

Friday 8th January 2021 Number 1, Term 3

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year Everyone. This is not quite the return to school we had been told to prepare for but fortunately our Plan B was drafted a long time ago and we have been able to manage the sudden change reasonably well.

Please note the last day of this term is **Friday 12th February**.

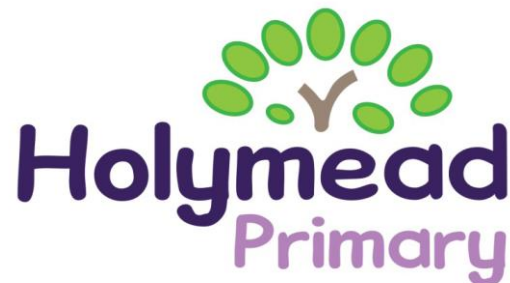
**PLEASE READ:
IMPORTANT
MESSAGE**

Covid Reporting

If you suspect someone in your household has Covid 19 please inform the school either by phone or email the office@holymeadprimary.co.uk. Please tell us your child's name, class, date of onset of symptoms and any test results and when you expect your child to return to school.

Please do not send children to school if they or anyone in the household has Covid 19 symptoms.

Thank you.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2016 AND 31st AUGUST 2017?

Applications for September 2021 entry to school need to be made by 15.1.21.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to do prospective parent/carer tours this year so we've made a virtual tour video and FAQs sheet instead which are on the Holymead website home page. This can be found at the following link below;

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



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.



Changes are expected to The University of Bristol Research. We will keep you informed.

It's a great study for children, as the tests are done through a saliva test, which does not cause any discomfort. Holymead Primary School is excited to be taking part in this study, which will be happening in the school on 19 January 2021. This research study will only be open to children in Y2 and Y5 and participation is completely voluntary. It will be up to parent/carers to decide whether they want their child included or not. Children who want to take part in the study will be invited to give a saliva sample which the study team will take away and analyse in the lab for Covid-19. The school sent out information to Y2 and Y5 parent/carers before the Christmas break, so you'll have time over the holidays to decide whether your child can take part in the study, and to sign up and give consent via the online system. No child will be tested without parental consent. If you have any questions about the study, please email the study team: commins-school@bristol.ac.uk.



Y6 SATs' Revision Workbooks:

Even though SATs have been cancelled this year, we still have Y6 SATs revision workbooks for maths

and English (Reading, Grammar, Punctuation & spelling, Arithmetic and reasoning) for sell. These books are still highly relevant for teaching the Y6 curriculum.

These workbooks are available to purchase from the school office and cost £3.00 each or you can purchase the whole set of four books for £10.00. Thank you.

The Equality policy and the School Improvement Plan (SIP) are on the school website. Please follow the link below, in order to view them.



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



TERM DATES

Term Dates 2020- 2021

Term 1

Wed 2nd Sept- school year starts for KS1 and KS2 (new Y1 to Y6)

Thurs 3rd Sept- New in-take Reception start.
(NEW INSET Fri 23rd Oct. School CLOSED)

Term 2

Mon 2nd Nov- Thurs 17th Dec 2020 (INSET 18th Dec)

Term 3

Tues 5th Jan 2021 – Friday 12th Feb 2021 (INSET 4th Jan)

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.
Other dates are on the Bristol website but DO NOT include our INSET dates.



Governors' Corner:

The Governors are working with Cllr Tony Carey, Cllr Tim Rippington and Cllr Jos Clark to raise our concerns about dangerous driving and parking around school.

Remember, 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/>

Governor news

The Full Governing Body met last term. They continue to monitor the budget, including Pupil Premium Funding, which can be found on the school website. Governors are monitoring the work the school has been doing to provide remote learning during self-isolation. We are delighted to see so many children accessing Google Classrooms and See-saw. If you need help please ask your class teacher.



