

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

I hope you are all well and that you and your children have enjoyed a positive start to the school year. As always it's been a very busy but also a very exciting beginning to the year. Teachers in all year groups have already provided me with lots of dates for trips, visits and events throughout the year – I have been so impressed with their commitment to ensuring that our school provides so many memorable and enjoyable learning experiences for our pupils. We will update you with information and dates as the year progresses.

Mr Jones - Headteacher

## Girls' Football Tournament

On Friday 15th September, a Year 5 and a Year 6 Girls' football team took part in a Football Festival organised by the Ashton Park School Sports Partnership. Both of the Holymead Teams played remarkably well and one child even received a Golden Ticket from a member of the FA for their talent and skill. Our Year 6 team played 6 matches and finished in 8th position. In one particularly riveting match, Holymead beat Birdwell Primary 3 - 1. Goals were scored early on by Kaelia and Livia and there was a thrilling, last minute goal scored when Mia skilfully avoided tackles and effectively passed the ball to Flo who fired it into the net moments before the final whistle blew. In the year 5 tournament, Holymead remained undefeated until the close fought tournament final where they were narrowly defeated 1-nil. The year 5 team were awarded a silver medal in the awards ceremony. Across the tournament, the goal scorers were Cerys who scored 1 goal and Betsy and Mila who scored 3 goals each. Thank you to Miss Hughes and Mrs Tamar Gill for coaching the teams on the day.



## Christmas Box Appeal: Non Uniform Day

A big thank you to Miss Nashnush and Miss Strang who have again organised the Christmas shoebox appeal for the 'Link to Hope' Charity. This charity sends out shoeboxes in time for Christmas with small gifts inside for people in the Ukraine and other Eastern European countries. The boxes go to places like orphanages, shelters and vulnerable families. Last year, you generously donated 182 boxes to the charity. We will be staging a non-uniform day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and ask for a donation of £1 to help with the delivery costs. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

### Statutory Assessments: Key Dates and Information

If your child is in Year 1, Year 4 or Year 6 they will be involved in statutory assessments this year. These are assessments that schools are required by law to administer. It is therefore essential that pupils in Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 are in school during these weeks; please note that we will not be able to authorise any requests for holiday/leave of absence during the relevant weeks. A small number of Year 2 pupils will also need to take part in the Phonics Screening – your child's class teacher will make you aware if your child is involved.

#### Year 6 SATs Dates

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Y1 Phonics Screening Check  
Week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

#### Year 2 SATs (KS1 SATs)

From this year, schools will no longer be required to administer the KS1 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) for pupils in Year 2 and no longer required to submit end of Year 2 teacher assessment to the Department for Education. We will continue to use summative assessments (such as tests, quizzes and end of unit tasks) in Year 2 as they are part of the way we assess pupils' attainment and progress in all year groups. However, we welcome the opportunity to have more autonomy over how we assess pupils and how this information is used.

### Term 1: Dates for your diary

#### September

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Swimming begins  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Y5&Y6 Girls' Football Tournament  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Assessment Week  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Geography Local Walk  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – Non Uniform Xmas Box Appeal

#### October

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Glastonbury Trip  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Prospective YR Parents' visits  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – EYFS KS1 Parents' Evening  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Level 2 Bikeability begins  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Author visit (tbc)  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Y5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Photos (individual)  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – EYFS KS1 Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – EYFS&KS1Photos (individual)  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Folly Farm Trip  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Sports for Schools Athlete Visit  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – EYFS Autumn Walk (tbc)  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Level 1 Bikeability begins  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Docks & M Shed Trip  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Clifton Downs Trip (tbc)

#### Class Assemblies Term 1

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2.45pm**

**Falcon  
Finch**

#### Times Tables Rock Stars Parent Drop Ins

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2.45-3.10 – Tiger  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 3.00-3.20 – Tawny Owl  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 3.00-3.20 – Turtle  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 3.00-3.30 – Treefrog  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2.45-3.10 Tamarin  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2.45-3.10 Toucan

## Ashton Park Sports Partnership

Holymead is part of the Ashton Park Sports Partnership which is a great way for our pupils to access sporting competitions throughout the year. In Terms 3 and 4 we enter football competitions for Year 4 (Boys and Girls), Year 6 Boys and Year 6 Girls. Mrs Thomas and Miss Strang, our PE leaders, are also planning to enter us in the cross country meetings and various tournaments such as Tag Rugby, Netball, Dodgeball, Swimming, Basketball and Athletics. We try to spread these opportunities across our various year groups and will pass on more information as and when the events take place.

