

### Dear Parents/Carers



The governors and I are delighted to be able to inform you of the outcome of the recent OFSTED inspection. The school remains GOOD. We were proud to show inspectors round the school and feel the report reflects the good things we do. It

was acknowledged we know the areas we need to improve and we have already begun working on these. We would like to thank parents/ carers for their support and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.

Copies of the report were sent out via parentmail but if you have not received it please contact the office.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

### What's Happening

Last day of term 4 -TOMORROW!

Next term starts MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> April.

April Events:

YR Chew Valley Farm visit

Y1 Court Farm visit

Y3 and Y4 cooking

10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April Reception health checks

Y4 Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Y6 Lifeskills

12<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Upper KS2 Girls' football tournament



**Parents' Evenings.** It was lovely to see such a good turnout for parents' evenings. If you still haven't managed to see your class teacher please ring the office to arrange a mutually convenient time after school. Thank you.



### Dinner money arrears.

We have an extremely high amount of dinner money accounts in arrears at present. Please can we remind parents that **dinner money accounts on ParentMail MUST ALWAYS be kept in credit.** Our school policy

is that once an account for an individual child is in arrears of £10.00 or more, then a packed lunch **MUST** be provided for your child until such time as these arrears are cleared. A ParentMail will be sent to parents to advise them when accounts are in arrears and phone calls will be made home, should a school dinner be requested when arrears are present.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



### Class Assemblies-

Otter Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April- infant hall

Owl Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May- infant hall

Octopus Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> May- infant hall

Please note class assemblies are NOT suitable for pre-schoolers as we want the children performing to be heard. There will be a crèche. Thanks.



Thank you to those who have sent their £2 donation for Treasure Island. If you haven't done so yet class teachers are still collecting donations.



### Book Fair on the junior site.

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the Scholastic book fair. Over £900 pounds worth of books were sold, with lots of people using their World Book Day tokens. The commission earned will be spent on new books for our pupils.



### Term Dates 2017-2018

#### Term 4

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March

#### Term 5

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May

#### Term 6

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jun to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 (24<sup>th</sup> July INSET)

### Term Dates 2018- 2019

#### Term 1

(Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 CLOSED -INSET)

Open Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Sept for KS1 and KS2

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 for new Reception

to Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October

#### Term 2

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

#### Term 3

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 to Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019 (Fri 15<sup>th</sup> closed for INSET)

#### Term 4

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Term 5

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET)

#### Term 6

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> INSET)  
School will close for all BANK Holidays as normal.



### Parking Reminder!

Please do not park on the zig-zags outside either site. They are there to try and keep children safe.

Some parents are endangering lives by parking on the zig- zags. Please find a safe place to park away from the busy entrances. Thank you.



### Friends' Events:

The new date for Bingo Night is 27<sup>th</sup> April. Those people who purchased a ticket for the original event; these ticket will still be valid and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you have previously purchased a ticket but are now unable to attend, please contact the Friends' who will arrange a refund for you.

Further tickets are also available, should you decide that you are now available to attend.

**Next Friends' Meeting-** 13<sup>th</sup> April after drop off on the infant site. New members always welcome. You can give as many or as few hours as you can spare to help.

**The Y6 SATs tests** will be administered during the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Year 1 Phonics Check** will be administered in the week beginning

11<sup>th</sup> June. **The Y2 SATs test** will be administered during the month of May.

It is therefore essential that Year 6, Year 1 and Year 2 children are in school during these weeks so any requests for holiday/leave of absence during this week will not be authorised. If you need to attend a funeral or have an unexpected emergency during this week please see me or ring school immediately. Thank you.



### Times Tables Rockstars. This

is a times tables app for tablets or website access to support children in recalling their times tables fluently. Pupils on the junior site had a launch assembly at the start of this term and should be accessing this regularly. As

you are aware, learning times tables is a very important skill for children to succeed in maths.

Children in Year 3 to Year 6 can log in using their existing blogging password, and access a range of games to upgrade their "Rock Star" status and earn points to upgrade their online avatar. Year 2 have also received their passwords.

