

Thursday 19th January 2023 Number 2, Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

NOTE to Parents...

Please check the What's Happening box for details of important meetings that are coming up for parents/carers, including Y2 and Y6 SATs and Y6 camp meetings.

Ofsted Parent View

OFSTED Parent View.

We are keen to encourage parent/carer feedback on OFSTED Parent View so we can see what you think we do well and our areas for development. If you have done this form before, please do take another look as the results are refreshed regularly and if you made a contribution last year, it may not be on the site any longer. If you have any individual concerns you need to discuss, please contact the school directly as usual. Thank you.

Please follow the link below.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Class Assemblies-

Tawny Owl- Tuesday 7th Feb- middle hall

Shark- Tues 7th Feb- upper hall

Please note class 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.



Parent's Evening

These meetings are not suitable for children to attend.

Please note there is no crèche and the school will not be supervising children.

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

Parents' Evenings will take place on 20th and 28th March for infants (YR, Y1 and Y2) and 22nd March and 28th March for juniors (Y3-Y6). Details to follow.

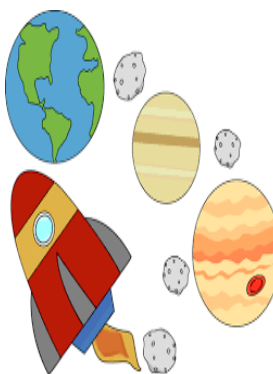

Holymead
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Celebrating Diversity

Staff and governors have been working with Babbasa to celebrate our rich cultural diversity. As part of this work the English leaders have been buying lots of lovely new books that reflect our community. We have also been planning a broader more inclusive curriculum which can be read on our website. Here is a sample of some of our new books. We hope you enjoy sharing them with your children.



Reception children have been thoroughly enjoying their topic on space, including a visit to the space dome. The children were wowed by the experience. Well done on your great behaviour in the dome YR!

Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:



In response to requests from parents we are once again selling Y6 SATs revision workbooks for maths and English (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & spelling, Arithmetic and reasoning). These workbooks cover the Y6 curriculum and help children practise the skills that they have been taught over the year. They have proved very popular in the past and enable parents to support their children not only in preparing for the SATs tests, but securing the skills that children will need as they make the transition to secondary school. These workbooks are now available to purchase from the school office and cost £3.50 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £12.00. Thank you.



Friends' News:

The next Friends' Meeting is 20.1.23 after drop off on the infant site. Everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



School Prospectus

Please note the school prospectus and uniform policy, which are available on our website states: 'Make-up should not be worn and hairstyles should be sensible and appropriate for school e.g. not unnatural colours or shocking styles'. Jewellery should not be worn in school (except small pierced earrings). There are some exceptions-please see the website or talk to the head teacher. **The School Uniform Policy** is attached at the end of this newsletter. Thank you.



NEU News.

There is a planned NEU teacher strike on Wednesday 1st February 2023.

I will send a ParentMail out next week when I have more details. At the moment I cannot say if the school will be open or closed or partially open.

What's Happening

January

19/26th Boys' football tournament
25th Jan- Y6 Camp Meeting, 3.30pm in Salamander Class
26th Jan- Y2 SATs Meeting, 3.30pm- infants

February

2nd Feb- Y6 Girls' football tournament starts on Thursdays
3rd Feb- Wellbeing and Mental Health Day activities
6-10th Feb- Children's Mental Health Week, various activities
6th Feb- Y6 SATs meeting- 3.30pm- Salamander Class
7th Feb- Safer Internet Day, focus- 'Want to talk about it?'

The last day of this term is Friday 10th February. We start back for Term 4 on Monday 20th February.



Support for children with SEND from Black and Minoritised Communities

BCC are writing some guidance for schools to help them think about the things they need to consider when supporting SEND in children from black and minoritised communities. They would like to hear from parents and carers who are willing to share their views, and have a child in school with special educational needs or who is struggling, by completing BCC's online survey [Parent carer survey](#). Alternatively, if parents/carers would prefer to speak to BCC directly please email gabrielle.stacey@bristol.gov.uk. The deadline for completion of the survey is 31st January 2023.



SMSA vacancy (dinner staff)

Please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Holland, via the school office.

LSA vacancy (support staff)

Please see E-teach online for details and an application form. We welcome applications from all sectors of the community for all our vacancies.



Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 3

Closed for INSET Tues 3rd Jan 2023

Re-opens Wed 4th Jan-10th Feb 2023

Term 4

Mon 20th Feb- 31st March 2023

Term 5

Mon 17th April-26th May 2023 (Closed for extra Bank Holiday Monday 8th May following the coronation)

Term 6

Mon 5th June-Thurs 20th July 2023

Closed for INSET Fri 21st July 2023

Term Dates 2023-2024

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st September 2023

Pupils start Monday 4th September (except new reception who start Wed 6th September, part time) -20th October 2023

Term 2

Closed 30th October 2023 for INSET.

