

Dear Parents and Carers,



If you can spare a few minutes, we would be grateful if you could go onto the OFSTED website to fill in the parent and carer questionnaire. This gives the school feedback on what we need to do to improve and gives OFSTED a good

indication of what parents and carers think of the school. Here is a link to the OFSTED parent and carer questionnaire site: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Please take time to read the school newsletters each fortnight as they contain important information which you may not receive in other formats.

Reward Systems



Praise Book- on the infant site you may notice your child talking about the Praise Book or coming home with a Praise Book sticker. This is a system to reward good work, effort or behaviour. Children's names are read out and they receive their sticker in assembly. This record of their achievement is also put up on display in the Link the following week for everyone to see.



Star of the Week- on the junior site, as the children get older, we introduce a Star of the Week where children nominate and vote for a child they think deserves to be Star of the Week. Whilst the children have more say in who is chosen, this system is still overseen by the teacher to ensure fairness.

Writing at Holymead

Following the successful external moderation of Y6 SATs' writing in June, Holymead was selected to put forward several bodies of work from pupils in Y2 and Y6 demonstrating the expectations (levels) for writing. This demonstrates the confidence the moderators had in our teachers to know the requirements for judging pupils' writing. These anonymised examples of children's writing will be on a national database for teachers countrywide to be able to make their own judgments against in future SATs. It is a huge accolade to be chosen as the first school in Bristol to be approached to do this. Well done to all our skilful teachers involved and of course well done to our fantastic writers. The standard of writing was amazing!



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2018 AND 31st AUGUST 2019?

If they were, you need to be applying for a school place for September 2023. If you know of friends with nursery age children, please check they have applied online to the local authority. Even if you have older children at this school you must still apply for a reception place using the online Bristol form.

Starting School 2023

There will be tours of the infant site for prospective parents looking for a Reception place for **September 2023 on 5.10.22 and 22.11.22 at 9.10am and 10.00am on both dates.**

Tours must be booked by phoning the office on 01173772381.

Please leave your name and contact number.

If you do not wish to look round in person then please see the Head teacher's virtual tour and FAQs on the school website

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

We look forward to hearing from you.



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest w/b 10th October and will be collecting food for the Bristol food bank as we did last year. If you would like to send a donation we are collecting the following items:

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| * Long life fruit juice | * Biscuits |
| * Tinned soup | * Rice |
| * Tinned fruit | * Tinned rice pudding |
| * Long life milk | * Sugar |
| * Custard | * Toiletries |

Please don't send any donations until Monday 10th October as we don't have much storage space in school. Thanks

What's Happening

Dates for the Diary

TONIGHT- Y2 Reading Meeting 22nd September

5.00pm in the hall. There will be NO crèche.

Y1 Phonics Meeting 29th September 5.00pm in the hall. There will be NO crèche.

October

Black History Month celebrating diversity and inclusion.

EYFS/KS1 (YR-Y2) Parents' Evenings -6th and 11th October- details to follow

NextGen individual photos- October 10th (juniors) and 11th (infants and families)

Colour Photo- photographers in school to update photo boards in entrance halls

7.10.22 Dressing up for **Aspirations Day**

12.10.22 **Harvest**.



Developing our School Curriculum

Black History Month

A diverse and representative school curriculum will recognise the contribution of people from different cultures and nations throughout the world.

We therefore feel it is important that Black History Month is a focus for our pupils as it provides pupils with the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact and contribution of black heritage and culture.

During Black History Month this October, we will explore and celebrate the impact and contribution of people from African and Caribbean backgrounds, as well as people from various cultures and nations including Asia, the Americas, the Middle East and Australasia.

Black History Month is part of our vision to deliver a diverse and representative curriculum throughout the school year and supports our work in addressing issues relating to inclusion, equality and diversity.



Aspirations' Day Friday 7th October.

We will be holding an Aspirations' Day again this year to get the children thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up. Children are invited to come into school dressed to show their aspirations. This activity can give rise to lots of interesting discussions about children's hopes and dreams for the future. The Rights' Action Group have asked if children can bring a £1.00 donation on this day with the aim of using this money towards the postage of Christmas Shoeboxes so parents who want to fill a Shoebox but can't afford the postage as well, can have help towards the cost of postage. We will be sending out more information and details about this Christmas appeal later. We are just asking for the £1.00 on Aspirations' Day. Thank you.

Friends of Holymead

WELCOME COFFEE MORNING

Friday 23rd September

9am (after drop off)

Infant Site Hall



Coffee Morning for everyone and to welcome new Reception parents and carers. Hosted by 'The Friends of Holymead', come and chat and meet other parents whilst learning a bit more about what 'The Friends' do.

Little ones welcome (we will have a few toys)

Pre-loved uniform available for a small donation

Email - holymeadfriends@gmail.com
with any questions or queries



The Bristol Post usually come early to take a photo of **new reception** children so please make sure you have filled in your slip saying whether you give permission or not for your child to appear in the paper. Pupils are not named on this occasion.



Staff News

We would like to welcome Mrs Lindsey, who has joined us to work as a learning support assistant on the infant site. I'm sure you will give her a warm Holymead welcome.



School Uniform.

