

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are very excited to announce that our outdoor classroom is due to be delivered this Saturday morning at the infant site. Many of you will have been wondering why there is a slab of concrete up on

the grass area. Hopefully now you will be able to see what we are going to call 'the cabin'.

For many years our grass area has been under-used; one of the reasons being the inclement British weather and the other being the sound of 'can I go to the toilet?' the minute the class gets up the path to the grass, which inevitably leads to everyone coming back down again and little time is spent actually learning in the field. We are hopeful that having this base will mean classes can spend more time getting closer to nature both playing and as part of the curriculum.

The size of the classroom is small enough not to need planning permission and large enough to have the facilities we need. We hope the children will enjoy using it when it is all set up and ready.



Treasure Island 11.05.21 (revised date)

Y4-Y6 (limited numbers because of spacing) will be watching Treasure Island on 11.5.21.

We are asking for £3 donation to cover the cost of this theatre visit to school. Please send £3 cash in an envelope to your class teacher by the end of the week. We are asking for cash as paying online incurs charges that are prohibitive for small donations. Your donations mean we can book another theatre treat for pupils next year. Many thanks!



Walk to School week and Road Safety.

We will be running our Walk to School Week from May 17th as well as lots of other road safety activities including pavement professors for Y1 to learn to cross the road safely and Bikeability on KS2.

This week we have expressed an interest in Safer Streets Bristol which aims to make areas safer for pedestrians. If we get accepted to take part in this initiative, we will let you know.



Dates for the Diary

7.5.21 Bikeability Bike Checks- Level 1
13/14.5.21 Runathon- fundraising sponsored run for local food bank charity
17.5.21 Walk to School Week
21.5.21 Bad Hair Day (with non-uniform) - please bring donations for the summer raffle

With the gradual re-opening of places to visit we hope to start organising some local educational trips where we can.



It is important that parents/carers follow Covid-19 guidelines at all times. Guidelines include:
DO NOT send your child to school if **anyone in the household has Covid-19 symptoms.**

DO NOT send your child to school if **anyone in the household is waiting for the results of a Covid test.**

Further advice is available online.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring the office 01179030377 or 01173772381 for advice. Or ring the NHS helpline.



The children of Holymead Primary School will be completing a sponsored 'run-a-thon' on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May to raise money

for S&E Bristol foodbank. This links to our work as a Rights Respecting School and our learning about Global Goals. The children will have 20 minutes to complete laps of the playground either by running or walking. Your child will need to come to school in PE kit on this day. You can donate any money fundraised via the school's go fund me page. You can scan the QR code or following this link: -

<https://rgo.page.link/8pCpd>

Any donations, large or small are welcome!



Bad Hair Day 21.5.21
On Friday 21st May we will be holding a Bad Hair Day with non-uniform, where children can do wacky, silly or fun hair styles. We are asking children to bring in donations

on this occasion for the summer hamper raffle. This will include items such as bottles, unwanted and unopened gifts such as toiletries and in-date food. We will then sell raffle tickets to raise money which will be spent on the children in school.

The Friends are looking for volunteers to make up the hampers. Please contact the Friends' group (holyeadfriends@gmail.com) if you are able to help. Thank you.



Reminders!

Reminder. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones and bikes. All items brought into school are brought in at the owner's risk. Parents and carers must sign the mobile phone agreement before letting their child bring a phone to school and the cycling to school agreement if they want their child to cycle.

Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags.



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2020- 2021

Term 5

Mon 19th April- Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6

Tues 8th June- Wed 21st July 2021 (INSET Mon 7.6.20)

New Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 1

Thurs 2nd Sept 2021 school closed for INSET
Fri 3rd Sept 2021 KS1 and KS2 start (all current pupils)
Mon 6th Sept 2021 New Reception start part time.

Term 1 ends on 22nd October.

Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1st November
Re-opens Tues 2nd November- 17th December.

Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4th January 2022
Re-opens Wed 5th January-18th Feb 2022

Term 4

Mon 28th Feb- 8th April 2022

Term 5

Mon 25th April- 27th May 2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022
Re-opens Tues 7th June- Thurs 21st July 2022.
Closed for INSET Friday 22nd July 2022



We are delighted that the Scholastic Book Fayre will be able to visit school from 6th May- 14th May. In a slightly different way to normal, we will only be allowing pupils to actually visit the book fayre. Due to the close proximity of browsing we are NOT inviting parents and carers inside the buildings but rather we'll send you the order form with the books via parentmail and you'll be able to select books with your child at home. As children will have been able to look through the books they should be able to point out their favourites in the booking form. If you need help please ask your class teacher or the office staff who will be happy to assist.



