

Dear Parents and Carers,
I'd like to say a big THANK YOU to the Friends' group for their fantastic efforts in organising the Hamper Raffle and Children's KS2 Shopping Day and the Infant party entertainer. If you are able to help at the children's shopping event, please contact the Friends' group.



The draw for the Hamper Raffle will be on 13th December, online and the school will be in touch with winners to collect their hampers soon after that.

Thank you everyone for your generous donations for the Hamper Raffle and KS2 Children's Shopping Day. What a lot of lovely gifts you sent in on non-uniform day. All of this will go towards fund raising for the school and we will let you know how much you've helped raise when it's all been counted.

All events on this newsletter are subject to change so please bear with us!



Christmas dinner dates:-

KS1 – Thursday 16th December

KS2 – Friday 17th December

Our KS2 parents/carers are still able to book a Christmas lunch in advance, if their child wishes to have one via ParentMail. **The deadline for payments to be received is TODAY.** Please note that as Christmas dinner is the last day of term, if the dinner is not ordered in advance and a hot meal is subsequently requested on 17th December, we may not be able to guarantee that one will be available for your child to have. This also includes children on free school meals. **SO PLEASE ORDER IN ADVANCE BY CONTACTING THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO ORDER A FREE SCHOOL MEAL THAT DAY.**

Children having a packed lunch can decorate their lunch boxes and bring Christmas treats.

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to the Christmas Dinner.



Nurture, Inspire, Achieve



WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1st SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31st AUGUST 2018?

Starting School 2022: FINAL tour date.

Tours must be booked by phoning the office on **01173772381** and are limited to ONE parent only (pre-schoolers welcome) at the following times: **06.01.22** at 9.10am and 4pm. 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.



Friends' Events:

KS2 Children's Shopping Day- 10th December.

The Friends have organised an event for junior children to buy small gifts e.g. for parents, siblings and grandparents. We suggest children bring no more than £5 in pound coins or small change.

Please DO NOT send a £5 note. Staff will be on hand to help with buying presents and giving change. Please can the children bring in a reusable bag that day, in order to bring their goodies home.



On the infant site the Friends organise a visit and a present for children from Father Christmas and fund the entertainer. We feel these are age appropriate activities.

Police Scheme

We have signed up to the new police scheme to try and stop dangerous driving and parking, please see the separate letter attached below. Please continue to report dangerous parking to:

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

Where a car is parked dangerously, if parents/carers send photos to the school office of the car's number plate (not the drivers) then we will send these on to the police. (Obviously it saves on school time if you send photos directly to the above address). Please include the date, time and place that you took the photo. The school will not get involved in disputes that arise between parents over parking, as parking is a highways and police matter and not the school's responsibility. It is a matter for the police whether they decide to take action or not over any photos forwarded to them.

The school will not tolerate any abuse or threatening behaviour from parents and carers towards staff or others and will report this to security who may take action to ban parents/carers from the school sites, or where appropriate we will report this to the police. Please park legally and safely.



Today we had the theatre visit of Snow White for our Y1-Y4 pupils. The children had a great time!

Thank you to those who have already sent their donations. We are still accepting £3 donations on ParentMail. This will go towards the cost of the performance. Thank you.

We have booked for Y5 and Y6 to go out to the Bristol Old Vic and we are looking for something more suitable for younger children in YR for the new year.



Covid update

Children will be sent home if they have symptoms of Covid-19 and you will be asked to get a PCR test for your child. Please note other family members who are fully vaccinated, are no longer required to isolate while you are waiting for test results. Currently schools are no longer expected to close classes if there are a few positive cases. However, we will keep this under review and follow PHE advice if cases keep rising. If you are in any doubt about what to do please ring the office 01179030377 or 01173772381 for advice.



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.



Christmas Concert 15th Dec at St Cuthbert's Church, 6.30pm

Instrumentalists including guitar/keyboard/woodwind/violin and recorder players should have music and

instruments in school every day from now until the concert. Instrumentalists will be rehearsing before the concert and should come suitably prepared.

The concert starts at 6.30 pm. Children should arrive by 6.00pm to have instruments tuned. School Uniform should be worn. The concert should last about an hour.



Christmas Parties

These are taking place across the school on the afternoon of

Tuesday 14th December. Children need to wear normal school uniform but may wear Christmas hats or accessories.

Infant classes will NOT need party food sending in as they are cooking their party food themselves.

Our KS2 children on the junior site WILL need party food to be sent in from home. Please send a lunchbox or covered plate of party food just for your child. Please name clearly.

What's Happening

Dates for the Diary

15.11.21 Anti-bullying Week

Y2 Phonic Checks

19.11.21 Y5 Greek Day

Activities in November include:

YR Police dog visits in school

Y2 St Luke's Church visit

Y4 Synagogue visit

Y6 cinema trip

YR and Y6 Weight and height checks. Parents will be informed about these by the NHS.

Girls' football vs Headley Park

December

15.12.21 Choir, recorder group and musicians'

Christmas Concert - St Cuthbert's Church



Christmas Cards: As an ecologically aware school we are keen to do our bit to reduce the amount of waste produced at Christmas. Don't forget to send your one card for the class Christmas Card Tree. We are not stopping individuals from sending cards if they really want to but this is an alternative to the mass writing of cards. Thank you



NB. CHANGES IN RED

Term Dates 2021-2022

Term 2

Closed for INSET on Mon 1st November

Re-opens Tues 2nd November- 17th December.

Term 3

Closed for INSET on Tues 4th January 2022

Re-opens Wed 5th January-18th Feb 2022

Term 4

Mon 28th Feb- 8th April 2022

Term 5

Mon 25th April- 27th May 2022

Term 6

Closed for INSET Mon 6th June 2022

Re-opens Tues 7th June- **Wed 20th July 2022.**

Closed for INSET Thursday 21st July 2021.

