

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please note the last day of term is THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October and we re-open on TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November are INSET days).

### Dinners

Universal Free School Meals (FSM) are available on the infant site. That means everyone up to and including Y2 can have free hot dinners.



For KS2 (juniors), hot dinners have increased to £2.30 a day from 1<sup>st</sup> November. All school dinners must be paid online using the ParentMail facility. Dinner money accounts must always be in credit. If you think you are eligible for free school meals (FSM) please ask the office for details.

### Secondary School Applications.

#### New Secondary School



Please can we remind our current Year 6 parents and carers, that the deadline for Secondary School applications for the academic year 2022-2023 is **31st October 2021**.

All applications need to be submitted online. Please use the link below. Applications can be changed at any point up to 31st October 2021.

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>



### Outdoor Equipment!

Please note the outdoor equipment on both sites is for use during school time only and children should not be playing on it before or after school. Thank you.



Pupils are not named on this occasion.

The Bristol Post usually come early to take a photo of **new reception** children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give permission or not for your child to appear in the



### WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2022. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.

### Starting School 2022: Additional tour date below

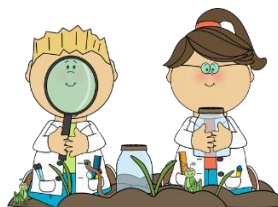
Mrs Head and I will do a limited number of tours of the infant site for prospective parents looking for a Reception place for **September 2022**.

**Tours must be booked by phoning the office on 01173772381** and are limited to ONE parent only (pre-schoolers welcome) at the following times: 6.10.21 and **23.11.21** at 9.10am and 10.00am. Please leave your name and contact number.

If you do not wish to look round in person then please see the Head teacher's virtual tour and FAQs on the school website

<http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web>

We look forward to hearing from you.



### Aspirations' Day 8<sup>th</sup> October.

We will be holding an Aspirations' Day again this year to get the children thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up. Children are invited to come into school dressed to show their aspirations. This activity can give rise to lots of interesting discussions about children's hopes and dreams for the future. The Rights' Action Group have asked if children can bring a £1.00 donation on this day and all money raised will go to The Red Cross and towards helping Afghani refugees. Thank you.

### Roads around school sites.

Parents please think about the safety of our children when driving and parking around school.



### Please don't park on the zig zags.

We have put out parking signs and we've rung the police to come and monitor dangerous driving and parking around school. If you see dangerous driving and parking, please report it to:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

The more parents who report dangerous driving the more likely police and highways agencies are likely to listen.

The school has signed up to be part of Safer Streets Bristol which aims to make areas safer for pedestrians and we will let you know when we hear anything.



**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.



### Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest w/b 13<sup>th</sup> October and will be collecting food for the Bristol food bank as we did last year. If you would like to send a donation we are collecting the following items:

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| * Long life fruit juice | * Biscuits            |
| * Tinned soup           | * Rice                |
| * Tinned fruit          | * Tinned rice pudding |
| * Long life milk        | * Sugar               |
| * Custard               | * Toiletries          |

Please don't send any donations until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October as we don't have much storage space in school. They did say they have lots of baked beans and pasta so please don't send those items. Thanks



It is important that parents/carers follow Covid-19 guidelines. **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.

### PE kit from September 2021



This year we will continue with pupils wearing PE kit to school on the days they have PE. As this was initially a temporary measure we accepted some variation in what the children were wearing. However, from September your child will need the following PE kit:

- Dark purple tee shirt (school logo or plain)
- Plain black shorts. In cold weather- black or dark grey leggings, tracksuit or jogging bottoms. No camouflage, no patterns, no stripes, no logos
- School sweat shirt (no other tops)
- Plain black daps or trainers (no coloured trainers)

As white and purple polo shirts are already part of school uniform these can also be worn on PE days. No football shirts or other kits unless they are the school team kits.

Reminder:

When your child has a haircut please note: Hairstyles should be sensible and conducive to learning. No unnatural coloured hair or shocking styles.



**Next Gen Photographers** will be in school on the following dates:

11<sup>th</sup> October- KS2 individuals and siblings on the junior site. (Not family groups.)

12<sup>th</sup> October- family, siblings and KS1 individuals on the infant site.

If you want a **FAMILY** group photo with **ANY** age children including across either sites or pre-schoolers bring them on 12<sup>th</sup> October to the infant site at 8.30am.

Siblings who are currently on the **same site** as each other will automatically be photographed together so do not need to come to the family session.