You can download (FREE) Times Tables Rock Stars in the App Store for your device (iOS/Android) or visit the website [trockstars.com](http://trockstars.com)



### Situations vacant:

Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for a SMSA to supervise children at

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



### Out There Forest School Holiday Club

During the Easter Holiday, Out There will be running a holiday club from East Winds Activity Centre, St Anne's Terrace, BS4 4DY. Open Monday 26th March - Thursday 5th April (CLOSED FOR 4 DAYS OVER THE EASTER WEEKEND), they offer something for everyone. Sessions are open to children in Reception class up to Year 6.

The theme is 'Spring Time' and children will have the opportunity to go on river walks and treasure hunts, make bow and arrows, play outdoor team games, build a giant nest, go bird watching and much more. Their Forest School sessions take place every morning from 10-12 in Nightingale Valley or St Anne's Woods.

A full day (8.00-18.00) costs £27.00, which includes a morning snack. They also offer half days and school days.

To make a booking, please follow the link <https://libacura.co.uk/register/outthere> For more information about Out There Forest School and Kindergarten, please visit the website [www.outtherebristol.co.uk](http://www.outtherebristol.co.uk)

### Flamboyant Flamingo Fiesta Trail

Sat 24th March until Sat 7th April



The Flamboyant Flamingo Fiesta heralds the return of the annual Easter Trail organised in partnership with The Ark Bus (outreach project for The Methodist Church), The New Room and retailers from The Shopping Quarter. This year's hunt is the seventh year of our trail and by far the largest with the flamingos reaching into Cabot Circus shopping centre. We have a whopping 52 flamingos hidden in the shops around Broadmead, The Galleries and Cabot Circus, just waiting for you to discover them.

Maps are available from The New Room and will also be available to download. Please visit our Facebook page for further information about how to download the map and also to find out what else is happening during the Easter holiday!

[www.facebook.com/thearkbus](http://www.facebook.com/thearkbus)

Look out for the Holymead Primary Flamingo, which has been beautifully decorated by Kieran, Simon, Thomas, Archie, Archie, Bo, Amy, Kaycee-May, Tamsin, Ruby, Jacob, Mrs Greenslade and Mrs Rowland.



**EASTER CAMP ADVENTURE**

BOOKING NOW FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

Ages 5-12 - 26 March until 6 April including bank holidays

**£18.00 PER DAY**

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**  
 ROCK CLIMBING, POOL FUN SESSIONS, DANCE, TEAM GAMES, FOOTBALL, TAG RUGBY,  
 EASTER THEMED COOKERY, ARTS AND CRAFTS PLUS MUCH MORE.

**HENGROVE PARK LEISURE CENTRE**  
 Hengrove Promenade, Hengrove Park, Bristol, BS14 0DE  
**01179 370200**

[leisurecentre.com](http://leisurecentre.com)

**JOIN OUR  
EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB**

**Annie**

Work with a professional director on extracts from this popular tale about an orphan placed in a strict facility run by the mean Miss Hannigan, who is saved by 'Daddy Warbucks' and finally wins through! Great parts for girls and boys and you will develop skills in acting, singing and dance with other local children to create your very own show complete with lights, music and costume. £89 including performance on last day.

**MON 26TH MARCH - WEDS 28TH MARCH**  
**ST BRENDAN'S PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY, BRISTOL**

**TUES 3RD APRIL - THURS 5TH APRIL**  
**THE ARC THEATRE, TROWBRIDGE**

**WEDS 4TH APRIL - FRI 6TH APRIL**  
**MONKTON COMBE PREP SCHOOL, BATH**

**WEDS 4TH APRIL - FRI 6TH APRIL**  
**FRESHFORD MEMORIAL HALL**

Suitable for all aged 7-15. No previous experience necessary. Limited places - Book early!  
 Contact Moira on 07932 785 807 or at [moira@charactersstageschool.com](mailto:moira@charactersstageschool.com)

**CHARACTERS  
STAGE SCHOOL**



## Happiness and Aspirations

### Free confidence building course



- Explore what makes you happy
- Recognise your value and worth
- Define your ambitions and plan the future you want
- Create a visual image to help you on your journey