Friends' Meeting

If you would like to attend Friends' zoom meetings, please email holyeadfriends@gmail.com to request the meeting details.



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.



The Red Ridge camp for Y6 has now been rearranged and the new dates to travel are Monday 7th until Friday 11th June 2021. We are hoping that this visit will go ahead, but if the situation does change again the centre has guaranteed all money back if we have to cancel the booking. Miss O'Toole has made a power point presentation as parents are not able to come into school. Please follow the link to find out more:

http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/year_6_7/467196

We are hopeful Y5 camp will go ahead as well. The dates for this camp at Liddington PGL is Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th June 2021. There are still some outstanding payments to be made. We have extended the balance due date on ParentMail to allow for these payments to be made. Please can we ask that you revisit your child's account to see if there is a balance to be paid. This must be paid in total before 24.05.21.

When we have any further information we will let you know. Many thanks.



SATs - No doubt parents and carers will have heard in the news that SATs and other primary testing is not going ahead this year.

This was the case last year too and as a school we undertook

in-school assessments last year to be able to see where children were at in their learning. These were very informative and we intend to run similar assessments this year. We will share any outcomes with parents as part of the reporting process at the end of the year, so you know how your children are progressing.



Anyone in England who does not have symptoms of Covid-19 can now get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for the virus. We encourage parents to do these lateral

flow tests for adults. For further information please refer to the link below.

[Regular rapid coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests if you do not have symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-covid-19-tests/)



The University of Bristol Research, CoMMInS project

While vaccination protects the majority of people from serious illness, it is not known to what degree it will influence

transmission of Covid-19. This is a very important question that the CoMMInS study can help to answer if we keep collecting samples from vaccinated individuals.

Our next saliva test is on 12.5.21.

We are still looking for more volunteers to join the study and have opened it to include Y4 now so if your child is in Y2, Y4, Y5 or Y6 please refer to the email sent via ParentMail for further information and access to the online consent details for the CoMMInS study.



Please note: As Mr Nock is away at camp from 7th- 11th June, after school multi-sports club (for children in Year 3 and Year 4) will not be running the week commencing 7th June.

As Mr Hough is away at camp on 7th- 11th June, Tree-frog will be covered by a supply teacher and **Y5** football club will be cancelled that week.

Thank you.



Reminder -Local Crisis and Prevention Fund

The Bristol City Council Local Crisis Prevention Fund (LCPF) continues to accept claims for those returning to school who need assistance with food, school uniforms, shoes and stationery costs, in the form of supermarket vouchers.

This grant will help children across Bristol adjust to going back into, or remaining a school environment, especially those from lower income families or suffering loss of business and finances as a direct result of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that the financial help available will help overcome barriers to learning and improve school attendance.

If you require any help or assistance, please speak to the school office and we can assist with making a referral on your behalf.

For further information, please visit

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/lcpf>

Thank you.



Spanish Club

Years 3-6

Thursdays 4.30 – 5.05pm
'live' Via ZOOM

★ Have fun and learn at Spanish Club

Spanish Club Classes with Hannah White:

Classes will run for 5 weeks on Thursdays from 22nd April to 20th May. The cost for the 5 weeks is £25.00. To book your place please email Hannah White at spanishclub.bristol@gmail.com



Jubilee Pool is now open! Pop along to the website <https://www.leisurecentre.com/jubilee-swimming-pool> or call 0117 3048180 to book a session. Family swims are also back on at the weekend, but remember you'll need to book.

Happy swimming!



Governors' Corner

Curriculum, Standards and Inclusion governors met this week and monitored overall (never individual children's) progress. Obviously, due to lockdown there are some areas where progress is not as rapid as in previous years. However, we can see that a lot of learning actually did go on through lockdown and that, together with a lot of individual tutoring and group interventions, is helping our children to progress remarkably well. Children have settled back into school very well and are working hard and making up for lost time. Governors also had feedback on Science from the Science subject leaders and we are proud of the excellent level of skill and understanding we see in the children's Science books. Mrs Davies, our new SENDCO, updated Governors on the provision for pupils with special needs in our school. Parents can see lots of SEND information on the Holymead website.

Yours sincerely
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