

Dear Parents/Carers

Y2 SATs Well done to our Y2s. I have to say in much the same way as the Y6 SATs were much harder this year; the expectations for Y2 were also raised significantly. However, your children were incredibly good at keeping focussed and doing their very best. We are extremely proud of their efforts regardless of the outcomes. The results of tests and teacher assessments will be sent out at the end of term.



You can find our new website at www.eschools.co.uk or search for Holymead Primary School in your usual way. Have you checked out the latest photos on our new site?



Holymead Primary

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Dates for your diary

26th May- Girls' football match at West Town Lane

26th May-TONIGHT- meeting for New Reception parents at 7pm in the Infant Hall.

10th June am Coin Line- please send all coins into school on the morning of the 10th. We will lay out the coins to see which class has the longest line.

10th June pm 'Street Party' for the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

13th June pm- Reception Grandparents' visit.



Class Assemblies:

Infant site

Thursday 16th June 9.10am- Rabbit Class

Thursday 30th June 9.10am- Red Panda Class

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



Non-uniform day

27th May (TOMORROW). Please do not send money on this occasion but rather bring in donations such as toiletries and in date food, bottles and gifts for the summer fayre raffle and tombola. Thank you!



Holymead Summer Fayre – 2nd July, 12pm-2pm.

This will be held on the larger junior site where of course everyone is welcome. We are planning lots of fun activities and stalls so please come along.

Are you a terrific tangerine or a rotten raspberry?

Our school target for attendance is 95%. The best class attendance on the KS2 site this week was Firefly class with 100% attendance and 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!

The photographer has been into school so we will send home the photos as soon as we receive them.



Our next school swimming gala will be the BANES Swimming Gala on 1st July. Good luck to those competing.



Governors' Corner

Finance and Staffing Committee met and agreed the new budget for 2016-17. The way the government funds schools is changing to a national rather than local funding formula. Because Bristol had previously funded its schools very generously many Bristol schools are now losing out because of this government change. We have been luckier than many other schools and are able to set a balanced budget without losing staff so far.



Caterlink- following a tendering process our new providers for school dinners are Caterlink. Please note we are moving to a new cashless system for school dinners which will mean in future all payments must be made online and paid IN ADVANCE. No child will be able to have a dinner unless it is already paid for so please **MAKE SURE YOUR ACCOUNT REMAINS IN CREDIT**. We are expecting the new system to come into use from September.



Sports' Days. We will be holding separate infant and junior sports' days as organising over 600 primary pupils on one day would be difficult and you may miss watching an infant child if a junior event was taking place at the same time and vice versa.

KS1 Sports' Day (YR-Y2) 24th June 2016
KS2 Sports' Day (Y3-Y6) 17th June 2016



Friends' Meeting

June 17th 9am in the infant staff room. Everyone who wants to get involved in helping with fundraising events is welcome-bring pre-schoolers. We need volunteers for the Summer Fayre. This includes preparation beforehand and /or help on the day. The event can only run if lots of people get involved even if you can only spare an hour. Thanks.



Summer Concert

Our musicians and choir invite you to their Summer Concert in the Upper Hall on 14th and 15th June at 6.30pm. We are running the same programme over 2 evenings to fit everyone in. That means we need **ALL** performers to attend **BOTH** nights not just the one their parents have tickets for! Thank you.



Vacancy - We currently 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.

IMPORTANT CLOSURE CHANGES.

You have no doubt heard the government is calling a referendum on the EU on 23rd June. We have once again been commandeered to be a polling station. Unfortunately I am unable to prevent this from happening as we are a local authority building. Rather than close the school for an additional day I have decided to move our final INSET date (22nd July) and take it on 23rd June instead. **Therefore the WHOLE school will be CLOSED on 23rd June (for INSET and polling) but OPEN on Friday 22nd July to all pupils as the last day of term.**

Any parents who have already booked holidays (before the end of this week) to start on Friday 22nd July please show me your booking forms and I will authorise the absence for Friday 22nd July as it is not your fault.

I am very sorry for any inconvenience but having looked at several options I feel this one has the least impact.



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, for instance if your child is refusing to wear the uniform you have bought for them, please come and see Mr Jones, Mr Hough or myself.



Graffiti after school course with GO SKETCH next term!

Explore the street art of Banksy and Dan Kitchener in this exciting course starting the first week back. Starts Mon 6th June (first day back) 3:20-4:30 for 5 weeks. For more info or to book go to bookwhen.com/gosketch or contact Emma: emma@gosketch.co.uk / 07717 313651



Phonics

The Year 1 Phonics Check

will be administered in the week beginning 13th June. It is therefore essential that Year 1 and Year 2 re-take 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 me or ring school immediately. Thank you.