**When:** Monday 16th April to 21st May from 1pm to 3pm

Contact Wendy Kelly Family Link Worker to book a place 0117 9030377

**Where:** Holymead Primary School, Wick Rd, Brislington, BS4 4HB



## SATS Support

- Help you and your child get ready for SATS
- Ideas and tools to help your child study, manage nerves and help them and you stay calm during SATS week

**Free course for parents/carers. Enrol at school office.**



Every Tues from 17 April  
to 5 May 2018 from 1pm to 3pm  
At Holymead Primary School

(Please bring ID and NI number along)

For more info contact Wendy Kelly  
0117 9030377

## Nurturing Parenting Programme



**Where:** Holymead Primary School

**Starting:** Wednesday 11th April

**Time:** 12.45-2.45

The Programme will run for 11 weeks. The first week is an introduction and an opportunity for everyone to meet in a friendly environment.

Contact Wendy Kelly Family Link Worker Holymead Primary School to book a place or find out more.  
0117-9030377 /0117-9030381



Don't  
Forget!

**Year 4 Hillcrest PGL 2018 camp-** please can we take this opportunity to remind you of the Payment agreements that ensure your child's place is secure:-

**Year 4 Hillcrest PGL –** The first £100 must be paid by 15.12.17 and the full balance (£202.50) to be paid by 30.04.18.

Please can parents ensure that all these payments are paid up to date, by reviewing your ParentMail accounts. Thank you.

## School Choir.

Choir practise has resumed every Wednesday after school, in the upper hall until 4.15pm. This will continue to run until the end of the summer term. We look forward to seeing all of the choir children there.





Please note the school prospectus, which is 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 prospectus or talk to the head teacher.

Please also note pupils are NOT allowed to bring any personal items from home such as toys or accessories. The only exceptions are Y6 pencil cases. The school accepts no responsibility for items brought from home. Thank you.



**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 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 with this school.



### Up to date Data, held by the school.

Please can we ask all parents/carers to keep the school updated with their current telephone numbers (mobile, work, home),

addresses and any other relevant information (such as emergency contacts, dietary needs of children and medical needs that staff should be aware of).

It is important that the school holds this information and that it is current and up to date, as should there be an emergency in school we will be able to make contact with the relevant person as quickly as possible. Thank you.



### School Uniform.

Children need to have BLACK SCHOOL SHOES for school. NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS!

**PLEASE NOTE JEANS AND HOODED TOPS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM AND MUST NOT BE WORN IN SCHOOL.**

**PE kit:** is a purple tee shirt and black shorts in a purple dap bag. Black or white tee shirts and shorts are an acceptable alternative but no club football kits etc.

**ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.**

**Back Packs** are not allowed on the infant site, as space is very limited.

**Pencil Cases:** pupils are NOT allowed to bring pencils and pencil cases to school. The only exception to this is in Y6 where pupils are getting ready for using their own pencil cases and equipment in secondary school.



### Holidays in term time.

It is very unlikely holidays will be authorised as circumstances have to be really exceptional. AS A GUIDELINE PARENTS SHOULD ASSUME

APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED AND YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE FINED OR 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. Fines are not only issued for children being taken on holiday but can be given out when children are kept off school for 4 days or more without the head teacher's authorisation. PLEASE FILL IN A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FORM IN ADVANCE OF TAKING YOUR CHILD OUT.



**Red Ridge 2018.** Our year 6 campers arrived safe and sound on Monday and have been enjoying a range of activities, as well as having great fun in the snow together. Photos are being added to the year 6 page on the school website, each day. Have a look at what they are getting up to.



### Governors' Corner.

The health and safety governors have done a survey of the infants and agree we need a new heating system to serve the whole of the infant site as our current one is reaching its life expectancy and needs replacing. This will be an expensive but necessary expenditure over the coming year.

There will be a parent governor election shortly. If you fulfil the criteria that governors are looking for and are interested in finding out more about the role please ring the office and ask to speak to Ms Slatcher or Mrs Buckley, who will be happy to explain what the position involves. We look forward to hearing from interested candidates and hope parents will support the school by using their vote when papers are sent out. Thanks.

Yours sincerely  
Ms Kate Slatcher



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