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

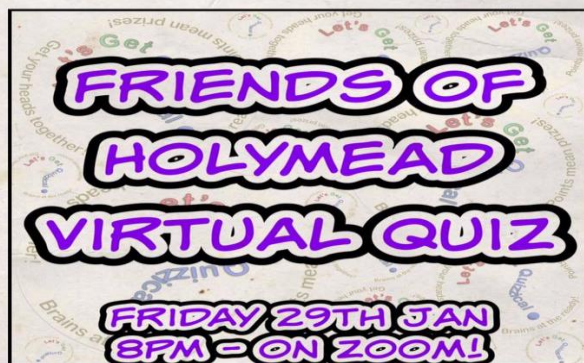
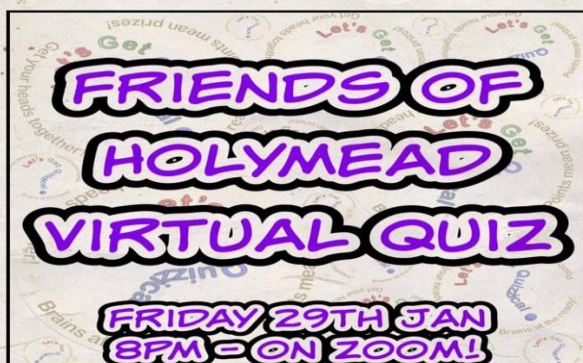
varying reasons, we would rather parents didn't send any treats for consumption in school. We have in the past allowed biscuits but with the increased risk of contamination from the virus, we feel the best solution is not to send any treats into school at all at present. Thank you.



Social distancing

Our school community has shown great consideration of others in wearing masks around school. Thank

you. 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.



£5 A DEVICE/HOUSEHOLD



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.



Following a government announcement, we are still unsure whether our camps will go ahead. The government plan to make an announcement on this in February 2021.

The Red Ridge camp for Y6 has guaranteed all money back if we have to cancel the booking so we are taking bookings in the hope we will be able to go at some point. 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 explained previously.

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



Message from Gemsec in Hengrove:-

"We have 11 spare USB wired keyboards for anyone that needs one to access their online learning.

Did you know you can use your PlayStation or Xbox to access Google Classroom if you have a keyboard?

Well, if you don't have a keyboard and need one for home learning (or know someone who does) please contact our office. They will be handed out on a first come first served basis and when they are gone they are gone".



Please remember that the school has a small amount of laptops and iPads to loan children (for a small deposit) during the lockdown period. If you are interest in finding out more

information, please call this school office. Please note that we are only able to offer one item per household.



Some interesting information which may be helpful.

Please note the school tries to pass on information it considers may be helpful or of interest to parents. We do not necessarily endorse or check the security and safety of the services on offer. **Library information**

@BristolLibraries Face Book hosts a regular live baby bounce on a Tuesday and Thursday at 11.00am. A Lego challenge on a Monday at 11.00am and a children's quiz on a Friday at 10.00am. Not a library member? No problem - you can sign up online here for a temporary card with free access to Cloudlibrary for eBooks, RB Digital for eMagazines and Borrowbox for eAudio Books <https://bit.ly/joinbristollibraries> Online Free Christmas children's Events x 2 1. Join interactive storyteller John Kirk for a special Christmas Story Hunt. This session will incorporate a popular to pantomime story and is suitable for families with children age

Children Centres

Please note South Bristol Children's centres hold a variety of parent groups and activities for children and useful information from mental health and wellbeing to how to access food. Please check out their website for further information. <https://www.southbristolcc.org.uk/>

Walk with Me UK – Support Group for Parents and Carers

Experience to equip Parents, Carers, Foster Carers and Guardians with strategies and tools to practically manage challenges such as violent, aggressive, controlling, destructive, self-harm behaviours from their children and young people that are often linked to e.g. school exclusions, special educational needs, grooming and child exploitation; to strengthen and rebuild relationships within families and communities using the Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) approach to create an enriched and harmonious lifestyle.

Walk with Me UK – Support Group for Parents and Carers

Phone: 07883654495 Email: walkwithme.co.uk

Welfare Rights and Money Advice Service. They help to make sure that the people in Bristol know what welfare benefits they are entitled to and how to claim them. If you need help and advice, please call 0117 3521888 or email walfarerights@bristol.gov.uk



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 to run children's clubs with this school.

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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