## Clubs: News and Updates for 2023/24

We work hard to provide a broad range of School Clubs for pupils across the school and we are always delighted to see pupils' enthusiasm for participating in these clubs. This year Mr Nock will be running Football Clubs for pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, as well as Multi Sports Clubs in Years 1 and 2. The planned timetable for Mr Nock's various clubs is as follows:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Y6 Boys' Football	Y4 Boys' Football	Y5 Boys' Football	Y3 Boys' Football	Y2 Multi Sports	Y1 Multi Sports
<b>Thursday</b>	Y6 Girls' Football	Y4 Girls' Football	Y5 Girls' Football	Y3 Girls' Football	Y2 Multi Sports	Y1 Multi Sports

We are also planning to run the following Clubs in Term 1:

- Years 4, 5 and 6 Running Club
- Year 2 Singing Club
- Year 2 Woodwork Club
- Year 2 Maths Club
- KS2 Tag Rugby Club
- KS2 Multisports Club
- Year 3 Board Games Club

Many of our clubs are run by teachers which means we are able to run them free of charge. This year we have also been able to fund Mr Nock's after school clubs as well. Where clubs are run by outside providers (e.g. Multisports, Street Dance) a fee is required. We hope as many pupils as possible are able to participate in the clubs on offer. We will keep you informed of clubs for Terms 2 to 6 in the newsletter.



## Governors' Corner

Hello, my name is Cheryl Douglass and I'm the newly elected Chair of the Board of Governors (CoG). I'm a co-opted governor (elected in Nov 21) and I have been the Vice Chair since Sept 22. I took over from Jess Coggins, who did a wonderful job in her four years in post. Please join us in wishing her well.

The role of the GoG is to be the voice of the Board with the Board collectively acting as a 'critical friend' to the Headteacher. I'll be working closely with the board and the school's senior management team to ensure the strategic vision of the school is adhered to, and the team are accountable for its performance. I'm very much looking forward to working with the school, monitoring its school improvement plan, and being part of the onward success of the school.

## Cooking Contributions

At Holymead Primary School we believe that, as part of promoting good Health and Wellbeing and encouraging a healthy lifestyle, it is important to teach children life skills such as cookery. Over the last few years it has been great to see the year groups progressively build upon the previous year's cookery knowledge

In order for us to facilitate this we would ask parents if they would kindly contribute £5 per child towards the cost of cookery in school for this academic year. This payment will go towards the cost of purchasing the ingredients in bulk, each time the children cook, rather than asking parents to provide ingredients on an individual basis.

**We are asking for this contribution to be paid in cash (rather than online), so that we can purchase the ingredients directly from the supermarket when required.** Thank you for your continue support.

## Nasal Flu Immunisations

Children in Reception to Year 11 are being offered flu vaccinations this winter to help protect them from flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. Vaccinating your child will also help protect you, your family and friends. The flu vaccine is administered using a nasal spray, this vaccine is free and painless, please ensure you complete your consent form at

<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/consent?v=1.23>

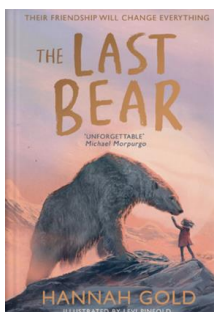
If your child is unable to receive the nasal flu vaccine, community catch-up clinics will be available, please contact [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or 0300 1245515 for more information.

## Author Visit

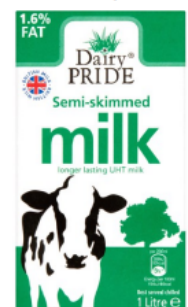
We are thrilled to be inviting author Hannah Gold in to school, to speak with the Year 4 and 5 children on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Hannah wrote the book 'The Last Bear' which is a book our Year 5 children read last year. She is promoting her new book 'Finding Bear', which is the sequel to 'The Last Bear'.

Hannah will come and speak to the Year 5 children about her new book. Hannah will also speak to the Year 4 children about her earlier book 'The Last Bear', which the children are currently reading.



Soup



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