

Thursday 11th March 2021 Number 2, Term 4

Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. It's lovely to see everyone again after such a long time.

All pupils should now be in school unless they are **ill**, **self-isolating** or have **shielding** letters (for pupils) from medical practitioners.



It is important that parents/carers follow Covid-19 guidelines at all times. Guidelines include:

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. Or ring the NHS helpline.



Governors' Corner:

Curriculum and Standards Committee met last week and had a presentation from staff on maths in remote learning. Governors agreed that we have made great progress in the standard of remote learning that we've provided over lockdown and agree that the school should continue to develop pupils' technological skills by setting regular work including the weekly homework on our current learning platforms.



We will therefore be asking parents to return borrowed laptops and i-pads to school temporarily so we can update the software on them and then send them back to you for pupils to do their homework on. We still have spare laptops and i-pads for use for homework so if you want one please email the office and request one. These are now being allocated on a first come first served basis as we have offered to all pupil premium and disadvantaged children now.



Walk to School week and Road Safety.

Please see our **School Travel Plan** at the end of this newsletter.

Holymead has recently started their journey with Modeshift STARS. This is the centre of excellence for the delivery of effective travel plans in education settings. The scheme recognises schools that have shown excellence

in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel. We will be running our Walk to School Week in May as well as lots of other road safety activities that were previously cancelled due to lockdown. Details to follow.



Reminders!

Reminder. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones and bikes. 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 and the cycling to school agreement if they want their child to cycle.

Please remind your child they are not allowed to bring any toys or games including swapping cards and clip on toys on bags.



Parking

As more people return to school please park safely round the school sites and where you can please walk or cycle. We do not have space to store scooters, which must be taken home by parents.

Please remember that anybody can report anti-social and illegal parking to the police at the link below, should you wish to do so;

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



Please find attached a link to a new version of the Online Safety Magazine DITTO.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/DITTO-Ed-24-March-2021.pdf>

A digital copy has also been placed on the school website under the Parents' tab.



Term Dates 2020- 2021

Term 4

Mon 22nd Feb- Wed 31st Mar 2021 (INSET 1.4.21)

Term 5

Mon 19th April- Fri 28th May 2021

Term 6

Tues 8th June- Wed 21st July 2021 (INSET Mon 7.6.20)

New Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 1

Thurs 2nd Sept 2021 school closed for INSET

Fri 3rd Sept 2021 KS1 and KS2 start (all current pupils)

Mon 6th Sept 2021 New Reception start part time.

Term 1 ends on 22nd October.

Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1st November

Re-opens Tues 2nd November- 17th December.

Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4th January 2022

Re-opens Wed 5th January-18th Feb 2022

Term 4

Mon 28th Feb- 8th April 2022

Term 5

Mon 25th April- 27th May 2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7th June- Thurs 21st July 2022.

Closed for INSET Friday 22nd July 2022



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day

We loved seeing all your fantastic entries to the book cover competition and seeing all the children dressed up as their favourite book characters last week.

Congratulations to the following competition winners who each receive a £5 book token:

Year Reception: Wilbur, Bobby and Fleur

Year 1: Orla, Betsy and Ernie

Year 2: Elliot, Juke and Zachary

Year 3: Millar, Erin and Max

Year 4: Michel, Alex and Eliza

Year 5: Elsie-Jane, Grace and Rhys

Year 5: Matilda, Emily and Oliver



Treasure Island 21.4.21

We have booked a theatre treat for Y4-Y6 (limited numbers because of spacing).

The theatre group work with on visitor performing and interacting with their cast onscreen rather than in person. We did this just before Christmas and it worked really successfully so we wanted to ensure children were having this experience whilst we can.

We are asking for £3 donation to cover the cost of this theatre visit. Please send £3 cash in an envelope to your class teacher from Monday 19th April after Easter. We are asking for cash as paying online incurs charges that are prohibitive for small donations. Many thanks!

**COMIC
RELIEF**

Comic Relief. We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on **19th March and selling red noses.**

Each Year group will be taking part in an activity in order to mark this event and raise money for the charity. Any donations received will be sent to Comic Relief. Donations can be made two ways; either cash sent into school (in a sealed envelope and marked with your child's name please) or donations can be made online using the school's Justgiving fundraising page. The link for this is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/holymead-primary-school-rednoseday21> Many thanks.



The Red Ridge camp for Y6 has now been rearranged and the new dates to travel are Monday 7th until Friday 11th June 2021. We are hoping that this visit will go ahead, but if the situation does change again the centre has guaranteed all money back if we have to cancel the booking. Miss O'Toole has made a power point presentation as parents are not able to come into school. Please follow the link to find out more:

http://www.holymeadp.bristol.sch.uk/web/year_6_7/467196

We are hopeful Y5 camp will go ahead as well. The dates for this camp at Liddington PGL is Monday 14th to Wednesday 16th June 2021. There are still some outstanding payments to be made. We have extended the balance due date on ParentMail to allow for these payments to be made. Please can we ask that you revisit your child's account to see if there is a balance to be paid.

When we have any further information we will let you know. Many thanks.



Parents' Evenings will take place BY TELEPHONE CALLS on March 17th (**Robin class only**), March 18th (**excluding Robin class**) and 23rd March 3.30-6pm for infants

(YR, Y1 and Y2) and March 24th 3.45-6.30pm and March 30th 3.30-6pm for juniors (Y3-Y6). Bookings can now be made online using the Parents' Evening booking system on ParentMail.

Staff run clubs will not run during Parents' Evenings, as teachers will obviously be in parents' meetings.



The NSPCC have issued 8 simple tips on how to keep children safe online during lockdown. It provides advice on the best way to help keep your children safe online during lockdown, how to continue having conversations around online safety, regularly check phones and app settings together, and manage time spent online.