Please let teachers know the day before that you may be late for registration if you're having family photos done.

# What's Happening

## Dates for the Diary

Please wear face masks to any meetings in school.

**EYFS/KS1 (YR-Y2) Parents' Evenings** -7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October- details below

**KS2 (Y3-Y6) Parents' Evenings** will be on 16<sup>th</sup> November and 25<sup>th</sup> November

**NextGen individual photos**- October 11<sup>th</sup> (juniors) and 12<sup>th</sup> (infants and families)

8.10.21 Dressing up for **Aspirations Day**

13.10.21 **Harvest**. Please send donations from 11<sup>th</sup> October

18.10.21 **Y6 Camp Meeting**, 3.20pm in Upper Hall

9.11.21 **Y2 Maths Meeting**, 5pm, infant hall, no crèche

12.11.21 Non-uniform day to bring in donations for the hamper raffle

## Activities in October/November include:

Y6 visit to Glastonbury

Y1 trip to Clifton Downs

YR Victory Park autumn walk

Y6 Bikeability

Y4 Folly Farm visit



## NB. CHANGES IN RED

### New Term Dates 2021-2022

#### Term 1

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2021 school closed for INSET.

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021 All pupils start.

**Term 1 ends on 21st October. (22<sup>nd</sup> October-new INSET)**

#### Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1<sup>st</sup> November

Re-opens Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> November- 17<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Re-opens Wed 5<sup>th</sup> January-18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

#### Term 4

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

#### Term 5

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April- 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

#### Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June- **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

**Closed for INSET Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021.**

**Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022**



## Parents' Evenings

### EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings

Evenings are on the

7<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-

6.30pm and 12<sup>th</sup>

October 3.30-5.40pm.

These are short 5-10

minute appointments so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues, you are welcome to arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school. We are hoping to hold these in classrooms.

**KS2 Parents' Evenings** will be on 16<sup>th</sup> November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and 25<sup>th</sup> November between 4.00pm and 6.30pm.

Parents' Evening bookings will need to be made using our online booking system via our ParentMail App. KS1 parents/carers are now able to book their appointments online. KS2 appointments will be available to book online, approximately 3 weeks in advance. These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities.

Please note that teacher run clubs cannot operate on parents' evenings as teachers are meeting parents.

Senco Meetings: Mrs Phillips and Mrs Davies will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. Please phone the office when you have made your online booking for Parents' Evening.

## Reward Systems

**Praise Book**- on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker.

This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour. Children's names are read out and they receive their sticker in assembly. This record of their achievement is also put up on display in the Link the following week for everyone to see.



**Star of the Week**- on the junior site, as the children get older, we introduce a Star of the Week where children nominate and vote for a child they think deserves to be Star of the Week. Whilst the children have more say in who is chosen, this system is still overseen by the teacher to ensure fairness.





## Governors' Corner by Phil Wright

As a governor at the school for over 12 years, I have seen many changes, including the merger of the Infants and Juniors to create Holymead Primary School in 2013. However, the last 18 months have, without a doubt been the most challenging for the wider school community. My role over that period has been to act as the link governor for Remote

Learning. I am always keen to see progression in how the school advance learning opportunities and I have been very proud of how we reacted to a difficult situation and used it to embed and adapt new practices. The school was one of the early adopters of online learning, using teaching tools with Google Classroom and Seesaw during lockdown. It didn't work perfectly for everyone, but it did create the continuity of opportunity for many children. I also worked with the school to look at how we would overcome issues such as lack of broadband connectivity and appropriate technology to access online learning and ensure that all children could continue their learning during a very difficult period for us all. It is now good to see that these online tools will become 'business as usual' as children continue to use them for homework and in-school learning.

## Rules and Safety



**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.

**Climbing Equipment** is out of bounds before and after school. It is not to be used by children before or after school hours on either site.

**Dogs** are not allowed on the school premises at all (except guide/working dogs). Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.



**The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe.** Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers, as playing in these areas can be dangerous.

**Drains and drain covers** - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.



**Toys, games, 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. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones. 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.



## Year 6 camp 2022.

Deposits have now been received for our year 6 camp to Croft Farm Waterpark next year and we are in the process of costing the trip. Letters will be sent to the parents of those children attending, in due course. Three instalments (with set due dates) will then be set up on ParentMail in order that parents can pay the outstanding balance.

Please speak to Miss O'Toole or Mrs Holland, if you have any further questions.