Friends' Activities

Coin Line Friday 10th June am

This year we are asking parents to help raise money for school funds by organising a Coin line. This is in response to suggestions following our previous copper and silver lines. We are, therefore, requesting that children collect silver and/or copper coins. The children will then lay out the coins and measure their lines. The class with the longest line wins the trophy. We will carry out the activity in June so recommend children start saving their coins now! All legal tender coins welcome! Thanks.

Friends' Face Painting –

The infants will hold a face painting day on 1st July.



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.

Some parents have asked what happens to the money they pay in fines. All I know is that, unfortunately, despite having to submit a lot of paper work which takes up valuable school time, none of the money comes back into the school budget to cover this time. Fines are issued by Bristol local authority.

The Queen's 90th Birthday

We have had several offers of visitors to come into school to talk about their experiences and work relating to democracy, government and the monarchy. We are looking forward to meeting councillors and MPs and hearing from people who have offered to share their experiences of royal events including meeting the queen. Thank you to everyone who has kindly volunteered their time.

Street Party

Please send your donations of Food for the 'Street Party' after the holidays.

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 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.

The Windmill Hill Junior Parkrun takes place every Sunday at 9am in Victoria Park and the inter-school challenge run takes place once a month. The weekly Parkrun itself is a really great event and promotes healthy activity in a really fun and non-competitive way. For further information please speak to Melanie Rogers or visit <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/windmillhill-juniors/news>



Term Dates

Term Dates 2015-2016

Term 5

Mon 11th April to Friday 27th May 2016

Term 6

Mon 6th June to Fri 22nd July 2016- **NEW DATE (23rd June now an INSET day due to changes with EU election in June)**

School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.

Term Dates 2016-2017

Term 1

(Thurs 1st Sept closed for INSET).

Friday 2nd Sept 2016 KS1 and KS2 start

Monday 5th Sept 2016 new Reception start to Friday 21st October 2016 inclusive

Term 2

(Monday 31st October closed for INSET)

Tues 1st November to Friday 16th December

Term 3

Tues 3rd January 2017 to Thurs 9th February 2017

(Friday 10th school closed for INSET)

Term 4

Mon 20th February 2017 to Friday 7th April 2017

Term 5

Mon 24th April 2017 to Friday 26th May 2017

Term 6

Mon 5th June 2017 to Friday 21st July 2017



Home-Start Bristol needs volunteers

Are you a parent or grandparent? Can you offer 2-3 hours a week to visit a family?

We support families with young children who are struggling to cope. Our volunteers visit a family every week, working alongside them to find solutions to their problems so that they can start to enjoy family life again.

One family said: 'It's just wonderful! Having a set time each week and a reliable volunteer worked for me.'

We offer our volunteers accredited training, ongoing support and opportunities to meet with other volunteers.

Call us on 0117 9501170 or visit our website [.homestartbristol.org.uk](http://homestartbristol.org.uk)



LOTTERY FUNDED

Volunteering is dependent on an enhanced DBS check



Ladies Self Defence classes with Matt Stein (local Taekwondo instructor) are held every Wednesday evening between 7-8pm at the United Reformed Church (corner of Eagle Rd/Wick Rd). Sessions are only £5.00 and you can pay as you go. Well behaved girls year 6 onwards are also welcome. The first session is free so come along and give it a go!

Parent Questionnaires - Please remember that all completed questionnaires must be returned to school by tomorrow! We would like as many questionnaires back as possible and these will be analysed over the next few weeks. Thank you.



Out There holiday club are running a May half term holiday club from Tuesday 31st May to Friday 3rd June from the scout hut on St Anne's Terrace, BS4 4DY. They are Ofsted registered and accept children from Year 1 upwards. The club runs from 8am to 6pm and you can book for a half day, school day or full day. Prices start at £13.50 for a half day. The theme for the week is the Stone Age and, as part of the daily Forest School sessions in Nightingale Valley, children can have a go at making their own 'stone age' tools, shelter building, 'cave' painting with naturally made paints and campfire cooking. To see the full programme, and to make a booking, please go to the website www.outtherebristol.co.uk



Bristol's Cheesy Bake Off! - With the Great British Bake Off becoming more popular than ever, Bristol is hosting their own version of the event and the Bristol Post is searching for Bristol's Best Young Baker. We are very pleased to announce that Mollie in KS2 has successfully entered her recipe and it has been voted into the top 3 of the Bristol's Cheesy Bake Off! Mollie has now been invited to attend the final round on Tuesday 7th June and we wish her all the best with her recipe. We would like to thank our parents and carers for showing their support and voting for her.

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Yours sincerely
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