

### Dear Parents/Carers

**KS2 SATs** have been given out now. We are pleased with how well the Y6s have done this year considering how much harder the tests were this year compared with the previous test system. Everyone tried their best and we are proud of the children's efforts. Whilst our Reading result was very slightly below national, our Writing was higher and our SPAG was outstanding. Our Maths was a little below but broadly in line with the national expectation.

Results in the Y1 phonic check and the KS1 SATs were also very positive. So well done everyone!



As we come to the end of another busy term, it's time to say good-bye for the summer holidays. I wish you all a happy holiday and good luck to all those who are leaving us at the end of the year. Do come back and visit us from time to time!

**Y6 Leavers' Disco –**  
**21<sup>st</sup> July, 5.00-6.30pm**  
**Y6 Leavers' Assembly -**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> July, 9.20am**

Please note assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as 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.



### Message from the Staff and Governors

In the wake of the EU referendum Holymead Primary School would like to

reiterate its commitment to racial harmony. As a Rights Respecting School we are proud of the cultural diversity within our school. We want all our children and parents to continue to feel welcome in our community. We will continue to be vigilant regarding any racist or xenophobic behaviour and any incidents will be investigated and reported to the appropriate authorities.

If you have any concerns about this, or any other equalities issues, please talk to the Head, Deputies or Governor for equalities, Jo Randall.



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## Term Dates

### Term Dates 2016-2017

#### Term 1

(Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Sept closed for INSET).

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2016 KS1 and KS2 start**  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 new Reception start**

to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 inclusive

#### Term 2

(Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October closed for INSET)

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### Term 3

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 to Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
(Friday 10<sup>th</sup> school closed for INSET)

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

#### Term 5

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

#### Term 6

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 to Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
(Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July closed-INSET)

### Are you a top tomato or a green onion?!

Our school target for attendance is 95%. The best class attendance on the KS2 site last week was both Tawny Owl class and Finch class with 100% attendance each and they both 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!**



**Staff moving classes.** For those of you who know the school you will know that teachers and LSAs are employed to work throughout the whole age range and regularly move about through different year groups. Staff are expected to move around the age ranges to become competent at teaching all ages. I am keen to dispel the myth that staff who move from Reception to Y6 are getting promoted and those who move from Y6 to reception are getting demoted!! As staff will be moving around (in September) I think they would be dismayed to think parents considered a change of age range as a promotion or demotion. It is not. This is simply part of the cycle of moving around and keeping staff up to date with ways of teaching in all the age ranges.



### Staff News

Sadly we will be saying good-bye to Mrs Vitale in Tiger Class. Mrs Vitale is leaving to support her mother in an exciting venture to run a nursery. We

hope it works out well.

Mrs Thomas has now started maternity leave and we hope to see her return soon with a little bundle of joy!

Miss Williams, Mrs Nash and Ms Ellis are leaving and we send them our best wishes. We welcome Miss Harris in Tamarin with Mr McSmythurs, Miss L Phillips in Tiger and Mr Stolarczyk who will be working throughout the school.

We would also like to welcome Mr Khaidarov who has joined the staff as a school meals supervisor assistant.



### WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2013?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2017. If you know of friends with nursery age children please check they have visited schools and applied online to Bristol local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form. Thank you.



### Infant site (YR to Y2) StoryBox Theatre 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Please send your £3 donation to cover costs of the performance of The Snow Queen by tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone who made this year's performances possible with their donations.

### Parking on the zig zags and causing an obstruction.

Parents may have noticed an increased police presence in the area. If you wish to report parking problems outside either site please ring the police on 101. Thank you for your support in this matter.



**Friends' News-** £1,959.37 was raised from the Summer Fayre and £545.55 from the sale of raffle tickets. Along with £195.50 raised from the face painting activities in KS1, and the coin line which raised a total £598.38 over both sites the Friends have raised a staggering **£3,298.78** in total from their summer related activities. Thank you to the Friends' Group for all their hard work this year!



Please ensure that all outstanding school dinner money payments and trips payments are paid by **TOMORROW. Please note that cheques will not be banked until September.** Thank you.

**Library Books:**  
Please return all library books before the end of term, especially if you have a child in Y6. Thank you.



## SCHOOL REPORT

School Reports have all been sent home. Thank you everyone who has sent back their comment slip to say they have received it. If you haven't yet sent back your comment slip please do so tomorrow.

**Summer Uniform**- summer dresses for girls are **purple or blue** check.

NO pink, yellow or any other colour.

Boys may wear **black or grey** school shorts. Casual/sports shorts are **not** suitable for school. 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. **Leggings, jeans, baseball caps, hooded tops and bright, colourful trainers are NOT part of school uniform and should not be worn.** Pupils should wear black or grey school trousers, skirts or pinafores. We need parents' support in making sure pupils are dressed suitably for school. We are happy to support parents and back you up please come and see Mr Jones, Mr Hough or myself.



### Spellings and Tables.

This year's KS2 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) results were well above the national average and we feel the support parents have given their children in learning their spellings has played an important part in making sure children are ready for these harder tests.

A letter has been sent home with every child to outline the spellings they need to practise over the summer. All children will be tested on their spellings in September. If, for whatever reason, your child hasn't got their spelling list in their book bag there are spelling lists on the school website. Please make sure your child practises their year group spellings. If they struggle then limit your child to one or two sections to go over and over. If they know them all then your child can learn the next year's list.



Times tables are also on the website for children to practise and learn off by heart. Keep returning to the lists regularly and testing your child. I can't

emphasise enough the difference knowing your times tables makes. It is those children who have learnt them that speed through their maths work in class.

There was a direct correlation between children who knew their times tables and those who did well in the KS1 and KS2 Maths tests.



### School Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant, in order to help supervise the

children during the lunchtime break. If you are interested in applying, please pick up an application form from the school office on either site.

We are a 2 Court Tennis Club in BS4. We welcome all standards and ages. Try us for FREE! Attend 3 sessions for free then decide.



- Mon 6pm – Women's night
- Tue 6pm – Men's night
- Wed 6.30pm – Novice night
- Most Saturdays 9.30am Junior Coaching (subject to availability)

Find us: Just off Kensington Park Road, BS4  
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## SCHOOL Attendance

The law has changed on holidays taken 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 OF 4 OR MORE DAYS (8 SESSIONS).** Any suspicious absence will be investigated.



### KS2 Fruit time

KS2 pupils are allowed to bring fresh fruit for break time. We are having problems with children going in and out of the building to get fruit (and other snacks) from their lunch boxes, when they should be outside in the playground. From now on fruit for break time must be brought directly into the classroom and not left in lunchboxes.



As there is also a problem with litter, children are only allowed to bring FRESH FRUIT for break time (preferably with no packaging) so waste can be dropped in the food bins. Children may continue to have any other sort of fruit or veg in their lunch box but can only eat it in the dinner hall where rubbish can be cleared away. Thank you.

**PLEASE!!  
NOTE**

**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.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

### ape project in St Annes wood



Friends of Wicklea Academy and Bristol City Council wellbeing fund are pleased to announce the return of ape project FREE kids and family activities in 2016:

on Mondays 12noon – 3pm

25<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016

These will take place on the St Annes well side of the woods, bring along a picnic and join the fun!

Supported by a Wellbeing Grant from  
**MY NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
Greater Brislington  
Neighbourhood Partnership

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult



**Y5 need to put down their deposits for Y6 camp before the end of this term as the camp is happening earlier in the year in 2017.**

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

Yours sincerely  
**Ms Kate Slatcher**



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