Pupils start Tuesday 31st October- 15th Dec 2023

Term 3

Tues 2nd Jan- 9th Feb 2024

Term 4

Mon 19th Feb- Wed 27th March (28.3.24 INSET)

Term 5

Mon 15th April- 24th May 2024

Term 6

Mon 3rd June- 19th July 2024 (22/23.7.24 INSET)

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



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.

Reminder

Toys, games, cards, 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. (Y6 may bring their own stationery to get ready for secondary school expectations.) Where parents and carers agree to their child bringing in a mobile phone, they must sign the mobile phone agreement before letting their child bring it in.

Please note the school does not accept any liability for ANY items brought in from home including mobile phones, watches and bikes. All items brought into school are brought in at the owner's risk.



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.



Cakes, Sweets and Biscuit treats

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 allergies, we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at

all. We will be returning any cakes, sweets and biscuits to parents. Thank you.



In Term 4, pupils in Year 4 and Year 6 will have the opportunity to take part in workshops run by SARI, the Bristol based charity that

looks to build a greater understanding and respect for diversity and difference within our community. These workshops will explore issues relating to racism and inequality and how they impact on both individuals and communities. In the past pupils have benefited greatly from these workshops and have welcomed the opportunity to ask questions and discuss these issues in depth. Our work with SARI forms an important part of our PSHC Curriculum and our work as a United Nations Rights Respecting School.



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.

Scouts Bristol South

BRISTOL SOUTH GANG SHOW 2023

THE GREATEST SHOW!

15TH FEB-18TH FEB 2023

Show Time: Wed-Fri 19:15, Sat-Matinee 14:00/Night 18:00
Bedminster Down Secondary School BS13 7DQ

TICKETS: ADULTS - £10 CHILD/OAP - £5

Tickets Available Through...
www.ticketsource.co.uk/bristol-south-district-gang-show
07305750771
Gang Show Box Office:
richardg030669@gmail.com

If you wish to pay via cheque or cash please contact the box office directly
For Scout and Guide Group discount please contact the box office

Scan Me to buy tickets



Advance booking essential



Brislington - Whitchurch, Hengrove and Knowle
Live on ZOOM - On-demand 24/7

Class Timetable



**HOLYMEAD PRIMARY SITE
in the Hub**

All Venues

Holyhead Primary Sch. Hub, Entrance Rosall Rd, Brislington, BS4 4HB
Christ Church Hall, Petherton Rd, Hengrove BSH 6BP
Hengrove Community Centre, Fortfield Rd, Whitchurch BSH 0LL
Knowle Community Centre, The Square, Crossways Road, BS4 2ST
Royal British Legion, 8 Charlton Rd, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 2AZ

Tuesday

11:30am - 12:30pm **Strong & Active** Low impact resistance training and fitness for active older adults and beginners. Aimed at improving posture, balance, strength, fitness, mobility and flexibility. You will need an exercise mat.
6:15pm to 7:05pm **Beginner ReBounce** Bounce your way to fitness with this high-intensity, low-impact workout on a Rebounder (mini-trampoline). It's lots of fun, kind to your joints and a great way to improve cardio fitness and burn fat. Suitable for complete beginners. No complicated choreography and low intensity options.
6:30pm - 7:30pm **Boxercise** - Boxing fitness and coaching. It's an energetic, fun workout for the whole body as well as great stress relief. You will need a mat for floor work and stretches.

Wednesday

6:15pm - 7:05pm **Legs, Bums & Tums** Low impact resistance and body-weight training. Improves metabolism, burns fat and shapes your body. You will need an exercise mat.
7:40pm to 8:20pm **SHRED** The ultimate body shaping, fat burning workout. It's a mix of cardio, core and strength with options for beginners and the super fit! Great fun and high energy. Please bring an exercise mat.

Thursday

11:30am - 12:30pm **Strength & Stretch** Low impact resistance training and stretch for active older adults and beginners. Slower paced than other classes, but just as effective. Aimed at improving posture, balance, strength, mobility and flexibility. Chair options available. You will need an exercise mat.
6:15pm - 7:05pm **Kettlebells** A non-stop, full-body workout with a weight. Work your entire body, improve muscle tone, burn fat, increase fitness and endurance. Kettlebells provided. You will need an exercise mat.

Friday

6:10pm - 7:10pm **Revive Jumps** - Aerobic workout on rebound boots. Dance and jump to some great tunes, whilst the boots remove up to 80% of the impact through your joints. It's a fun workout that burns lots of calories and seriously improves your cardio fitness.