Uniform gives us a sense of community belonging. All uniform needs to be ordered online (with logo) or bought from any shop (without logo). We stock

different sizes of sweat shirts etc so you can try on a sample to get the right size before ordering. If you don't have internet access our office staff are happy to help you with ordering uniform.

If you have any problems with uniform, eg both sweat shirts are in the wash on one day or you're waiting for new trousers to arrive, please explain your circumstances to a member of staff.

Polo Shirts: These can either be plain white or dark purple in colour.

Shoes: Children need to have black school shoes for school.

Please note black jeans, leggings (unless for PE) and hooded tops must not be worn in school.

ALL UNIFORM, INCLUDING PE KITS MUST BE LABELLED CLEARLY.

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



Parents' Evenings

EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evenings are on the 6th October 3.20-6.30pm and 11th October 3.30-5.40pm. These are short 5-10

minute appointments so please be prepared to leave promptly. If you need additional time to discuss any further issues, you are welcome to arrange to meet teachers on another evening after school. We will be holding these meetings in classrooms, not by phone.

KS2 Parents' Evenings will be on 15th November between 3.30pm and 6.00pm and 24th November between 4.00pm and 6.30pm.

Parents' Evening bookings will need to be made using our online booking system via our ParentMail App. KS1 parents/carers are now able to book their appointments online. KS2 appointments will be available to book online, approximately 3 weeks in advance. These meetings are not suitable for children and there are no crèche facilities.

Please note that teacher run clubs cannot operate on parents' evenings as teachers are meeting parents.

Senco Meetings: Mrs Phillips and Mrs Davies will be available to talk to parents about their children's progress, if they have special needs. Please phone the office when you have made your online booking for Parents' Evening.



Term Dates 2022-2023

Term 1

Closed for INSET 1st and 2nd September 2022

Pupils start Monday 5th September- 21st October

Term 2

Closed for INSET Monday 31st October 2022

Re-opens Tues 1st November- 16th December 2022

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

Term 6

Mon 5th June-Thurs 20th July 2023

Closed for INSET Fri 21st July 2023

Schools are closed for Bank Holidays.



Governors' Corner

Sadly, we are saying good-bye to Phil Wright, who has been a governor for many years, including being the chair when the 2 separate infant and junior schools merged to become Holymead Primary School in 2013. We would like to say a big thank you to Phil for his dedicated long service to Holymead. We, therefore, have a vacancy for a community governor. This position is not open to parents or carers but if you know others who are interested in being a governor, please email Jessica Coggins, chair of governors, via office@holymeadprimary.co.uk.

Our new parent governors Sam Goss, Kaylene Alder and Michael Starbuck will be introducing themselves later in this newsletter.

Rules and Safety



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.

Climbing Equipment is out of bounds before and after school. It is not to be used by children before or after school hours on either site.

No smoking, including vaping, on the school premises

Dogs are not allowed on the school premises at all (except guide/working dogs). Even if you know they are gentle pets a small child can still find them threatening.



The white lines on the infant site are painted round the playground to keep your children safe. Please remind your children they are not allowed to go up the grass banks or the new path or the concrete slopes before or after school. This includes pre-schoolers, as playing in these areas can be dangerous.

Drains and drain covers - There are many drains and drain covers around school which mean there are many holes so please be careful if you wear stilettos or narrow heeled footwear as narrow heels can go through the holes.

Toys, games, 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. The exception to this is Y6 where pupils can bring their own stationery as they prepare for secondary school. Please note the school does not accept any liability for items brought in from home including mobile phones. 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.



Next Gen Photographers will be in school on the following dates:

10th October- KS2 individuals and siblings on the junior site. (Not family groups.)

11th October- family, siblings and KS1 individuals on the infant site.

If you want a **FAMILY** group photo with **ANY** age children including across either sites or pre-schoolers bring them on 11th October to the infant site at 8.30am.

Siblings who are currently on the **same site** as each other will automatically be photographed together so do not need to come to the family session.

Please let teachers know the day before that you may be late for registration if you're having family photos done.

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.

SMSA vacancy



Holymead Primary School has a vacancy for an SMSA to supervise the children at lunch times. Our SMSAs are integral members of staff and are highly valued. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested but is not

necessarily connected to the school, please ask for further details and an application form from Mrs Holland, via the school office. Thank you.

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

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.

HIVE FITNESS BRISTOL

GET FIT AND STAY FIT THIS WINTER WITH FITNESS CLASSES ON YOUR DOORSTEP!



NEW WINTER TIMETABLE STARTS 18.10.22

NEW EVENING CLASSES ADDED
EVENING CLASSES ARE GOING INDOORS



- LOSE WEIGHT & TONE UP
- BUILD STRENGTH
- IMPROVE YOUR ENERGY
- FUN & VARIED TRAINING
- INCREASE YOUR CARDIO FITNESS
- LUNCHTIME AND EVENING CLASSES

COME AND TRY US OUT. FOR FREE! USE CODE 'HIVETASTER' WHEN BOOKING. DOWNLOAD 'GYMCATCH' APP, SEARCH AND FOLLOW 'HIVE FITNESS BRISTOL' TO SEE OUR TIMETABLE AND BOOK.

TO GET IN TOUCH, EMAIL: info@hivefitnessbristol.co.uk OR FOLLOW US @HIVEFITNESSBRISTOL

**All fitness
levels
welcome!**

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



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