

Dear Parents and Carers,



Thank you to everyone who dressed up and donated to Comic Relief. We raised £356.90 on Red Nose Day.



Class Assemblies-

Octopus- Thursday 30th March- infant hall 9.00am

Flamingo- Friday 31st March- middle hall 2.45pm

Salamander- Friday 31st March- upper hall 2.45pm

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.



Staff News

Many of you will be aware that Mr Hough is leaving teaching after 24 years at Holymead Primary School. This is an amazing achievement and we thank him for all his years of hard work and dedication to the school. Mr Hough feels it is time to step back and work part time so he will be leaving at the end of this term. He is looking forward to coming into school on 30th March to see KS2 children in assembly and spend some time with Tree-frog Class. Mr Hough will be out on the junior playground after school, if parents who have known him would like to say their good-byes. I know you will want to join me in wishing him the best of luck in the future.

In other news:

Mrs Bell will return to work after her maternity leave on 12.7.23. Miss Robb will stay with Turtle Class until the end of the academic year.

Mrs Bell will then work as a part time teacher from September.

We are delighted that Miss Robb and Miss Robbins (in YR) who joined us as temporary teachers, will be staying with us as permanent teachers now.

Mrs Milton, LSA, will also return from maternity leave at the end of July and will be part time from September.

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

Supporting your child to use

Timetable Rockstars and Numbots

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



24.3.23 at 2.45pm for Tamarin

21.4.23 at 2.45pm for Otter

28.4.23 at 2.45pm for Owl

5.5.23 at 2.45pm for Octopus



Parent's Evening

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

Booking is online. Nb Robin Class is 22nd and 30th 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.

What's Happening

March

Y6 Life Skills at the Create Centre

27.3.23 Friends' Cake sale- infant playground. Please send donations to sell on 24th or 27th.

30.3.23 Friends' Easter Tombola –junior playground. Please send donations from 27th March.

Thank you

Y2 and Y6 cooking.

April

Y6 Camp at Croft Farm

Y4 trip to Caerleon

22nd April STAGES dance at Trinity Academy

Y3 Hindu Temple visit

Curry & Cake Sale

MONDAY 27th MARCH 2023

INFANTS PLAYGROUND

3pm-3.30pm

--- cakes --- samosas --- dhaal and rice ---

Get your aprons on and get busy baking this weekend to help the cause. We ask for donations to be bought to school reception area on Monday morning please.

We have labels that need to be filled to confirm any allergens as per Natasha's Law.

All money raised will go to Turkey/Syria Earthquake Victims.

We will have limited portions of rice and lentil curry for sale at £4 a portion.

Please contact Mobeen Khatab 07715559434 or Farah Ahmad 07946035387 to reserve yours.

We welcome cake donations to be sold and monetary donations are always appreciated 😊



British Champions

We are delighted to share some amazing news with you. We now have 2 pupils in Year 3 who have recently been crowned British Champions in their chosen sports.

British Junior Kickboxing Champion!

In February, Jacob won the World Association Kickboxing British Championship and will now train with the British Squad. This could lead to selection for the British Team at the European Championships being held in Turkey later this year. At the same event Lincoln claimed the Bronze Medal in his category. Well done boys! This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of you.

British Schools' Biathlon Champion!

After winning the regional heat for the British Schools' Biathlon Championships, Lincoln in Year 3 has now been crowned British Champion after winning the national event on Saturday 11th March. Lincoln set the fastest time in the 25m Swim before coming 3rd in the 400m Run. His overall points tally saw him ranked 1st. I am sure you will all join us in celebrating Lincoln's triumph. Well done Lincoln - this is an incredible achievement!

Spelling Bee



Please note the Spelling Bees have been taking place this week. 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 9th May.

The Year 1 Phonics Check is w/b 12th June.

The Y4 Multiplication Time table Check is 5th- 16th 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.



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 is under policies on our website.



Friends' News

The next Friends' meeting is at drop off at the infants on 21.4.23. 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 planning 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.



Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 4

Mon 20th Feb- 31st March 2023

Term 5

Mon 17th April-26th May 2023 (Closed for extra Bank Holiday Monday 8th May following the coronation)

Term 6

Mon 5th June-Thurs 20th July 2023
Closed for INSET Fri 21st July 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st September 2023

Pupils start Monday 4th September (except new reception who start Wed 6th September, part time) -20th October 2023

Term 2

Closed 30th October 2023 for INSET.
Pupils start Tuesday 31st October- 15th Dec 2023

Term 3

Tues 2nd Jan- 9th Feb 2024

Term 4

Mon 19th Feb- Wed 27th March (28.3.24 INSET)

Term 5

Mon 15th April- 24th May 2024

Term 6

Mon 3rd June- 19th 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.

Vacancy for Clerk to Governors.



We currently have a vacancy for a clerk to the school Governors. If you think that you would be interested in applying, please follow the link below for further information and application form. Thank you.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/clerk-to-governors-1319042>



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.

Kind regards, Kate Slatcher.



Governors' Corner

The Governors have been very busy putting together an advert and application pack to recruit a new Head teacher for Holymead Primary School. Please look out for consultations for parents and carers to be able to make suggestions about what you would like to see in a new Head teacher. Governors are also asking children for their ideas.



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 28th February 2023. The final instalment is due 31st March 2023.

Please ensure you keep to the agreed payment plan, in order to secure your child's place to attend. Thank you.



Book Fayre on both sites.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fayre. We will let you know how much we have raised, once all the sales have been reconciled accordingly.



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.



FOREVER SPORT NETBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

TAKE OFF WITH OUR NETBALL CAMP

Our Netball holiday Camps provide a fun, informal environment for children and young people in school years 3 to 10 to play Netball, develop their individual skills and team play and be active during the school holidays.

The camps are delivered by Celyn Emanuel, Welsh International and Celtic Dragons Super League Player and Morgan Jenkins, a Level 2 Netball coach who also plays for Bath Cougars in the Avon Division 1.

Merchant Academy Netball Development Camp

During the Easter holiday, our Netball Development Camp will be running at:

Venue: Merchants Academy, BS13 9JW.

Dates: Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th, Wednesday 12th, and Thursday 13th April.

Times: 9.00am - 4.00pm.

Price: £18.00 per day + a £1 booking fee. Multi-day discount available for bookings of 3 days or more, for example, 4 days = £60.00.

Limited capacity of 30 spaces per day.

Please be advised that you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch for the day.



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M.A.P EASTER CAMPS

IMPROVING CHILDREN'S MENTAL, ACADEMIC AND PHYSICAL HEALTH THROUGH SPORT



Minerva Primary Academy The Greenway, Bristol BS16 4HA
Tuesday April 11th - Friday April 14th (Reception to Year 6)

INDIVIDUAL DAYS £16 - ALL WEEK £40



The PE & Sports Project uses the combined experience of elite level coaching, training teachers and planning highest-quality PE lessons, to provide the children with a fun, engaging, successful and positive experience.

We use our advanced 'exploration-discovery-competition' model to give the children the independence and responsibility to think for themselves, to solve problems for themselves and to drive their own development.

On top of the highest-quality instruction for the sport itself, the children learn social-emotional skills and awareness in their self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.

As well as this they are given opportunities to use their maths and English learning in a fun and different way to the classroom, which children find engaging and rewarding.

Parents' Feedback

100% of parents would recommend our camps to their friends' children

"They enjoyed being with other children and they enjoyed all of the activities on offer"

"Just wanted to say thank you for a great 3 days at Cam Woodfields school. My children both thoroughly enjoyed it and were really enthusiastic about the whole experience."

"We really hope you'll be holding some more sessions in the school holidays. We will definitely be recommending it to friends (already have done!)"

t: 0117 942 8444

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ESOL CLASSES

English Classes (ESOL)

Assessment Afternoon

Wednesday 29th March drop in: 1:30pm – 3:00pm
Broomhill Children's Centre, Fermaine Avenue, BS4 4UY

- Do you want to improve your English language?
- Come along to this assessment afternoon to complete a short assessment and determine your level of English.
- Find out about classes running locally.

- Contact: Catherine Landon Phone: 07785 702454



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Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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