Prices

PAYG 50/60 mins £6.50
PAYG ReBounce £6.75
PAYG Jumps inc. boot hire £8

Discounted bundles and 4 weekly passes available
Choose an option to suit your schedule and your budget



How to book a class

We use the GymCatch App to take bookings for our classes. If you don't already use GymCatch, please register for your free account, by visiting our website www.revivefitnessclasses.co.uk

Tel enquires:
Amanda Pickstock 07973 789893

Join our growing community

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Governors' Corner

Governors are discussing the advert for a new clerk to governors, since our current clerk is leaving. Thanks, Sue for your excellent clerking over the years! If you are interested in applying for this part-time clerking role, please enquire at the office.



Holidays in term time. It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. However, it is still important that applications are made so there is a record in school. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR A HOLIDAY WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED FOR ANY UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE OVER 4 DAYS (8 SESSIONS).

Fines start at £60 per child, per responsible adult. For example, if you have 2 children in school and there are mum and dad sharing responsibility for the children then you will be fined £240. Fines rise if they are not paid on time. Please fill in a leave of absence form in advance of taking your children out. Note, you can still be fined if you take an unauthorised holiday but don't fill out a form.

THE INNS COURT CENTRE

10:30-12:30

29th Sep, 20th Oct,
17th Nov, 1st Dec,
12th Jan, 23rd Feb,
23rd Mar, 27th Apr,
11th May, 22nd Jun,
6th July

 Bristol Parent Carer Forum
Shaping the Future Together

1 Marshall Walk,
Knowle BS4 1TR
Car Park: Free
Buses: M1



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we care.
Carers Support Centre
Bristol & South Gloucestershire



Make & Take Crafting

- Want to make gifts for friends, family or yourself?
- Wants some "me time"?
- Learn lots of new skills and grow in confidence along the way

Wicklea Academy, Wick Road, Brislington, BS4 4HR
Tuesdays for 6 weeks starting 21st February 12:15 – 2:00pm

Please contact: Catherine Landon Phone: 07785 702454
Eligibility: Adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications

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RRS winning Logos


Rationale

The school policy is that all children wear school uniform when attending school or when participating in a school-organised activity such as school trips. The Governing Body, following guidance from the Department of Education, have set the School Uniform Policy to help promote good behaviour and discipline as well as contributing to the ethos of the school and setting an appropriate standard.

The Policy is based on the belief that a school uniform:

- Promotes a sense of pride in the school
- Engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- Is practical, comfortable and smart
- Identifies the children with the school
- Prevents children from coming to school in clothes that may be distracting in class
- Makes children feel equal with their peers in terms of appearance
- Is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents
- Is designed with health and safety in mind.

General Uniform

The school uniform at Holymead Primary School is:

Black or dark grey trousers, skirt, pinafore. No jeans or denim.

White or dark purple polo-shirt; with or without school logo

Dark purple sweatshirt or cardigan; with or without school logo.

Ideally, black, grey or white socks

Black school shoes

In summer, pupils are permitted to wear checked summer dresses in purple or blue or smart black or dark grey school shorts; not casual shorts unless they are for PE.

In summer, sandals that hold feet firmly may be worn. They can be black, white or purple.

PE Kit:

Dark purple T-Shirt with or without the school logo, or plain white T-shirt.

Black Shorts

Black daps or black trainers

Black leggings or jogging bottoms for outdoor PE, in cold weather.

Swimming kit for KS2 – close fitting swim shorts that come above the knee / one piece swimming costume.

BAALPE Guidance from 2016 Safe Practice in Physical Education, School Sport and

Physical Activity- Clothing for PE:

1. Children should wear clothing that is fit for purpose according to the activity, environment and weather conditions
2. Loose clothing in gymnastics may catch on equipment and cause injury. Any item, including any of cultural significance, need to be relatively close fitting or removed for reasons of safety to the individual. The fabric of clothing

for gymnastics needs to be such that it will not cause slipping from equipment, particularly when individuals are working at height or in an inverted position.

3. Students should wear sufficient and appropriate clothing according to the weather conditions in order to minimise the likelihood of injury in cold conditions or illness in very hot conditions.

4. Loose clothing for swimming is not advised, other than during skills tests in controlled conditions, due to the drag created, which may adversely affect the confidence of weaker swimmers.

5. Teachers must ensure that children are wearing the correct clothing or apply strategies to make their inclusion safe, or limit the extent of their participation.

(see Appendix 1 for further guidance)

Jewellery in School

Pupils may not wear jewellery to school, with the exception of a watch or jewellery which is of a religious significance. If ears are pierced children may wear studs or very small hoops, maximum 8mm. These should not be worn to school on PE or swimming days. If they are worn the child must remove them for PE, swimming and certain technologies. Staff will not do this for them. Earrings can be taped.

