

Dear Parents and Carers,

**THANK YOU!**

As we head towards the end of another tumultuous year dominated by Covid-19, I would like to thank parents and carers for their patience during this time. Like everyone else we have had to adapt and change a lot of our working practice and it has been incredibly time consuming and difficult to manage the extra work and stress this has entailed. Having a supportive school community has really helped us get this far. I don't doubt, things will continue to be difficult into next academic year so please continue to bear with us if it takes longer than normal to do things.

The last day of term will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The new academic year starts with 2 INSET days (please refer to previous parentmail) which means Term 1 starts for ALL pupils on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

There will be an additional INSET day on October 22<sup>nd</sup> when we will close for half term and re-open on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

We wish you a happy, and hopefully relaxing summer holiday!



**CHANGE to Shuffle Up.**

Shuffle Up is today- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July. This is when you will find out which class your child is in.

**Y2 transition to Y3.** As part of our transition programme to get children ready for Y3 we will be taking Y2 to visit the junior site where they can see what it is like in Key Stage 2.

**The Y2-Y3 parents' meeting in July has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions continuing. Y3 teachers will put a powerpoint of useful information on the school website instead.**



**PE kit from September 2021**

Next 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 (...even if England win!!!)

Reminder:

When you're getting children ready for the start of the new year please note: Hair styles and accessories should be sensible and conducive to learning. No unnatural coloured hair or shocking styles. Small bows are acceptable, large sparkly ones get in the way and distract others from their learning.

**Book Amnesty**



Please can everyone have a good rummage under the sofa and in the wardrobe for any books that haven't been returned to school? We will be happy to see any books returned regardless of how long they have lain forgotten under the bed! Thank you!



**Teacher News**

Sadly, it is that time when we say good bye to colleagues who are off to undertake new adventures. Mr McSmythurs, Mrs May, Mrs Perry, Ms Anness, Mrs Page and Miss Lynds will be leaving us at the end of the year and we wish them all the best of luck for the future and thank them for their brilliant contributions to the school. Mrs Lewis will be going on maternity leave so we hope she has a lovely time with her family. We are fortunate to be able to welcome two new teachers. We have Miss Strang in KS1 and Miss McGhee in KS2. I'm sure you will give them a warm Holymead welcome.



**School Reports** are ready to collect. Parents need to collect their reports in person or send a signed note naming a trusted adult to collect it on their behalf. Please can parents let the office know if a second copy needs to be sent elsewhere.

**Reception Reports (Foundation Stage)** - parents will receive their

children's diaries, which contain comprehensive details of your child's achievements over the year. A short summary report is sent home to highlight your child's strengths and areas for development, which you can help with at home.

**Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2** - parents will receive a report detailing their child's progress and achievements. There are targets which parents may be able to support their child with.

There will be a **feedback sheet** enclosed with the reports, which needs to be signed and sent back to class teachers so we know you have received them.

**Attendance-** please note that attendance is calculated in half days. So if the report shows 6 absences then your child has been off school for the equivalent of 3 days. This is because the register is called twice a day (once in the morning and once in the afternoon) so pupils get 2 possible attendance marks each day.

#### 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.



#### No Scooters.

Please can we remind you that no scooters (including electric scooters) are to be used on school premises.

Please ensure they are dismounted at the school gates and are pushed around, whilst on either school playground. Many thanks.

## What's Happening

#### Dates for Diary

Y6 Visit to Brean

Y3 Egypt Day 9.7.21 (dressing up)

Sports' Days still to come. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we are unable to invite parents and carers to watch Sports' Days this year. However, we hope the children will still have a fun day on the following date: 9.7.21 Y2

Children will need to wear PE kits on these days.

Y4 Roman Day 20.07.21 (dressing up)



#### Starting School 2022

Due to Covid-19, we will not be holding an Open Day this term. However, 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: 6.7.21 and 15.7.21 at 9.10am, 10.00am, 1.15pm. Please leave your name and contact number.

Dates for September tours will be released later.

Parents with children starting school in **September 2021** should have received details of your transition visit in June already. We look forward to seeing you then. If you haven't received any starting school information, please phone the office on the above number for help.



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.



### Choosing Secondary Schools

Choosing the right secondary education for your child can be a difficult process and of course, you want what is right for your child. I thought parents might be interested to see the final destinations of our current Year Sixes. Our pupils are going off to many different destinations. What I'd like parents to take from this information is that you have an extremely wide choice of schools to choose from if your child attends Holymead Primary School.

Here are the schools and numbers of children anticipating going there: Hayesfield Girls' School, Bath (1), Bristol Metropolitan Academy (1), Broadlands (4), Colston Girls' (1), St Mary Redcliffe and Temple CE (5), Bristol Cathedral Choir School (1), Oasis Brislington (51), John Cabot Academy (1), Oldfield, Bath (2), QEH (1), St Bernadette's Catholic Secondary (3), Bridge Learning Campus (1), Merchants Academy (1), City Academy (1) and Wellsway School (2)

We wish our pupils good luck wherever they are going to secondary school!



### Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

Please do not send cakes, sweets or biscuits to celebrate birthdays or special occasions

in school. As many children have special diets for varying reasons, we ask that parents don't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of contamination from the Covid virus and increasing numbers of children with allergies we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at all. Thank you.



### Reminder for Year 6 Parents.

If your child borrowed a school laptop in order to complete school work at home, please can these be returned to school by Friday

16<sup>th</sup> July. As long as they are in the same condition as they were lent, all deposits will be sent home the following week. Thank you.

## Governors' Corner



### Governors' Corner

Hi, I'm Rob Ryan, one of the parent governors at Holymead and I currently have two children in the school, one on the infant site and one on the juniors. I'm the named governor for SEND (Special Educational Needs) and Looked After Children, and I'm also part of the Finance and Staffing Committee. So it's fair to say I have experienced the school from a variety of angles.

As a parent you want to know that your child is getting access to the best education possible - and I think many of us will have seen in the news about how many schools have struggled financially in recent years and that have been adversely impacted by COVID. One of the most positive things about being a governor at Holymead is to see how well run it is financially and that there is budget to meet its ongoing needs and goals. This can be seen in the level of investment that goes into facilities, such as the new entrances on both sites, as well as the great looking new 'cabin' on the infant site, which will be a fantastic space for the children to enjoy once it's finished.

It also extends to things you will not see. At the start of the COVID pandemic, the school and the governing board approved the budget for a special anti-bacterial 'fog' that was used to treat the classrooms in order to help keep staff and children safe - and the school as operational as possible. I have also spent time recently with the School SENCO team and I was heartened to see the excellent level of resources available to children with further educational needs within the school, which includes special classrooms and breakout spaces that help to support individuals.

We are also going to be part of a regional pilot project called 'PASS' that aims to further support children with social or emotional needs. The project was only accessible by a competitive submission process and will see us access new (and free!) resources, which is a brilliant achievement.

All of this is made possible by the level of planning, dedication, and hard work by the staff at Holymead - which is obvious to see at every governor meeting.





# TERM DATES

## 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- Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

Closed for INSET Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022



# Family Fun Days

• Free Sports, Games, Crafts •

**Inclusive Activities for All Ages**

Spaces are limited.

Book direct with the school or call 0117 353 4276

to reserve your place. Free lunch included

**10.30am - 2.30pm**

**Broomhill Infant School Fermaine Avenue BS4 4UY**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> August

**Arnos Vale Park**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August



## 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.



Anyone in England who does not have symptoms of Covid-19 can now get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for the virus. We encourage parents to do these lateral

flow tests for adults (not on primary age children). For further information, please refer to the link below.

[Regular rapid coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests if you do not have symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)



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**Oldbury Court Children's Centre Field BS16 2QS**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> August Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August

**Meadow Vale Park, BS5 7SY**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July & 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August





**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.

## ARrears

### Dinner money accounts.

Please ensure that all dinner money accounts are either sat at zero or in credit on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. If your child is in Year 6 please ensure there are no arrears left on any dinner money accounts. Any accounts in credit will be refunded accordingly back onto the payment card used. Please note that it will take 2-3 working days to show back into your account.

### Breakfast club/After school club accounts.

Please can parents who use these facilities ensure that all accounts are left in credit or at zero at the end of the academic year.

All other payments (trips, camps, music, swimming etc.) must be made to school before Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you.

## WELLBEING WEBINARS

For Bristol parents & carers



### ANXIETY

Exploring the way our minds can generate anxiety and how it can dominate our day. We'll look at different ways to relate to anxiety, leaving us with a bit more choice to pursue what matters to us.



### SELF-CARE

Many times our own self-care can slip way down our to-do lists. Here we'll explore the cultivation of a compassionate attitude towards ourselves and our wellbeing.

### NOTICING

We can spend up to 47% of our waking hours on autopilot - where our body is in one place and our mind is elsewhere. Here we'll explore and practice different ways to connect with the here and now for our well-being.



### ENGAGING, PRACTICAL SESSIONS WITH TAKEAWAY TECHNIQUES

Online bite-sized sessions with an experienced psychologist. Standalone sessions, attend any or all webinars.

Click dates to book

#### ANXIETY

TUESDAY  
29th JUNE  
12.30-1.30PM

#### SELF-CARE

THURSDAY  
8th JULY  
12.30-1.30PM

#### NOTICING

TUESDAY  
15th JULY  
12.30-1.30PM

Yours sincerely  
**Ms Kate Slatcher**



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