#### Dear Parents and Carers,



It's lovely to see children able to get back on with enjoying themselves both in and out of school. We have some lovely reports about our children in this week's newsletter. Please read on to find out about what's been happening locally in sporting, musical and community events.

Please note the term dates for 2022-2023 are listed below.

#### Fund-raising Swimming News

Last Saturday a number of Holymead pupils (many of whom were in the school swim team) and their parents, took part in the Jubilee pool swimathon to raise money for the pool. The aim was to swim as many lengths as possible in an hour.

The Holymead pupils involved were:

India, Ben, Saul, Lucas, Clementine and Erin. They have raised an amazing £600 in sponsorship so far! Well done everyone. We are proud of what you are doing for our local community.

If you would like to donate to this fundraiser the link is: <u>https://localgiving.org/fundraising/Holymead-swim-</u> team-fundraisers/

Thank you





Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



Dates for the Diary Nb all in-school meetings are subject to cancellation if Covid guidance changes.

February

Safer internet day 8<sup>th</sup> Feb on Respect and Relationships online Y6 SAT's Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4.00pm via zoom link



Y5 Girls' Football West Town Lane 1- Holymead 4 (Jessica 2, Bonnie 2)

What a performance by our Year 5 Girls' Football Team on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022! It was a great performance by all the girls, eight of whom were playing in their first ever game! On a very cold Friday evening the team worked hard, showed their skills and launched attack after attack. Great goals from Jessica saw us lead 2-0 at half time before Bonnie scored two excellent goals to make it 4-0 with the final score 4-1. Some superb performances in defence from Ava and Lexi and solid goalkeeping from Raya and Lilly. Well done to Islah and Lacey who got better and better as the game progressed and Leah and Verity who never stopped running in defence or attack. A really great performance and a lovely way to end the week! Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members for their incredible support!

Well done to: Raya, Bonnie, Verity, Jessica, Lexi, Leah, Lacey, Islah, Ava and Lilly.



#### Child of Hope and our Christmas Performances

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Child of Hope collection during our infant and junior Christmas performances. We raised £283.77 for the school in Uganda that we have regularly

supported. Schools in Uganda went back in January 2022 for the first time since the beginning of Covid lockdowns and I am told that the children are so happy to be back.



## Do you want to be able to control what your child does on You Tube?

The link below gives some useful information and advice about keeping children safe on You Tube. It is a new service call YouTube Supervised which is essentially a filter that allows parents to block content.

It has 3 filtering levels and the link guides parents on how to access it and set it up.

https://www.youtube.com/myfamily/?gclid=Cj0KC QiA2sqOBhCGARIsAPuPK0h3gNmafc9FS-QlSOyubQdAUQuJ-HDXB77k10P3ItgRuuWB3bEBuRAaAvycEALw wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, Year 6 enjoyed a visit from SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality). In the session, pupils were able to identify what racism and inequality is and consider the impact of negative comments and behaviours. Pupils were encouraged to think about how prejudices form and how we can challenge them.

Our visitors commented that Holymead pupils were very respectful in these sessions and were impressed with the children's understanding of rights and equality.



#### Holymead Primary School has a vacancy -

for an SMSA (School Meal Supervisory Assistant) to help supervise the children at dinner time. The post is subject to safeguarding checks including a DBS. We

welcome applications from all groups of the community.

If you are interested in the vacancy please ask for details and an application form from Mrs Buckley, via the school office.

Thank you



#### Covid updates.

Following announcements by the government, lifting Plan B restrictions, we will no longer be asking parents to wear face masks on the playground outside.

We will however, continue to ask visitors to wear masks inside the school. Thank you.

Please also note the changes to the selfisolation period (5 days- dependent on having two negative lft results 24 hours apart before coming out of isolation).



#### Y6 Croft Farm Camp

Please can we remind the parents of those children who are attending the Year 6 camp on April 25th 2022

that the next instalment of £87.00 must be paid by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. We do have a few parents that are yet to pay the first instalment. As school has already been charged an interim payment, it is imperative that this first instalment is paid. Please ensure this payment has been made. Many Thanks.



The Equality policy and Equality Plan are on the school website.

http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/policies /187999

We have purchased lots of lovely books and posters that celebrate our diverse community. We are sure the children will enjoy reading and looking at them.



**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.



### Term Dates 2021-2022

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

#### Term Dates 2022-2023

#### Term 1

Closed for INSET 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 Pupils start Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September- 21<sup>st</sup> October

Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 Re-opens Tues 1<sup>st</sup> November- 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023 Re-opens Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan-10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023

#### Term 4

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Term 5

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April-26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 **Term 6** 

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June-Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Closed for INSET Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



#### Year 6 Tree Planting at Arnos Vale Park

On Thursday Mr Jones took a group of 40 Year 6 Pupils to Arnos Vale Park to work with the Tree Bristol Project. Pupils helped plant new trees along the Bath Road boundary to the park. The project leader explained that this would help absorb pollution from traffic as well as offering a barrier to the traffic's noise. It was a lovely afternoon and our Year 6 children impressed us all with their ability to work collaboratively and follow instructions. Thank you to Mrs Date and Mrs Triggle for accompanying us to and from the park.

#### Police Scheme

The school has noticed that police/traffic agencies are taking action against vehicles that are parked illegally or dangerously around school. Thank you to those members of the community who have been reporting dangerous parking using the online process. https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/

Please park legally and safely.



# Bristol Harlequins



Kenny 07791346898 Year 2 Age 6-7 Come

Come join Isaiah and friends

Players wanted join a great team make friends build confidence keep active and develop new skills all whilst having fun! Sunday morning at Broomhill Road Bristol, BS4 5RG Free taster session no pressure to join





Feb Half Term **Tennis Day Camps** @ Knowle Lawn Tennis Club

Monday 21st - Thursday 24th £20 per session \*\*discount for members\*\*

Ages 4-13

To book on please follow David Willford ClubSpark or scan the QR code.



For more info please contact Dave on 07480909290





Adverse Weather and possible School Closure. In exceptional circumstances e.g. heavy snow or failure of heating systems we may need to close the school. However, this is always the last resort

so parent/ carers should always assume we will be OPEN unless we tell you otherwise.

Ways we may be able to inform you of closure are through Parentmail, local radio, Bristol City Council website listing school closures, the school's own website (see address below). Any systems can be clogged up by a large amount of usage so please bear with us and remember we are trying to do our best. You can also try phoning the school if you are uncertain or coming from a long way away. In the event of partial closure, we allow 30 children to attend for every teacher present. Thank you.

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



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**Governors' Corner** Finance and Staffing Governors met last week. They updated several policies including the Charging and

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Remissions Policy which covers asking for donations towards events such as trips, cooking and the theatre. Governors also discussed and agreed the budget outturn which is looking healthy. They were also pleased to welcome Miss Barbara Varlow to be the school's new evening caretaker, supporting Mr Russell.

Rights Respecting Schools Article 13: Children have the right to get and to share information

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