The school will not take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost at school, nor for any accidents that occur due to jewellery being worn.

BAALPE Guidance for safe practice in PE - Jewellery

1. Personal effects such as jewellery, religious artefacts, watches, hair slides, sensory aids and so forth, should ideally, always be removed to establish a safe working environment.

2. Staff have a duty of care to ensure that children are able to actively participate without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. Systems and procedures need to be in place within the changing area to check children fulfil this obligation prior to participation.

3. Recent developments in the manufacture of medical-aid wristbands have resulted in products with an acceptably low risk factor (soft materials, Velcro fastenings). Such items should be acceptable for physical participation in most activities, largely avoiding the need for removal, providing there are no hard or sharp edges that may cause injury.

4. Religious bracelets can be covered with a sweat band.

5. Ideally children should not wear jewellery to school on PE days but all must be removed for PE, swimming and some technologies. If removal of earrings is not possible due to recent piercing, the child must come to school with earrings pre-taped. Tape can be given in school but the teacher is not required to apply or remove the tape. The tape must be sufficiently padded so the post of the earring cannot penetrate.

Make-Up

No make-up should be worn in school. False nail extensions are not permitted.

Hair

Hair should be neat and tidy and conducive to learning. Pupils should not have unnatural, dyed hair colours or shocking styles, including no offensive words shaved into hair. Long hair should be tied back especially during PE activities for safety.

Accessories should be unobtrusive and functional rather than decorative and distracting. No large bows or glittery accessories. They need to be in the school colours of purple, black or white.

Equalities

Recognising that the school is a diverse community and some religions and beliefs require pupils to follow a particular dress code, the school will make any necessary amendments to this policy to allow this to happen. Reasonable requests to vary the School Uniform Policy to meet the needs of individual pupils to accommodate their religion or belief, ethnicity, disability or other special considerations should be discussed with the Headteacher.

Purchasing School Uniform

Logoed sweatshirts, cardigans, polo-shirts and T-Shirts can be ordered from the school website from Price and Buckland along with school-logo book bags. Parents can choose logoed or non-logoed items. Items of the school uniform are readily available at supermarkets and other high street stores. The uniform is simple to avoid unnecessary expense for parents.

The school keeps a stock of second hand uniform which parents and carers can enquire about at the office. The Friends' Group also holds second hand uniform sales throughout the year where uniform can be purchased for a nominal amount.

All items of school uniform should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

The Role of Parents/Carers

Parents and carers are expected to be fully supportive of this policy. We request that parents and carers inform the school if their child is unable to wear any of the uniform at any time. If children come to school in inappropriate clothing they will be spoken to by staff and provided with uniform where possible. Parents and carers will be involved at the earliest opportunity if pupils are not following the uniform policy.

Appendix 1

Procedure to be applied at the beginning of every PE and swimming lesson:-

1. All personal effects worn by children and staff should be removed. Staff should always give a verbal reminder to children and, where necessary, visually monitor the group and/or individuals.
2. Long hair worn by both staff and children should always be tied back with a suitably soft item to prevent entanglement in apparatus and to prevent it obscuring vision. Nails need to be sufficiently short to prevent injury to self and others.
3. Failure to bring kit (BAALPE guidance). Staff must assess if footwear is appropriate for the activities planned. Children with incorrect kit may be given spare kit from school supply. Where this is not possible the teacher must allow the children to join in with appropriate sections of the lesson e.g. the instructions, designing, planning, activities involving only small amounts of movement and evaluating. Outdoor games can be completed in school clothes if they are not excessively loose. This would not be a solution in gym work involving equipment as slipping is a risk. Staff take the final decision based on safe participation in their planned activity.
4. In seeking to maximise safe and meaningful participation, staff should ensure the following in relation to clothing and religious artefacts:
 - Any clothing worn to comply with a faith commitment is appropriate to the activity being taught. It should be comfortable and allow for freedom of movement. Loose or free-flowing clothing is generally not suitable for most physical activities and may compromise both the safety of the wearer (e.g. in gymnastics) and others in close proximity (e.g. in invasion games). It should be remembered that a tracksuit is considered perfectly acceptable clothing for students relating to modesty and decency.
 - Headscarves, where worn, are tight, secured in a safe manner, particularly at the side of the face, and unlikely to obscure vision or catch on anything that may put the wearer at risk.
 - Any religious artefacts are removed or made safe. Wherever removal is expressly forbidden, and the activity cannot be made acceptable safe by taping, padding or covering, the activity and the involvement of the wearer must be suitable modified to mitigate undue risk.

Reviewed: 3.11.22

Next review: November 2024