any problems entering the draw, please email holymeadfriends@gmail.com

<https://raffall.com/298292/enter-raffle-to-win-a-very-royal-raffle-hosted-by-holymead-friends>