Additional school holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - Friday 22nd July 2022



Outdoor Equipment!

Please note the outdoor equipment on both sites is for use during school time only and children should not be playing on it before or after school. The equipment is designed for children specific to the site (either infant or junior) and is not suitable to be used by children older or younger than that specific site.

We therefore ask that parents keep their children off the equipment completely as it is very difficult to explain to a child, you can go on that one because you are that age and you can't go on that one because that's not for your age group. We also don't have staff to supervise this equipment before or after school, to be able to keep children safe, so we ask that parents and carers keep their children off the equipment. Thank you.



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.

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



Holymead Primary School has a vacancy

for a part time 3 days a week, Health and Safety Administrator. We are looking for someone with Health and Safety experience who can manage contracts and liaise

with external agencies and manage the school premises.

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

Christmas Concerts

Whilst we are pleased to be aiming to put on live performances. It will be a reduced size audience. We can only allow one adult per child in the infant hall so please do NOT bring any accompanying adults such as grandparents as only one of you will be let in. We would be grateful if parents/carers could do the following: bring your ticket, do a Covid test, wear a mask and do not come to school if you have Covid symptoms. Thank you. We will record the plays and put them online for other family members to enjoy.



7th Dec 9.30am Y2 performance (Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

7th Dec 10.45am YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

8th Dec 9.30am Y1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter)

8th Dec 10.45am Y2 performance (Toucan, Tiger and Tamarin)

9th Dec 9.30am Y1 performance (Octopus, Owl, Otter)

9th Dec 10.45am YR performance (Robin, Rabbit and Red Panda)

Please note the performances DURING SCHOOL HOURS are NOT suitable for pre-school children as the children have worked hard to learn their parts and we want them to be heard. We will run a crèche.

Christmas Concert- Choir, recorders, musicians at St Cuthbert's Church- 15th December, at 6.30pm - all welcome. Please follow Covid safety guidelines above.

We do not charge entry to the school concerts but there will be a collection bucket on the way out if you wish to make a donation to charity (money will not go to the school). Thank you.

Child Safety - As in previous years anyone performing in plays/concerts may be photographed by parents during the performance and whilst we hope parents will be mindful of where they put photos of children, the school has no say in where photos end up. If you don't want your child in any photos, then they cannot perform in the play and we will make arrangements for them to stay with another year group during the performances so they are safe.

Please see your class teacher if you need your child to be kept from public view.



Governors' Corner

The Health and Safety governors met last week to do a walkabout on the infant site. There are always a lot of things to do to ensure the

safe running of the school. Governors also check the Premises Log Book to see that all the safety checks that need doing are done such as Legionella water checks and Fire and Lock Down procedures are followed. Governors are pleased with the new Cabin area which enables children of all ages to be able to study in the outdoor environment.



Flu Spray

All parent/carers will be given the opportunity for their child to receive the winter flu nasal spray from the NHS nurse on 15th December.

The NHS will be in touch with parents/carers directly and only children with your consent will be given the flu spray.

Please refer to correspondence from the NHS for any queries. Thank you.



Y5 and Y6 visit to Bristol Old Vic.

We have arranged for our year 5 and year 6 children to visit Bristol Old Vic on Tuesday 14th December, to see their Christmas production of Robin Hood. All tickets have now been purchased and any surplus tickets have now been returned to the theatre.



Cenotaph Fund. We will be accepting donations to send to the Cenotaph fund on Friday 3rd, we are not doing this as a non-uniform day. Therefore, all children need to be in school uniform on Friday. Any donations sent to school on Friday will be sent to the Cenotaph fund which aims to honour NHS and emergency workers.



Consultation on improvements to the number 2 bus route (A37/A4018)

Bristol City Council is asking residents, commuters and business owners for their views on the proposed improvements to the number 2 bus route (A37/A4018).

In 2020 we asked for people's suggested improvements to this route. We have considered these and now want feedback on our proposed designs. Citizens will be able to find out more about the proposed designs and have their say on the Travel West website:

www.travelwest.info/A37A4018



Friends Christmas Hamper.

If you would like to purchase a ticket in order to win one of the lovely Christmas Hampers that the friends have made up from all your lovely donations, please use the following link:-

<https://raffall.com/274792/enter-raffle-to-win-christmas-goodies-raffle-hosted-by-holymead-friends>

Yours sincerely
Ms Kate Slatcher



Rights Respecting Schools Article 13: Children have the right to act and to share information

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RRS winning

Logos





Date 20th November 2021

Dear Parents/ Careers,

Recently your child's school have chosen to participate in a parking incentive in partnership with Avon and Somerset Police. The aim of the incentive is to educate parents and offer an alternative safer place to park during the school run.

The local beat team will be conducting regular patrols during drop off and pick up times. We will speak to any offender vehicles and where applicable, tickets will be issued. Staff at the school will also be reporting back to myself of any vehicles which have been caught parking illegally or dangerously on a number of occasions. These vehicles will be receiving a letter from myself educating them on the potential implications of their parking.

'It is an offence to wilfully cause an obstruction in any public footpath or public thoroughfare, (section 28 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1828).'

'It is an offence to stop a vehicle within pedestrian crossing limits of Zebra / Puffin crossing, (Contrary paragraph 1, Part 5, Schedule 14 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, section 25(5) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988)

I want to thank all the parents/careers who already do park sensibly, which I know is the vast majority. But can I please encourage all parents/careers to also engage in the incentive by reporting the registration plate of any offending vehicle directly to your child's school. By working together we can make it a safer place for all the pupils of the school.

Thank you for your assistance and support,

Kind Regards

PCSO Jasmine Baker 8004