Please follow the link below for further information.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/8-tips-for-keeping-your-kids-safe-online-during-lockdown/>



Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

With Covid infection rates rising, we politely remind parents not to bring cakes, sweets or biscuits to celebrate birthdays or special

occasions in school. As many children have special diets for varying reasons, we would rather parents didn't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of contamination from the virus, we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at all at present. Thank you.



Reminder to Parents: now that we are all back to school, please can we remind parents to ensure that all dinner money accounts (via Parentmail) and breakfast club and

after-school club accounts (via IPAL) are either kept in credit or at zero. Dinners and services must be paid for in advance rather than in arrears. Reminders will be sent out at the end of the week, if accounts are in arrears. Many thanks.



The University of Bristol Research, CoMMInS project

All Y2, Y5 and Y6 children can take part in this straight forward spit test.

While vaccination protects the majority of people from serious illness, it is not known to what degree it will influence transmission of Covid-19. This is a very important question that the CoMMInS study can help to answer if we keep collecting samples from vaccinated individuals. So we are continuing to run the saliva testing programme and encouraging staff and students to participate whether they have had a vaccination or not.

The team's first visit was on 3rd February. The next visit will be **Tuesday 30th March 2021**. We are still looking for more volunteers to join the study so if your child is in Y2, Y5 or Y6 please refer to the email sent via ParentMail for further information and access to the online consent details for the CoMMInS study.



Spelling Bee

Please note the Spelling Bee is back on for the end of March. Please check your child is learning the right spelling lists and if you're unsure please ask your class teacher. 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 repetitively. Good luck!



Social distancing

Our school community has shown great consideration of others in wearing masks around school. Thankyou. Please can we extend that same consideration to others and maintain social distancing wherever possible around the surrounding area such as by the gates and on the pavements around school. We have a lot of people trying to get to and from both school sites and if parents congregate in groups near the school it can cause difficulty for others trying to get by. Thank you for your consideration.



Reminder -Local Crisis and Prevention Fund

The Bristol City Council Local Crisis Prevention Fund (LCPF) continues to accept claims for those returning to school who

need assistance with food, school uniforms, shoes and stationery costs, in the form of supermarket vouchers. This grant will help children across Bristol adjust to going back into, or remaining a school environment, especially those from lower income families or suffering loss of business and finances as a direct result of the coronavirus pandemic. We hope that the financial help available will help overcome barriers to learning and improve school attendance.

If you require any help or assistance, please speak to the school office and we can assist with making a referral on your behalf.

For further information, please visit

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/lcpf>



Drop off and Pick up

Infant site

Reception 9am-3.20pm.

Y1 8.55am- 3.15pm

Y2 8.50am- 3.10pm

Junior site

Y4 8.40am-3.10pm

Y5 8.45am-3.15pm

Y6 8.45am-3.20pm

Uniform



All pupils need to be back in full school uniform including wearing black school shoes. However, we recognise that sometimes this is not possible with children having outgrown uniform and shops not being open. We will operate like we did

before Christmas regarding PE, with pupils able to wear PLAIN black or grey jogging bottoms/leggings and black or white trainers/daps (no bright colours). This is on PE days only. On cold days, pupils will need school sweatshirts. There is no need for any other coloured sweatshirt to be worn in school.



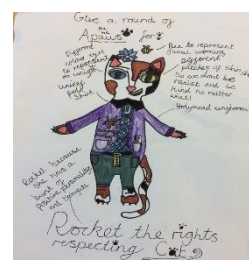
Friends' Quiz Night, Friday 19th March 2021.

Please join the Friends for a night of fun with their virtual 'Night O' Fun'. They will be playing bingo (numbers and music), there will be picture rounds, guess the year, music rounds, creative rounds and much more.

You can play with a group of friends, 4 households maximum. They will also be holding a raffle where you can win a hamper of booze.

Tickets are available to buy now on ParentMail and all money received will help support the school.

Good luck.



HOLYMEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Travelling to School Policy

Rationale

Holymead Primary School is committed to promoting sustainable travel. walking, cycling or bus travel. We encourage staff and pupils to walk or cycle to and from school and to avoid car travel whenever possible. When car travel is necessary, we encourage families and staff to car-share and to park away from the school building so that a ten-minute walk is part of the journey to school. By encouraging families to park and stride, this makes the roads surrounding the school building safer for our parents and children as they are less congested. Pupils will also benefit as a short morning walk will help them to feel alert and ready to learn once they arrive in school.

Purposes

- Reduce congestion and car trips to school by pupils, parents, carers and staff
- Promoting Global Goals and looking after the environment by promoting sustainable travel
- Increase physical activity and an awareness of the importance of exercise for health among pupils, parents, carers and staff
- Improve the journey to school for pedestrians and cyclists

Guidelines

- Bike racks are provided for staff convenience.
- Pupils can have access to bike rack on the KS2 site providing parents or carers give consent for cycling to school.
- Bikeability course is run annually for Year 5/6 pupils to support them with bike and road safety when riding a bike to school.
- Road Safety Week and Walk to School Week is celebrated annually.
- All year groups take part in Road Safety Awareness programmes and activities, including assemblies, visitors and awareness days.
- Parents, carers and staff, who use similar routes to school, are encouraged to car share to reduce journeys.
- Those who cannot avoid using the car are encouraged to park away from school and walk the last ten minutes.
- Pupils learn about Global Goals, sustainability, how to care for the environment and healthy lifestyles in school.

Conclusion

All our initiatives will support our pupils to be fitter, healthier, more alert and ready to learn, as well as reducing the amount of traffic near our school.

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Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must work to provide a clean environment so that children can stay healthy.